



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

**AGENDA OF THE  
4th Regular (AUGUST) Meeting  
OF THE  
2025/2026 CARLETON UNIVERSITY  
STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION COUNCIL**

25th August 2025 at 6:00 pm, Online

**Prepared by:**  
Governance and Council Operations Committee

## ATTENDANCE RECORD:

| Position                             | Member                       | Signature              |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>President</b>                     | Sean Joe-Ezigbo              | Present                |
| <b>Vice President Finance</b>        | <i>Om Maradia</i>            | Present                |
| <b>Vice President Internal</b>       | <i>Jahnelle Woldegiorgis</i> | Present                |
| <b>Vice President Student Issues</b> | <i>Aidan Kallioinen</i>      | Present                |
| <b>Vice President Student Life</b>   | <i>Cass McIsaac</i>          | Present                |
| <b>Speaker</b>                       | Amy Kopytskiy                | Present                |
| <b>Deputy Speaker</b>                | Withchellie Louima           | Present                |
| <b>Public Affairs (7)</b>            | Yasmine Abdulla              | Present                |
|                                      | Nifemi Boamah                | Absent                 |
|                                      | Avery Cole                   | Absent                 |
|                                      | <i>Vacant</i>                | N/A                    |
|                                      | Elissa Gee                   | Proxy via Y. Abdulla   |
|                                      | Maxwell Heroux               | Present                |
|                                      | Chloe Tran                   | Present                |
| <b>FASS (8)</b>                      | Mohamad Adel El Fitori       | Present                |
|                                      | Withchellie Louima           | Present                |
|                                      | Gerardo Maldonado-Jimenez    | Proxy via M. El Fitori |
|                                      | Brooke Muzzatti              | Present                |
|                                      | Maya Shaban                  | Absent                 |
|                                      | Cherry Zhang                 | Present                |
|                                      | <i>Vacant</i>                | N/A                    |
|                                      | <i>Vacant</i>                | N/A                    |

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| <b>Business (3)</b>               | Prestyn Colliton       | Absent                |
|                                   | Nathan Vinokur         | Absent                |
|                                   | <i>Vacant</i>          | N/A                   |
| <b>Science (6)</b>                | Ramla Ahmed            | Absent                |
|                                   | Mariem El Domiaty      | Regrets               |
|                                   | Reyna Itani            | Absent                |
|                                   | Godchosen Ojedian      | Present               |
|                                   | Liam Orlowski          | Absent                |
|                                   | Maheeshan Sivanesan    | Proxy via M. Heroux   |
| <b>Engineering and Design (7)</b> | Jeronimo Cumming       | Absent                |
|                                   | Amy Kopytskiy          | Present               |
|                                   | Viveca Matida-Torricon | Proxy via B. Muzzatti |
|                                   | Boothaina Sheltami     | Present               |
|                                   | Aryan Singh            | Present               |
|                                   | Amogh Thungathurti     | Proxy via B. Muzzatti |
|                                   | <i>Vacant</i>          | N/A                   |
| <b>Special Student (1)</b>        | <i>Vacant</i>          | N/A                   |
| <b>BOG</b>                        | <i>Julie Armstrong</i> | Present               |
|                                   | <i>Allan Buri</i>      | Present               |
| <b>GSA</b>                        | <i>Vacant</i>          | N/A                   |
| <b>RRRA</b>                       | Alexis Agyei-Gyamera   | Absent                |
| <b>CASG</b>                       | Alison Kocsis          | Present               |

\*Non-voting members in *Italics*.

**AGENDA:**

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Approval of Past Minutes
4. Executive Reports
5. External Reports
6. Council Reports
  - a. (C-44) Motion to Remove FPGA Councillor Avery Cole
  - b. (C-45) Motion to Remove FED Councillor Jeronimo Cumming
7. Announcements and Correspondence
  - a. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest
  - b. Items for Information
    - i. (C-46) Motion to Accept Councillor Nathan Vinokur's Resignation
  - c. Notice of Motion
  - d. Question Period
8. Regular Business
  - a. Unfinished Business
    - i. Motion to Move In Camera
    - ii. (C-41) Motion to Fill Seats on the Levy Review Ad-hoc Committee
    - iii. (C-43) Motion to Appoint Board Directors
  - b. New Business
    - i. (C-47) Motion to Amend the Advocacy Policy
    - ii. (C-48) Motion to Affirm our Support for Christian Communities in Palestine
    - iii. (C-49) Motion to adopt the Harm Reduction Policy
    - iv. (C-50) Motion to Condemn Israel's plan to Occupy Gaza City and Annex The West Bank
    - v. (C-51) Motion in Support of Palestinian Journalists
    - vi. (C-52) Motion to Endorse the New Release Letter by OUSA In Opposition to Bill 33
    - vii. (C-53) Motion to Fill Positions on the Appeals Committee
    - viii. (C-54) Motion to Adopt Think Tank Terms of Reference
    - ix. (C-55) Motion to Fill Positions on the Think Tank Hiring Panel

- x. (C-56) Motion to Endorse Free Transit Ottawa and Horizon Petition

## 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.

*Meeting Called to Order at 6:21 p.m.*

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### 2. Approval of the Agenda

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

**Moved:** B. Sheltami

**Seconded:** M. Heroux

*Assumed Unanimous Consent.*

*Motion Carried Unanimously.*

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### 3. Approval of Past Minutes

#### a. First Special Meeting (August 4)

***Be it resolved***, that the [minutes](#) of the August 4th meeting of Council be approved.

**Moved:** M. El Fitori

**Seconded:** M. Heroux

*Assumed Unanimous Consent.*

*Motion Carried Unanimously.*

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### 4. Executive Reports

**Sean Joe Ezigbo – President/CEO**

#### **1. Key Priorities & Goals: Updates on Progress Toward Major Priorities**

- ❖ Priority: #1
  - Fall orientation support to the Vice President Student Life (residence move in starting thursday)
- ❖ Priority: #2
  - Complete hiring and onboarding for the student experience manager and student groups administrator
- ❖ Priority #3
  - Finalize & implement student parking reimbursement plan for individuals with accessibility issues

#### **2. Highlights & Wins: Notable Successes Since the Last Report**

- ❖ Win/Highlight 1
  - Finalization of mou with wellness centre with Michelle (Details)
- ❖ Win/Highlight #2

- Social media coordinator and board hiring completed
- ❖ Win/Highlight #3
  - Completed Board hiring

### **3. Challenges & Barriers: Key Issues and How They Are Being Addressed**

- ❖ Challenges/Barriers #1
  - Delayed board hiring

### **4. Action Items & Next Steps: Planned Actions and Timelines Before the Next Report**

- Finish hiring for student experience manager and student groups administrator
- Ancillary fee met earlier and we have to send back our elections and referendum calendar for the year to ensure no conflicts are present
- Student panel on Friday with the SEO
- Fall orientation and Res move in over the course of next week
- Board of directors onboarding and training

### **5. Requests from Council: Input, Support, or Feedback Needed**

- None at the moment

#### **Motion to Suspend the Rules – ([G-00 s.17](#))**

***Be it resolved***, the President's written report be added to the agenda at a time after adjournment.

**Moved:** C. Zhang

**Seconded:** Y. Abdulla

*Motion Carried Unanimously*

### **Jahnelle Woldegiorgis – Vice President Internal**

#### **1. Key Priorities & Goals: Updates on Progress Toward Major Priorities**

- ❖ ***Complete the hiring of the Club admin & prepare their onboarding***

Applications are currently open for the club admin position, with the goal of a two-week turnaround following the closed date of the application posting, which closes on August 31.

❖ ***Club Information/content***

The Social Media Coordinator is officially filled, and they have been working with VPSL, VPF and VPI to create and plan Fall-O and SDC card content and informational content for clubs.

❖ ***Planning Clubs President Meeting for Fall Meeting***

Planning and coordinating for the fall Presidents' meeting to officially welcome back CUSA clubs and provide updates for club leaders.

## **2. Highlights & Wins: Notable Successes Since the Last Report**

❖ ***Club Oversight Meeting:***

Club Oversight managed to meet this month to officially begin looking over certification applications and be given an update about CUSA since the new executive team started.

❖ ***Board Hiring:***

The Board Nominating Committee has selected candidates to recommend to the council, concluding this application cycle. Possibility of re-opening applications in the fall

❖ ***Social Media Coordinator Hired***

The Social Media Coordinator started late this month and has jumped in to learn and help the executive with overseeing the social media accounts.

## **3. Challenges & Barriers: Key Issues and How They Are Being Addressed**

❖ ***Delayed hiring, but In Progress***

The majority of staff support & filled positions have been delayed for various reasons that have resulted in a significant increase and responsibilities of the executive team. Currently, multiple hiring postings have gone out, and interviews are underway with coordination led by the Director of HR and the Manager of Governance and Operations.

❖ ***Clubs Training***

Working with the University to troubleshoot access issues with clubs' Brightspace training.

❖ ***Executive transition to fall hours***

Executives will be starting school in September full-time, and weekly hours will be reduced to 25 hours per week. Updating and coordinating with current and new staff will need to be done to ensure tasks are completed as needed.

**4. Action Items & Next Steps: Planned Actions and Timelines Before the Next Report**

- Host the fall club president's meeting
- Create the subcommittee meeting calendar to be ready for public posting for the fall.
- Officially on board with the club's admin once interviews are completed
- Finalize summer payouts for committee chairs

**5. Requests from Council: Input, Support, or Feedback Needed**

None at this time. Thank you.

## **Aidan Kallioinen – Vice President Student Issues**

### Key Priorities & Goals:

- Planning a UOSU X CUSA Walk/Run for Transit event in October, to raise awareness about issues with Ottawa's transit system. Should be a fun event with more details to follow
- Early planning for a CUSA Bottle Drive, met with Miguel at Ollie's to finalize venue
- Reached out to over a dozen businesses to support our fall Breakfast Club program
- Met with H.O.L.A.s, CUFSA, and the Mexican Embassy to finalize details for Dia de Muertos Activity Day on Oct. 30
- Met with Wellness alongside Katie and VPI to discuss fall service centre planning
- Working on a campaign with UOSU and the Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance in opposition to Bill 33, filmed a video with the VPI and members of UOSU executive
- Planning an Oct. 7 vigil to commemorate those who have lost their lives in Gaza alongside C4P and CUHRS
- Had a productive meeting with DEIC about next steps on the Sexual Violence Review Committee
- Met with the BSA to discuss the procurement of a Black Student Space on campus
- Several meetings of the Climate March Outreach Team, Social Media Teams, and Executive Team meetings to finalize details
- Working on updating CUSA's website to make advocacy campaigns, stances, and reports easier to access
- Interviewed by CBC Ottawa in regards to a CCPA article on student housing

- Planning complete for a free student soccer tournament in the fieldhouse on October 16, with registration opening soon to CUSA Club, RM approval complete and fieldhouse booked
- Met with Somin, our new social media coordinator, to discuss advocacy-related posts and timelines
- Executive walkthrough of Bounce software
- Statements out on Carney's Recognition of Palestine, Queers for Palestine, petitions out on Iranian-Canadians and several others passed or worked collaboratively on with UAC
- Vistaprint orders placed for fall booklets and promotional materials
- Advocacy Recap and Parking Report now available!
- In the process of rebranding our "Advocacy Concern Submission Form" to an "Advocacy Clickline!" which will be an easily accessible form on our website for any advocacy-related concerns or suggestions
- Postering done for several fall initiatives
- Meetings with VPSL et al. to discuss Fall-O schedule

#### Highlights and Wins:

- We received over 2,000 individual item donations for this year's CUSA School Supply Drive! Thank you to Dami and the folks at USC that led the sorting, pickup, and counting of all the items.
- We've received over \$600 of in-kind donations from several retailers/groups towards the CUSA Breakfast Club. Donors include the Ottawa-Vanier Lions Club, Riley's Independent Grocer in Billings Bridge, and Loblaw's on Isabella Street

- Our new partnership with Carleton PIRG has added \$1,800 to the CUSA Think Tank's budget. This money will help offset expensive printing costs, research incentives, and increase their total honorarium. Thank you PIRG!
- Worked with UAC and the VPSL to amend and pass an organization-wide Harm Reduction Policy! Thank you UAC!
- Thank you PRC members and the PRC chair for your valuable feedback and amendments to the *Advocacy Policy* and *Think Tank Terms of Reference*
- Launched our Student Budget Snapshot Survey last week and have 36 responses so far!

#### Challenges and Barriers:

- Very little engagement or movement on the parking file, as our contact has been on holiday, will follow-up on their return this week
- I've been off on PTO for a bit; usually up at camp or fishing/hiking, so playing a bit of catch-up on the days when I returned

#### Action Items and Next Steps:

- Met with a student app developer who is creating an app to help students find housing in Ottawa, meeting with the Mayor of Ottawa (who is very interested) scheduled tentatively for Sept. 3
- Meeting this week with MPP McKenney to discuss our Rent Control Campaign

- Tabling at International Student Orientation Day on Friday!
- (Lots of tabling and visibility at Fall-O over the next two weeks!)

#### Requests from Council:

- Had our first meetings with the Climate Action Task Force members. Thank you to Gerardo, Boothaina, Maya, Amogh, and Elissa for your support! We

have several fall events planned together, and each member will be receiving a t-shirt as an appreciation gift for their work!

**Motion to Introduce Late Item – ([G-00 s.20](#))**

**Moved:** B. Sheltami

**Seconded:** C. Zhang

*Motion Carried Unanimously*

**Om Maradia – Vice President Finance/Treasurer**

**1. Key Priorities & Goals: Updates on Progress Toward Major Priorities**

***Student Discount Card Expansion***

- Significantly scaled up the SDC program - agreements and Google Forms were sent to businesses, with a goal of onboarding 70 businesses this year. As of now, we have successfully onboarded 74 businesses across 90+ locations. This priority was the main focus throughout August.

***Partnership Development***

- Signed a conditional contract with TD Bank to rent out the Wing space, pending approval from the university's CARC Committee. Additionally, finalized contracts with Teslica and Mad Radish.

***Generating Additional Revenue***

- Continued working with the President and a realtor to lease underutilized CUSA

spaces and establish sustainable revenue streams. We are still in the process of searching for suitable tenants.

***Financial Oversight & Forecasting***

- The BDO audit is proceeding smoothly, with only a few final items outstanding. We anticipate receiving BDO's official assessment by the first week of September.

### ***Bounce Platform Integration***

→ Bounce remains a key strategic priority for this year. We held multiple meetings with VPSL, VPI, and the Bounce team to assess platform features and initiate early steps. However, no major updates this month as we await the COC's planning resumption and the official appointment of the Board.

## **2. Highlights & Wins: Notable Successes Since the Last Report**

- ❖ Officially onboarded 74 businesses into the SDC program, surpassing last year's total of 38. Every key performance indicator (KPI) assigned to the SDC program has been successfully achieved.
- ❖ Signed a conditional leasing contract with TD Bank, marking a major milestone in CUSA's space revenue efforts.

## **3. Challenges & Barriers: Key Issues and How They Are Being Addressed**

- ❖ SDC Follow-Up & Workload Business follow-up continues to be time-consuming, with varied response rates. Due to staffing limitations from internal restructuring, I've personally managed much of the marketing and outreach work. The goal is to build a solid foundation this year, making it easier for next year's team to scale and manage the program. The SDC remains one of CUSA's most direct-value services to students.

Fortunately, the recent onboarding of a part-time Social Media Coordinator last week has provided relief by supporting content creation for SDC posts, reels, and stories on Instagram.

### **Bounce Integration Challenges**

- ❖ While Bounce holds promise for streamlining club operations and improving engagement, onboarding and implementation remain complex due to time constraints and limited resources. My primary focus is on shifting the manual club funding process handled by the finance office to an automated model through Bounce. Discussions are ongoing to support smooth integration and address any concerns.

#### **4. Action Items & Next Steps: Planned Actions and Timelines Before the Next Report**

- ❖ Integrate all participating businesses' information into the SDC website.
- ❖ Send promotional window stickers to all SDC businesses this week.
- ❖ Develop a sustainable promotional strategy for the SDC program.
- ❖ Begin a deeper financial review post-audit to inform strategic planning.
- ❖ Start the SIF and AFCOM application processes with VPI and VPSI.
- ❖ Support the COC with the certification/recertification of clubs.
- ❖ Assist VPSL during Fall-O week operations.

#### **5. Requests from Council: Input, Support, or Feedback Needed**

None currently.

#### **Cass McIsaac – Vice President Student Life**

##### **✓ Key Priorities & Goals: Updates on Progress Toward Major Priorities**

- Internal Collaboration & Executive Operations

- Attended bi-weekly Executive Council meetings and contributed to cross-portfolio planning.
  - Created Agendas for bi-weekly executive meetings
- Conducted 1-on-1 meetings with Ahmad, Merna, Yuting, Executive and other to align Fall-O programming for set up and tear down information.
- Continued development of Semester event structure
- Onboarded the Social Media Coordinator, met with her many times to talk about content, fall-o and more
- Student Engagement & Programming
  - Finalized all logistics and planning for the CUSA Council Mixer on August 29.
  - Continued collaboration with councillors and the Speaker's Office on the CUSA rebranding strategy and event integration.
  - All Risk forms submitted and approved
- Volunteer & Team Development
  - Trained and onboarded team members for chonk nation
  - Developed a structured Volunteer Training Program (rollout scheduled for August).
  - Initiated planning for executive-volunteer programming post-Frosh to increase team cohesion.
- Branding, Merch & Chonk Nation
  - Received merch order!!
  - Met with volunteers and execs about merch amounts and dividing it equally for res move in days!
- Equity & Community Outreach
  - Met with the University Pride Coordinator to explore Pride event partnerships and Fall visibility initiatives!! They will promote the Drag Show!!!

- Participated in planning for Residence Move-In and Fall Orientation, ensuring CUSA's presence through different committee meetings!
- External Partnerships & Vendor Outreach
  - Connected with external brands (e.g., Ottawa Black Bears, TD Bank, local businesses) for sponsorship and Welcome Week tabling and for the month of september!

#### ☀ Highlights & Wins: Notable Successes Since the Last Report

- Trained Chonk Nation
- Finalized everything for Fall-O
- Produced and published high-impact student-facing media content:
  - So many videos and photos! Glad it is now handed off to the Social Media Coordinator
- Finalized new CUSA-branded merchandise.
  - Ordered, received and split into different days for fall-o ensuring students get the best opportunity to get merch!

#### ⚠ Challenges & Barriers: Key Issues and How They Are Being Addressed

- Balancing executive planning with day-to-day programming:
  - It has been better as I have been able to give the social media coordination and things like that to the Social Media coordinator
- Internal communication and documentation gaps:
  - Teams are working to streamline documentation using shared folders, templates, and improved agenda follow-ups.
- Sponsor coordination requiring extra lead time and branding alignment:
  - A new intake workflow is being developed to ensure earlier engagement and clearer expectations with partners.
- Support for planning
  - Not needing much more, finalizing support for day of events!

 17 Action Items & Next Steps: Planned Actions and Timelines Before the Next Report

- Host the Fall Orientation Events!!!
- Complete and implement the sponsorship intake and branding workflow.
- Present the revised Event Evaluation Form at upcoming Student Life Committee meetings.

 Requests from Council: Input, Support, or Feedback Needed

- COUNCILLORS!!! PLEASE EMAIL ME TO TABLE AT CLUB EXPO!!! VPI and I worked hard to ensure that Council could get a table to advocate and support students and to engage with them!
- Orientation Week Input: What type of presence or engagement would Council members like during Orientation?
  - This is the biggest time for you all to show up for the people you represent!
    - Councillors should have gotten an email from me about this, please check your emails!
- Sponsorship Suggestions: Open call for Councillors to tell me what they would like to see in programming throughout the year, content and more

**Motion to Suspend the Rules** – ([G-00 s.17](#))

***Be it resolved***, the VPSL's written report be added to the agenda at a time after adjournment.

**Moved:** C. Zhang                      **Seconded:** Y. Abdulla  
Yeas - 9                                  Nays - 0  
*Motion Carried*

## 5. External Reports

- a. RRRRA – Rideau River Residence Association

- b. CASG – Carleton Academic Student Government
  - i. Elections in September, CU Fest, Clubs Expo, Accreditation
- c. GSA – Graduate Students' Association
- d. Senate
- e. BOG – Board of Governors
  - i. October 2nd – Board Meeting
  - ii. September 17th – Finance Committee Meeting

## 6. Council Reports

- a. Constituency Reports
  - i. FPGA - Public and Global Affairs
  - ii. FASS – Arts and Social Sciences
  - iii. Business
  - iv. Science
  - v. FED – Engineering and Design
- b. Committee Reports
  - i. GCOC – Governance and Council Operations

### **(C-44) Motion to Remove FPGA Councillor Avery Cole**

**Whereas**, Councillor Cole has been noted absent from [AMM II](#), [AMM IV](#), [AMM V](#), and the [1st Regular](#), [2nd Regular](#), [3rd Regular](#), and [1st Special](#) meetings of Council;

**And whereas**, Councillor Cole was sent written warning under Section 7 of the *Councillor Accountability and Discipline Policy* ([G-10](#)) on July 11th, 2025;

**And whereas**, Councillor Cole was issued disciplinary action under Section 8 of the *Councillor Accountability and Discipline Policy* ([G-10](#)) on August 2nd, 2025;

**And whereas**, Councillor Cole failed to respond with a written rationale to the Office of the Speaker ([G-10 s.8.a](#));

**And whereas,** the Office of the Speaker is obligated to introduce a motion for removal at this time ([G-10 s.8.a.i.1](#) [sic])

**Be it resolved,** Councillor Cole is removed from the Carleton University Students' Association (CUSA) Council;

**Be it further resolved,** the newly vacant Faculty of Public and Global Affairs seat be filled at the October by-election.

**Moved:** A. Kopytskiy

**Seconded:** M. Heroux

*Secret Ballot Requested*

Yeas - 7

Nays - 1

*Motion Carried*

#### **(C-45) Motion to Remove FED Councillor Jeronimo Cumming**

**Whereas,** Councillor Cumming has been noted absent from the [1st Regular](#), [2nd Regular](#), [3rd Regular](#), and [1st Special](#) meetings of Council;

**And whereas,** Councillor Cumming was sent written warning under Section 7 of the *Councillor Accountability and Discipline Policy* ([G-10](#)) on July 11th, 2025;

**And whereas,** Councillor Cumming was issued disciplinary action under Section 8 of the *Councillor Accountability and Discipline Policy* ([G-10](#)) on August 2nd, 2025;

**And whereas,** Councillor Cumming failed to respond with a written rationale to the Office of the Speaker ([G-10 s.8.a](#));

**And whereas,** the Office of the Speaker is obligated to introduce a motion for removal at this time ([G-10 s.8.a.i.1](#) [sic])

**Be it resolved,** Councillor Cumming is removed from the seat of secretary of Finance, Fees, and Funds Committee (FFFC);

***Be it further resolved***, Councillor Cumming is removed from Finance, Fees, and Funds Committee (FFFC);

***Be it further resolved***, Councillor Cumming is removed from the Appeals Committee;

***Be it further resolved***, Councillor Cumming is removed from the Carleton University Students' Association (CUSA) Council;

***Be it further resolved***, the newly vacant Faculty of Engineering and Design seat be filled at the October by-election.

**Moved:** A. Kopytskiy

**Seconded:** Y. Abdulla

*Secret Ballot Requested*

Yeas - 8

Nays - 1

*Motion Carried*

- ii. FFFC – Finance, Fees, and Funds
- iii. UAC – University Affairs
  - Motions on Agenda
- iv. SLC – Student Life
- v. EAC – External Affairs
  - Scheduling email for byelection – please reply!
- vi. PRC – Policy Review

## **7. Announcements and Correspondence**

- a. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest
- b. Items for Information
  - i. Resignation of Councillor Nathan Vinokur

### **(C-46) Motion to Accept Councillor Nathan Vinokur's Resignation**

***Be it resolved***, Council accepts the resignation and request to be excused from duty from Councillor Vinokur;

***Be it further resolved***, the newly vacant Sprott School of Business seat be filled at the October by-election.

**Moved:** M. El Fitori

**Seconded:** M. Sivanesan

*Assumed Unanimous Consent.*

*Motion Carried Unanimously.*

c. Notice of Motion

d. Question Period

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## 8. Regular Business

a. Unfinished Business

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### Motion to Move In Camera

***Be it resolved***, that Council move in camera per [s. 27 \(k\) of the Council Rules of Order](#).

**Moved:** M. El Fitori

**Seconded:** M. Heroux

*Assumed Unanimous Consent.*

*Motion Carried Unanimously.*

*Council Moves In-Camera at 7:56 p.m.*

*Council Exits In-Camera at 8:12 p.m.*

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### (C-41) Motion to Fill Seats on the Levy Review Ad-hoc Committee

***Be it resolved***, that Councillors M. Heroux, G. Maldonado-Jimenez, A. Thungathurti, and A. Kopytskiy be appointed to the Levy Review Ad-hoc Committee.

**Moved:** M. Heroux

**Seconded:** Y. Abdulla

*Assumed Unanimous Consent*

*Motion Carried Unanimously*

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### **(C-43) Motion to Appoint Board Directors**

**Whereas**, the Board Nominating Committee has met and short-listed candidate directors for the CUSA Board of Directors.

**Be it resolved**, that the following candidates are appointed to the CUSA Board of Directors:

- Jerome Smith, as a Class II Director, for a 1 year term
- Esther Adegboro, as a Class II Director, for a 1 year term
- Antonela Palacios, as a Class II Director, for a 1 year term

**Moved:** M. Heroux

**Seconded:** B. Sheltami

Yeas - 13

Nays - 0

*Motion Carried Unanimously*

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### **b. New Business**

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### **(C-47) Motion to Amend the Advocacy Policy**

**Whereas**, the Vice President Student Issues raised concerns over conflicting wording and outdated definitions;

**And whereas**, the Policy Review Committee has recommended amendments;

**Be it resolved**, Council adopts the [Amendments to the Advocacy Policy](#).

**Moved:** M. Heroux

**Seconded:** Y. Abdulla

*Assumed Unanimous Consent.*

*Motion Carried Unanimously.*

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### **(C-48) Motion to Affirm our Support for Christian Communities in Palestine**

**Whereas**, Christian communities in the West Bank, and in particular the village of Taybeh, continue to face extremist acts of violence from Israeli settlers;

**And whereas**, Taybeh remains one of the few remaining predominantly Christian settlements in the West Bank;

**And whereas**, such attacks highlight the need for CUSA to reaffirm its demands to end to Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza, and to foster religious solidarity between Christian and Muslim Palestinian victims;

**Be it resolved that**, The University Affairs Committee publish the [attached statement](#), to be signed by the University Affairs Committee, regarding the recent attacks on the village of Taybeh and that said statement be published on CUSA's social media channels as soon as possible.

**Moved:** M. Heroux

**Seconded:** M. El Fitori

*Assumed Unanimous Consent*

*Motion Carried Unanimously*

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### **(C-49) Motion to adopt the Harm Reduction Policy**

**Whereas**, CUSA recognizes issues with substance abuse affect all communities, and in particular post-secondary students,

**And whereas**, CUSA, as an advocacy organization and a service provider, has a duty to provide evidence-based harm reduction strategies and recommendations on behalf of students, and to promote general student health and wellbeing in the face of substance abuse,

***Be it resolved that,*** The University Affairs Committee supports the [Harm Reduction Policy](#) and recommends it to Council for Adoption.

**Moved:** M. El Fitori  
*Assumed Unanimous Consent*  
*Motion Carried Unanimously*

**Seconded:** Y. Abdulla

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### **(C-50) Motion to Condemn Israel's plan to Occupy Gaza City and Annex The West Bank**

**Whereas,** Israel has announced a planned military operation to seize Gaza City, the largest urban centre in the Gaza Strip, calling up tens of thousands of reservists in preparation.

**And whereas,** the Knesset (unicameral legislature of Israel) has voted in a 71-13 ceremonial decision to occupy the West Bank which is a clear violation of International law.

**And whereas,** the operation is expected to lead to the further displacement of Palestinians, adding to the already catastrophic toll of over 61,000 Palestinian deaths reported by health officials in Gaza since October 2023

**And whereas,** there's been significant pushback from human rights groups including Amnesty International and Israeli civilians who are protesting against the continuation of violence.

***Be it resolved that,*** The University Affairs Committee affirms CUSA's Solidarity with the Palestinian people and recommends Council does the same.

***Be it resolved that,*** CUSA wants to see a permanent ceasefire, all humanitarian corridors open along with the free flow of aid through Gaza, and the return of all hostages.

***Be it resolved that,*** CUSA Council make a post reflecting these points to be posted on the CUSA Advocacy and CUSA Online accounts.

**Moved:** M. El Fitori

**Seconded:** B. Sheltami

*Assumed Unanimous Consent*

*Motion Carried Unanimously*

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### **(C-51) Motion in Support of Palestinian Journalists**

**Whereas** CUSA represents over 1,000 Communication and Journalism students who we believe are entitled to the fundamental right to report freely, accurately, and without fear of violence or repression;

**Whereas** according to Wear the Peace Israel has murdered a journalist every three days since the beginning of 2025.

**Whereas** recently in preparation for the illegal occupation of Gaza city Al Jazeera journalists Anas al-Sharif (28), Mohammed Qreiqeh (33), Ibrahim Zaher (25), and Mohammed Noufal (29) were recently murdered by Israeli drone strikes in Gaza;

**Whereas** today the IDF admitted to “mistakenly” attacking Nasser Hospital in Khan Yunis, this mistaken attack however seems insanely deliberate as a double tap which is a war crime occurred (after the first group of aid workers and journalists were attacked by an air strike, a second air strike was sent to hit the new aid workers and journalists who came to provide aid), there’s already been 15 killed and five confirmed journalists casualties.

**Whereas** Al Jazeera and other international outlets have reported that at least 270 journalists and media workers have been killed in Gaza since October 7, 2023;

**Whereas** the killing of journalists undermines press freedom, violates international humanitarian law, and deprives the public of vital information during conflict;

**Be it resolved** that CUSA formally condemns and stands in solidarity with Palestinian journalists targeted and killed by Israel;

***Be it further resolved*** that CUSA affirms its support for press freedom, journalistic integrity, and the protection of journalists in all conflict zones;

***Be it further resolved*** that, to improve reach and public outreach, CUSA attempts to partner with groups like CJJP, JSOC, Carleton University Human Rights Society, and other applicable groups in both the creation of the statement(s) and posting/outreach for it to be posted on the CUSA Advocacy and CUSA Online accounts.

***Be it further resolved*** that, CUSA's Divestment subcommittee or UAC are tasked with creating and sending out a CUSA endorsed letter to government officials calling on them to support press freedom, journalistic integrity, the protection of journalists in all conflict zones; and war crimes investigations.

**Moved:** Y. Abdulla

**Seconded:** M. El Fitori

*Assumed Unanimous Consent*

*Motion Carried Unanimously*

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## **(C-52) Motion to Endorse the New Release Letter by OUSA In Opposition to Bill 33**

**Whereas**, ancillary fees are essential for the day-to-day operation of CUSA and its many services.

**And whereas**, Bill 33, the Supporting Children and Students Act, would establish regulations on both admissions criteria and give the provincial government greater control over what fees can be levied at postsecondary institutions in Ontario.

***Be it resolved that***, CUSA endorses the aims, objectives, and concerns of the [news release](#) and open letter by the Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance (OUSA) and commits to a provincial campaign in opposition to Bill 33 alongside student union partners the University of Ottawa Students' Union (UOSU) and OUSA.

**Moved:** M. El Fitori

**Seconded:** Y. Abdulla

*Assumed Unanimous Consent*

*Motion Carried Unanimously*

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### **(C-53) Motion to Fill Positions on the Appeals Committee**

**Whereas**, the Appeals Committee is normally composed of two members of CUSA Council, two directors of the CUSA Board, and the Chair appointed through the Board;

**And whereas**, the members put forward by Council must be eligible under the *Appeals Policy* ([G-03](#)), including section 13.1:

**13.1** An individual should be deemed ineligible to serve as a member of the Appeals Committee if they are:

- (a) a CUSA staff member;
- (b) an executive within a CUSA-certified club;
- (c) an executive within a levy-carrying body at Carleton University; or
- (d) expected to become ineligible under the foregoing criteria.

***Be it resolved***, that councillor C. Zhang is appointed to the Appeals Committee;

***Be it further resolved***, that Council recommends the Board fill their seats on the Appeals Committee as soon as practical;

***Be it further resolved***, that GCOC fills remaining vacant seats on the Appeals Committee by means of lottery.

**Moved:** Y. Abdulla

**Seconded:** M. Heroux

*Assumed Unanimous Consent*

*Motion Carried Unanimously*

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### **(C-54) Motion to Adopt Think Tank Terms of Reference**

**Whereas**, CUSA's research team, the Think Tank, is responsible for providing ethical, student-driven research for the Association

**And whereas**, Think Tank offers students first-hand research experience and the opportunity to become more involved in the Association

**And whereas**, CUSA has entered into a funding partnership with the Carleton Public Interest Research Group (Carleton PIRG) to strengthen the Think Tank's projects

**Be it resolved that:** Council adopt the CUSA [Think Tank Terms of Reference](#) as presented.

**Moved:** M. Heroux

**Seconded:** A. Singh

Yeas - 10

Nays - 0

*Motion Carried Unanimously*

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### **Motion to Fix the Time to Adjourn – 10:00 pm**

**Moved:** M. Heroux

**Seconded:** Y. Abdulla

*Assumed Unanimous Consent*

*Motion Carried Unanimously*

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### **(C-55) Motion to Fill Positions on the Think Tank Hiring Panel**

**Whereas**, the amendments to the Think Tank Terms of Reference included the addition of a CUSA Councillor to the hiring panel;

**Be it resolved**, that councillor M. Heroux be appointed to the Think Tank Hiring Panel;

**Moved:** M. Heroux

**Seconded:** Y. Abdulla

*Assumed Unanimous Consent*

*Motion Carried Unanimously*

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## **(C-56) Motion to Endorse Free Transit Ottawa and Horizon Petition**

**Whereas**, OC Transpo and the City of Ottawa have announced their intention to scrap Youth Monthly Pass in Ottawa for 13-19 year olds, increasing monthly transit costs for those groups by an estimated 30%,

**And whereas**, CUSA has consistently advocated for more accessible and affordable transit in Ottawa, and that advocacy should thereby extend to those expected to enter postsecondary education in the coming years,

**Be it resolved that**, CUSA endorses [Free Transit Ottawa and Horizon Ottawa's petition, and "Email zap"](#) campaign concerning the Youth Monthly Pass removal.

**Moved:** M. Heroux

**Seconded:** Y. Abdulla

*Assumed Unanimous Consent*

*Motion Carried Unanimously*

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## **9. Adjournment**

### **a. Motion to Adjourn to a Specific Time**

**Be it resolved**, that Council adjourns until 6:00 p.m. on September 29th 2025, and that this shall constitute for the purposes of the Act and our Bylaws, prior notice.

**Moved:** Y. Abdulla

**Seconded:** M. Heroux

*Assumed Unanimous Consent*

*Motion Carried Unanimously*

*Meeting Adjourned at 9:30 p.m.*