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

AGENDA OF THE

1st Special Meeting

OF THE

2025/2026 CARLETON UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION COUNCIL

28th June 2025 at 6:00 pm, Online

Prepared by:
Governance and Council Operations Committee

carleton university students' association

ATTENDANCE RECORD:

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

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

*Non-voting members in *Italics*.

AGENDA:

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Approval of Past Minutes
4. Announcements and Correspondence
    a. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest
    b. Items for Information
    c. Notice of Motion
    d. Question Period
5. Regular Business
    a. Unfinished Business
        i. (C-20) Motion to Discontinue Bi-weekly Executive Reports in Reinstating Existing CUSA Policy
        ii. (C-26) Motion to Adopt the Climate Justice Policy (E-XX, U-XX)
        iii. (C-27) Motion to Repeal the Sustainability Policy (U-06, M-05, P-06, N-06, I-06)
        iv. (C-35) Motion to Amend the Governance and Council Operations Mandate Letter
        v. (C-36) Motion to Support Electronic Petitions e-6681 and e-6645
        vi. (C-37) Motion to Support Electronic Petition e-6622
        vii. (C-38) Motion to Amend UAC's mandate letter to make Divestment a recommended subcommittee to be struck
        viii. (C-39) Motion to Amend the Accessibility and Facilities Management subcommittee (AFMSc)
        ix. (C-XX) Motion to Amend Indigenous Solidarity Policy
        x. Motion to Move In Camera
        xi. (C-41) Motion to Fill Seats on the Levy Review Ad-hoc Committee
        xii. (C-42) Motion to Recommend Allocation to the Student Initiative Fund
    b. New Business
        i. (C-43) Motion to Appoint Board Directors

6. 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 6:10 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: M. Heroux **Seconded:** M. El Fitori
Assume Unanimous Consent.

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3. Approval of Past Minutes

a. Third Regular Meeting (July 28)

Be it resolved, that the minutes of the July 28th meeting of Council be approved.

Moved: M. Heroux **Seconded:** N. Boamah
Assumed Unanimous Consent.

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4. Announcements and Correspondence

a. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest
b. Items for Information
   i. EAC Meeting
c. Notice of Motion
d. Question Period

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5. Regular Business

a. Unfinished Business

(C-20) Motion to Discontinue Bi-weekly Executive Reports in Reinstating Existing CUSA Policy

Whereas the current practice requires CUSA Executives to submit bi-weekly written reports to Council outlining their activities and initiatives;

Whereas this practice was adopted by a previous Council to enhance transparency, especially during the summer months;

Whereas [Executive Policy G-02, Section 14], outlines the requirement for regular Executive Council and Committee meetings, which were not upheld by the previous executive team;

Whereas CUSA's established policies prioritize transparency and effective communication between the Executive and Council;

Whereas the combination of bi-weekly reports, Executive Committee meetings, and monthly reports presented at General Meetings has resulted in duplicated efforts and administrative redundancy;

Be it resolved that CUSA Council discontinue the requirement for bi-weekly Executive Reports to reduce redundancy and improve the efficient use of Executive time and resources;

Be it further resolved that the Executive shall hold regular Executive Committee meetings throughout the academic year, in accordance with policy, to maintain transparency, accountability, and meaningful communication with Council.

Be it further resolved that, in place of bi-weekly written reports, bi-weekly online Council-Executive meetings shall be held, open to all Councillors and Executives, to provide updates, share insights, discuss challenges, and outline action items;

Be it further resolved that, the VPI shall work with the Speaker and Executives to schedule these meetings at consistent times to maximize participation, and a brief summary of discussion points and action items shall be circulated to Council within two (2) business days following each meeting.

Be it further resolved that, executives who are unable to attend these meetings publish a report to ensure accountability.

Be it further resolved that, these reports use the format as laid out in C-22 of the 2025 Council year.

Moved: M. Heroux **Seconded:** N. Boamah

Motion to Waive Reading
Moved: A. Kopytskiy **Seconded:** M. El Fitori
Assumed Unanimous Consent.

Motion to Postpone Indefinitely
Moved: M. Heroux **Seconded:** N. Boamah
Yeas – 13 Nays – 0
Motion Carried Unanimously.

(C-26) Motion to Adopt the Climate Justice Policy (E-XX, U-XX)

Whereas, the Climate Justice Policy has intended to incorporate all of the pre-existing sections of the Sustainability Policy, whilst making new recommendations, and expanding definitions with up-to-date language;

And whereas, the climate crisis demands concrete action and sound policy from student leaders, especially CUSA;

Be it resolved, that Council adopts the Climate Justice Policy as amended by Policy Review Committee.

Moved: M. Heroux **Seconded:** N. Boamah
Yeas – 13 Nays – 0
Motion Carried Unanimously.

(C-27) Motion to Repeal the Sustainability Policy (U-06, M-05, P-06, N-06, I-06)

Whereas, the Climate Justice Policy has incorporated all pre-existing aspects of the Sustainability Policy, and includes new recommendations, terms, and definitions with regard to environmental justice;

And whereas, active language, emotional impact, detail, sources, and credibility are all essential to impactful policy;

Be it resolved, that Council repeals the Sustainability Policy.

Moved: B. Sheltami **Seconded:** M. El Fitori
Yeas – 12 Nays – 0
Motion Carried Unanimously.

(C-35) Motion to Amend the Governance and Council Operations Mandate Letter

Whereas, this motion is endorsed by the Policy Review Committee;

And whereas, the GCOC has historically dealt with the agenda primarily and not with Policy or Governance;

And whereas, the committee's mandate letter has sections outlining a goal now under the purview of Policy Review Committee;

Be it resolved, that Council amends the GCOC mandate letter to remove sections 1(h), 1(j), and 1(k);

Be it further resolved, that Council amends the Policy Review Committee mandate letter to include the sections 1(h), 1(j), and 1(k) which were removed from the GCOC.

Moved: M. Heroux **Seconded:** B. Sheltami

Motion to Postpone Indefinitely
Mover: M. Heroux **Seconded:** A. Thungathurti
Yeas – 14 Nays – 0
Motion Carried Unanimously.

(C-36) Motion to Support Electronic Petitions e-6681 and e-6645

Whereas, there have been multiple petitions brought forth by various Members of Parliament involving support for Palestinians locally and abroad;

And whereas, these petitions align with the goals of the Divestment Subcommittee, the CUSA Divestment Policy Stance, and the organization's mandates to further human rights.

Be it resolved that, CUSA endorses the goal to "call on the Government of Canada to immediately suspend all arms exports to Israel, Support war crimes investigations; Demand unrestricted aid access; and, end its complicity in violations of international law" of e-6681;

Be it further resolved that, CUSA endorses the goal to "call upon the Government of Canada to ensure that all Canadian citizens, regardless of Palestinian Authority ID or passport, are granted equal treatment by Israel, including the ability to enter via Ben Gurion International Airport, and are not subjected to harassment or movement restrictions due to their heritage or secondary documentation" of e-6645;

Be it further resolved that, CUSA endorses petitions e-6681 and e-6645 including through publicization of them and encouragements to sign through the media channels available to the organization;

Be it further resolved that, to improve reach and public outreach, CUSA attempt to partner with the Carleton University Human Rights Society and other applicable groups in both the creation of the statement(s) and posting/outreach for it.

Moved: M. El Fitori **Seconded:** B. Sheltami

Amendment By M. El Fitori **Seconded By: B. Sheltami**

Assumed Unanimous

Amendment By S. Joe-Ezigbo **Seconded By: M. El Fitori**

Yeas: 11 Nays: - Abstain: 2

Motion Carried.

(C-37) Motion to Support Electronic Petition e-6622

Whereas, E-10 declares that this Association: supports freedom, human rights, and gender equality universally and wholeheartedly; therefore CUSA as an organization is in support of freedom, human rights, and gender equality in Iran;

And whereas, there has been restrictions placed on Iranian citizens, with "many asylum seekers from Iran experienc[ing] prolonged uncertainty due to the complex geopolitical situation".

Be it resolved that, CUSA endorses the goal to "call upon the Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship to - Temporary Resident Permit (TRP) extensions and new pathways to permanent residence for Iranians currently in Canada under temporary status; [including] A dedicated public policy to grant permanent residence to eligible Iranians, similar to the special measures introduced for Ukrainian nationals, recognizing the acute humanitarian crisis and regional conflict; [and] Enhanced protection and prioritization for Iranian asylum seekers and refugee claimants, acknowledging the repressive political climate, ongoing human rights violations, and regional insecurity" of e-6622;

Be it further resolved that, CUSA endorses petition e-6622 including through publicization of it and encouragements to sign through the media channels available to the organization;

Be it further resolved that, to improve reach and public outreach, CUSA attempt to partner with groups like the Carleton University Human Rights Society, and other applicable groups in both the creation of the statement(s) and posting/outreach for it.

Moved: M. El Filtori **Seconded:** B. Sheltami

Yeas: 10 Nays: -
Motion Carried Unanimously.

(C-38) Motion to Amend UAC's mandate letter to make Divestment a recommended subcommittee to be struck

Whereas, it is council's jurisdiction to create and amend mandate letters for committees.

Whereas, currently striking the divestment subcommittee is not a recommendation of UAC which leaves little guidance for successive council years.

Be it resolved, section 4 of UACs mandate letter is amended to include the divestment subcommittee as a recommended subcommittee, through the following change:

4 It is recommended that the Committee strike the following subcommittees:

(a) the Accessibility and Facilities Management subcommittee (AFMSc);

(b) the divestment subcommittee should be struck until divestment is achieved.

Moved: M. El Fitori **Seconded:** M.Heroux

Yeas: 11 Nays: -

Motion Carried Unanimously

(C-39) Motion to Amend the Accessibility and Facilities Management subcommittee (AFMSc)

Whereas, the Accessibility and Facilities Management Subcommittee should be responsible for reviewing accessibility concerns prevailing on and off campus that affect student life.

Whereas, having two separate accessibility subcommittees run by different councilors causes problems for effective and accountable student governance.

Whereas, currently the only subcommittee recommended to be struck on a yearly basis by the University Affairs Committee mandate letter is the AFMSc.

Whereas, having one main subcommittee tasked with accessibility will streamline good governance and allow for more principled discussion.

Be it resolved, CUSA combines AFMSc and the Accessibility Fund Policy making the AFP a subsidiary of AFMSc and amending the AFP to this document attached.

Be it further resolved, CUSA implements the above changes to the AFMSC and Accessibility Fund policies.

Moved: M. El Fitori **Seconded:** M. Heroux

Motion to Refer Motion to UAC
Moved: A. Thungathurti **Seconded:** *No Seconder.*
Motion Fails

Yeas: 11 Nays: -
Motion Carried Unanimously

(C-xx) Motion to Amend Indigenous Solidarity Policy

Whereas, the CUSA Canada Day post failed to give an acknowledgement of the unceded traditional territory of the Algonquin Anishinaabe which both CUSA and Carleton University sits on;

And whereas, seemingly the Mawandoseg service centre, nor any other Indigenous centre was consulted or collaborated on this;

And whereas, this is a continuous struggle with even modern legislation like Bill C-5, and not just a historical one like the video implies;

And whereas, one sentence is not enough to show support or reconciliation with the Indigenous people's of Canada;

Be it further resolved that, Council amends the Indigenous Solidarity Policy (E-02) as follows:

13. **L. CUSA commits to collaboration with the Mawandoseg service centre for anything involving Indigenous relations or Indigenous sovereignty, including but not limited to:**

a. **Indigenous events;**
b. **Indigenous solidarity;**
c. **National Indigenous Peoples Day;**
d. **Canada Day.**

Moved: **Seconded:**

Motion to Object to Consideration
Moved: M. El Fitori **Seconded:** B. Sheltami
Yeas: 11 Nays: 2
Motion Carried

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. Heroux **Seconded:** B. Sheltami
Assumed Unanimous Consent.
Council Moves In-Camera at 7:22 p.m.
Council Exits In-Camera at 8:52 p.m.

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

Be it resolved, that Councillors [BLANK], [BLANK], [BLANK], and [BLANK] be appointed to the Levy Review Ad-hoc Committee.

Moved: M. El Fitori **Seconded:** A. Singh

Motion to Postpone Definitely to Next Council Meeting
Moved: C. Zhang **Seconded:** A. Thungathurti

Motion to Call the Question
Moved: C. Zhang **Seconded:** G. Maldonado-Jimenez
Yeas – 4 Nays – 0
Motion Carried.

Yeas – 8 Nays – 0
Motion Carried.

(C-42) Motion to Recommend Allocation to the Student Initiative Fund

Whereas, the Student Initiative Fund did not have funding allocated to the 2025/2026 budget line

Whereas the Student Initiative Fund is a vital program that supports Student initiatives, promoting student engagement on and off campus.

Whereas, there are 18 outstanding applications to be reviewed and currently, 12 applications for the new cycle.

Be it resolved that the council recommends that the board allocate $12,000 to the SIF budget line to support this initiative.

Moved: A. Singh **Seconded:** C. Zhang

Motion to Waive Reading
Moved: C. Zhang **Seconded:** A. Singh
Assumed Unanimous Consent.

Yeas – 12 Nays – 0

Motion Carried Unanimously

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b. New Business

(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:

- [BLANK], as a Class II Director, for a [BLANK] year term
- [BLANK], as a Class II Director, for a [BLANK] year term
- [BLANK], as a Class II Director, for a [BLANK] year term
- [BLANK], as a Class II Director, for a [BLANK] year term
- [BLANK], as a Class II Director, for a [BLANK] year term
- [BLANK], as a Class II Director, for a [BLANK] year term

Moved: M. El Fitori **Seconded:** A. Singh

Motion to Postpone Definitely to Next Council Meeting

Moved: M. Heroux **Seconded:** M. El Fitori

Yeas – 12 Nays – 0

Motion Carried Unanimously

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6. Adjournment

a. Motion to Adjourn to a Specific Time

Be it resolved, that Council adjourns until 6:00 p.m. on August 25th 2025, and that this shall constitute for the purposes of the Act and our Bylaws, prior notice.

Moved: M. El Fitori **Seconded:** B.Sheltami

Assumed Unanimous Consent.
Meeting Adjourned at 9:19 p.m.