



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

**AGENDA OF THE
8th Regular (JANUARY) Meeting
OF THE
2025/2026 CARLETON UNIVERSITY
STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION COUNCIL**

26th January 2025 at 6:00 pm, 608 Pigiarnvik & [Online](#)

Prepared by:
Governance and Council Operations Committee

ATTENDANCE RECORD:

Position	Member	Signature
President	Sean Joe-Ezigbo	Present
Vice President Finance	<i>Om Maradia</i>	Regrets
Vice President Internal	<i>Jahnelle Woldegiorgis</i>	Regrets
Vice President Student Issues	<i>Aidan Kallioinen</i>	Present
Vice President Student Life	<i>Cass Geddes</i>	Present
Speaker	Amy Kopytskiy	Present
Deputy Speaker	Withchellie Louima	Present
Public Affairs (7)	Yasmine Abdulla	Present
	Nifemi Boamah	Present
	Olivia Hainsworth	Proxy via R. Meunier
	Aditri Janapatla	Absent
	Elissa Gee	Proxy via W. Louima
	Maxwell Heroux	Present
	Chloe Tran	Absent
FASS (8)	Mohamad Adel El Fitori	Present
	Withchellie Louima	Present
	Gerardo Maldonado-Jimenez	Present
	Brooke Muzzatti	Proxy via V. Matida-Torrico
	Maya Shaban	Proxy via N. Boamah
	Cherry Zhang	Present

	Ana Jankowski	Absent
	<i>Vacant</i>	N/A
Business (3)	<i>Vacant</i>	N/A
	<i>Vacant</i>	N/A
	<i>Vacant</i>	N/A
Science (6)	Ramla Ahmed	Absent
	Mariem El Domiaty	Present
	Reyna Itani	Present
	Godchosen Ojediran	Present
	Rosalie Meunier	Present
	Maheeshan Sivanesan	Present
Engineering and Design (7)	<i>Vacant</i>	N/A
	Amy Kopytskiy	Present
	Viveca Matida-Torricon	
	Boothaina Sheltami	Proxy via M. El Fitori
	Aryan Singh	
	Amani Kaur Bhullar	Present
	<i>Vacant</i>	N/A
Special Student (1)	<i>Vacant</i>	N/A
BOG	<i>Julie Armstrong</i>	
	<i>Allan Buri</i>	
GSA	<i>Vacant</i>	N/A
RRRA	Alexis Agyei-Gyamera	
CASG	Alison Kocsis	

*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
7. Announcements and Correspondence
 - a. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest
 - b. Items for Information
 - c. Notice of Motion
 - d. Question Period
8. Regular Business
 - a. New Business
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 6:22 p.m.

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: W. Louima

Seconded: R. Itani

Amendment – Add Motion – Iranian Regime

Moved: C. Zhang

Seconded: R. Itani

Assumed Unanimous Consent.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Amendment – Add Motion – Board Directors

Moved: W. Louima

Seconded: C. Zhang

Assumed Unanimous Consent.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Amendment – Add Motion – Quebec City Statement

Moved: W. Louima

Seconded: Y. Abdulla

Assumed Unanimous Consent.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Assumed Unanimous Consent.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

3. Approval of Past Minutes

a. Seventh Regular Meeting (November 24)

Be it resolved, that the [minutes](#) of the November 24th meeting of Council be approved.

Moved: S. Joe Ezigbo

Seconded: W. Louima

Assumed Unanimous Consent.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Executive Reports

Sean Joe Ezigbo – President/CEO

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

- ❖ Priority: #1

- Refining current appeals policy at BRAS to be approved by council

- ❖ Priority: #2

- Finalization of new board hires to be approved at council

- ❖ Priority #3

- Beginning elections process (held all candidates meeting)

- ❖ Priority #4

- Creating and refining transition and training practices to ensure that the new executive team is introduced properly

- ❖ Priority # 5

- Afcom consultation with VPSI to discuss the best ways to make efficient use of the reserve for this year and years to come

- ❖ Priority #6

- Budget creation and financial consolidations in collaboration with VPF & finance manager

- ❖ Priority #7

- Creating working document for an Ollies referendum to be passed on to the next team (if they deem it fit to run)

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

- ❖ Win/Highlight #1

- Finalized nomination stage of elections

- ❖ Win/Highlight #2

- Myself & VPSI received an award on behalf of CUSA from the local MPP Catherine McKenney regarding Cusa's advocacy efforts through the year.

- ❖ Win/Highlight #3

- Finalized amended appeals policy at BRAS

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

N/A

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

❖ Next steps #1

- Begin long term strategic planning with the board once the new members are ratified.

❖ Next steps #2

- Finalize transition plan for the next executive team

❖ Next steps #3

- Finalize budget for the next fiscal year to be presented at council

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

Jahnelle Woldegiorgis – Vice President Internal

Key Priorities & Goals:

Updating policies on the CUSA Website

- Developing a system for organizing documentation for the organization
- In cross-collaboration, developing executive training
- Supporting GOTV promotions in collaboration with VPSL and the Communications Department.
- Supporting Clubs Oversight Commission review committee
- Planning President's Winter Meeting
- SIF Committee meetings, reviewing, Processing, and completing applications.

Highlights and Wins:

Club Oversight Commission (COC):

- Established Policy Review Subcommittee
- Winter Expo was a success, much appreciation to the Student Groups Administrator, VPSL, Chock Nation Volunteers and COC for support in planning and setting up the expo!
- Monthly Office Clubs Office Hours Attendance: 2

Governance:

- 3 New Policy Amendments passed by PRC & By-law Review Subcommittee (being presented today in council).
- Committee Chair payments have been completed and received
- 12+ Policy has been updated

Challenges and Barriers:

- Low engagement for GOTV campaigning and student interest, open to feedback and suggestions to be applied for the next by-election, fall 2026.
- The clubs' training experienced technical difficulties. VPI and SGA are speaking with Brightspace to resolve these issues, COC has made accommodations for clubs to ensure eligibility for the winter semester and third (final) funding phase.

Requests from Council:

- Please encourage club leaders to attend office hours if they have any questions or concerns about their clubs. My club's office hours are Mondays 2:30 - 3:30 and Wednesdays 1- 2 weekly.
- Currently re-shifting focus, prioritizing governance work, including updating policies, establishing systems and training. Open to suggestions from council regarding tasks to complete and/or feedback for improvement for the next incoming executives.

Aidan Kallioinen – Vice President Student Issues

Key Priorities & Goals:

- Working with the ACAC to plan Lunar New Year celebrations in February
- Meetings with Marketing and Comms. Coordinator to discuss January items
- Meeting with Enuf for update on contract
- Meeting with UOSU to discuss winter collaborations
- Meeting with Carleton Transit Riders to discuss winter event collaborations
- Meeting with Think Tank to assign writing and data analysis for Advocacy

Roadmap

- Created data tutorial for CUSA Think Tank
- Meeting with Horizon Ottawa to discuss winter workshops for students
- Meeting with the Ottawa Mission to discuss a potential February fundraiser
- Tabling for elections
- Attended CUSA Fair alongside fellow CUSA execs and Think Tank Researchers
- Breakfast Club shopping, planning, setup and take down
- Attended Bill 33 Working Group meeting alongside Charlatan, CKCU, CUPE, and others
- Attended MPP McKenney's New Year Levee
- Met with Rent Referee to discuss a potential MoU
- Met with FMP to discuss CUSA's role as a panelist in the P9 Case Competition
- Met with Kevin from Ottawa Health Coalition to discuss a March healthcare townhall
- Met with Execs to discuss Relay for Life
- Attended Divestment Subcommittee meeting and began work on petition alongside Chair
- Participated in the hiring committee for the Women's Centre Coordinator
- Began tabling for our Rent Control petition to be presented to the Legislative Assembly
- Met with Think Tank researchers and DEIC to discuss sexual violence campaign for February

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- Made some website updates, including a new "Reports" section, press releases, and adding the Think Tank team

Highlights and Wins:

- Our "Hot Takes, Hot Drinks Trivia Night" had over 30 participants!
- CUSA has received an award from MPP McKenney's office for its work on rent control policy and the issue of vacancy controls, specifically our report "No Room for Students"
- The Advocacy Roadmap received just shy of 1,500 responses to its survey. Congratulations to the CUSA Think Tank, as they put in a lot of work to survey that many students
- CUSA has received a ~\$3,500 grant from the Lions International Foundation

for its breakfast club program and efforts to fight food insecurity on campus!

- CUSA has received a \$350 grant from the Ottawa-Vanier Lions Club for our breakfast program!

Challenges and Barriers:

Action Items and Next Steps:

- Continue Rent Control campaign
- Launch Ottawa Mission fundraiser
- Begin planning healthcare townhall
- Begin planning transit townhall
- Continuing other priorities...

Requests from Council:

- THANK YOU to Councillors and committee members for your work on the divestment campaign thus far

Other:

- THANK YOU to Chonk Nation volunteers for supporting the Breakfast Program!

Office Hours Attendance for January: 15

Om Maradia – Vice President Finance/Treasurer

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

Financial Oversight & Transparency

We remain on track with regards to organizational wide spending as per November budget vs actuals and the mid-year report shared in the previous council meeting. Currently in the process of assessing budget vs actuals for December. Closely monitoring Admin, Building Operations department & Ollies.

Preparation of the budget 26/27 is in the works. Will be meeting with all the budget holders with potential changes/suggestions to each departmental budget. This will be a lengthy process which will take place in the month of February. We will set more realistic expectations for next year by monitoring and comparing monthly budget vs actuals reality for this year.

Student Discount Card Expansion

We have now successfully onboarded 90 businesses across 110+ locations — a major milestone this year. I continue to monitor the program, manage inquiries, and collaborate with the Communications team, VPSL, and content creators to maintain strong visibility and outreach. No major updates since last report aside from managing inquiries/feedback from partners and content creation from Chonk Nation. We added a new business: La Crystal Nail Studio and had to remove Khokha Eatery (due to change in ownership).

Generating Additional Revenue

I continue to work with the President, and Executive Director to lease underutilized CUSA spaces and create sustainable revenue streams. However, we are still in the process of identifying viable tenants. This remains a challenge, as it has been difficult to find organizations willing to lease space under current university constraints. Currently in contact with an interested party and will be meeting them on January 27th to discuss potential options.

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

Q1 and Q2 financials remain on track with total expenses amounting to \$1,882,190.24 (approx. 34% of the total budgeted expenses of the year) for the first six months in 25/26. The total budgeted expense for the year 25/26 is \$5,648,700.03. Reflects the dedication of every staff member in the organisation in terms of achieving financial stability. No major update since last report.

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

Wing Space Vendor Access

External vendors interested in using the Wing space must go through a lengthy university approval process. Despite the space being managed by CUSA, vendors are often denied due to potential conflicts with the university's existing partnerships. The university committee responsible for approvals meets only once per month, so missed deadlines often delay progress by weeks. No major updates as we haven't been in contact lately due to other work commitments (this isn't a priority as of right now).

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

- Will be meeting with each budget holder for Budget 26/27.
- Will be presenting a draft of the budget 26/27 during AMM-1 and will incorporate feedback from the council.
- Processing SIF/AFCOM payments.
- Operational work in streamlining allocation of expenses

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

- Nothing at the moment.

Note: This report highlights only the most pressing and strategic goals and activities. A significant amount of internal and administrative work continues on a daily basis.

Cass Geddes – Vice President Student Life

✓ Key Priorities & Goals: Updates on Progress Toward Major Priorities **Internal Collaboration & Executive Operations**

- Finalized Mosaic budget allocation, ensuring alignment with approved priorities and upcoming programming.
- Attended Executive Committee meetings, contributing to strategic discussions, operational updates, and decision-making.
- Attended External Affairs meetings, supporting coordination with external partners and broader advocacy initiatives. Participated in numerous meetings with Communications, Executive Team members, Full-Time Staff, and other internal stakeholders to coordinate timelines, messaging, and logistics.
- Tabled extensively for the CUSA Election, providing students with information and encouraging participation.
- Attended cheque signing with Lions Clubs, supporting external funding and partnership relations.

Student Engagement & Programming

- Finalized FROST programming plans in collaboration with Service Centres and published the official event calendar.
- Filmed promotional and informational videos for FROST, PWHL, and additional student-facing initiatives.
- Attended and supported several campus events throughout the month.
- Participated in multiple Breakfast Club days to maintain visibility and student engagement.
- Planned and executed Club Expo in collaboration with SGA to support student clubs and organizations.

Volunteer & Team Development

- Interviewed and hired a new Concert Crew member to provide direct support; successfully onboarded and trained them.
- Participated in the SEO Orientation Leader Hiring Committee, contributing to student leadership selection processes.
- Continued coordination and planning for Chonk Nation Hangout meetings, including facilitating VPI attendance to support election awareness and VPSL-aligned engagement initiatives.

External Partnerships & Vendor Outreach

- Held multiple meetings related to Black History Month planning, coordinating with partners and stakeholders to ensure meaningful programming.
- Launched the Relay for Life (Chonk Nation) fundraising account and connected with Relay for Life Carleton to align on events and collaboration.
- Worked closely with SEO and RRRA to support and co-host events and engagement initiatives.

🌟 Highlights & Wins: Notable Successes Since the Last Report

- Successfully hired and onboarded additional support for Concert Crew operations.
- Published and launched the finalized FROST calendar, ensuring clarity and accessibility for students.

- Officially launched Chonk Nation's Relay for Life presence, expanding fundraising and community engagement capacity.
- Consistent participation in Exec Committee and External Affairs meetings, ensuring strong alignment across portfolios.
- High level of visibility through election tabling, events, and student-facing programming.

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

- High meeting and event volume created scheduling pressure; being managed through tighter calendar blocking and delegation where possible.
- Concurrent large-scale initiatives (FROST, BHM, elections, Relay for Life) required rapid coordination; addressed through early planning and increased inter-team communication.
- Capacity limitations during peak periods mitigated through hiring additional Concert Crew support and cross-team collaboration.

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

- Continue execution and delivery of FROST programming.
- Advance Black History Month events, including final confirmations and promotional rollout.
- Expand Relay for Life (Chonk Nation) engagement and event planning.
- Facilitate and host the upcoming Chonk Nation Hangout meeting with VPI participation.
- Ongoing attendance at Exec Committee and External Affairs meetings.
- Continued support for student events, clubs, and executive initiatives.

Requests from Council: Input, Support, or Feedback Needed

- Feedback or ideas on Black History Month programming direction and priorities.
- Continued support and promotion of Relay for Life / Chonk Nation initiatives.
- Please reach out to table for the CUSA elections.

5. External Reports

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

6. Council Reports

- a. Constituency Reports
 - i. FPGA - Public and Global Affairs
 - ii. FASS – Arts and Social Sciences
 - iii. Business
 - iv. Science
 - [Survey Form](#)
 - v. FED – Engineering and Design
- b. Committee Reports
 - i. GCOC – Governance and Council Operations
 - [Eleventh Meeting](#)
 - ii. FFFC – Finance, Fees, and Funds
 - iii. UAC – University Affairs
 - iv. SLC – Student Life
 - v. EAC – External Affairs
 - vi. PRC – Policy Review

7. Announcements and Correspondence

- a. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest
- b. Items for Information
- c. Notice of Motion
- d. Question Period
 - i. **Motion to Move to a Committee of the Whole**
Be it resolved, that Council moves to a Committee of the Whole.
Moved: W. Louima **Seconded:** C. Zhang
Assumed Unanimous Consent.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Question Period Started at 6:58 p.m.

Question Period Ended at 7:04 p.m.

8. Regular Business

a. New Business

(C-99) Motion to support CUPE 4600s Open Letter on Artificial Intelligence Guardrails at Carleton.

Whereas, Teaching Assistants, Service Assistants, and internally-funded Research Assistants represented by CUPE 4600 play a critical role in delivering high-quality education, academic support, and research at Carleton University;

Whereas, CUPE 4600 Unit 1 has been in collective bargaining with Carleton University since September 2025 and has identified protections surrounding Artificial Intelligence (AI) as a core bargaining priority based on extensive member consultation;

Whereas, CUPE 4600 has repeatedly tabled proposals seeking basic guardrails on the use of AI in teaching, evaluation, data use, and labour practices, and Carleton University's bargaining team has refused to meaningfully engage with these proposals;

Whereas, Carleton University has indicated that its bargaining team lacks a mandate from the Board of Governors to establish AI-related protections

within the Collective Agreement, despite the absence of a finalized and binding institutional AI policy;

Whereas, the unchecked adoption of AI in higher education raises serious concerns regarding academic integrity, labour displacement, data privacy, intellectual property theft, algorithmic bias, environmental harm, and the erosion of critical thinking and pedagogical quality;

Whereas, students rely on human educators for meaningful feedback, mentorship, and academic development, and the replacement or degradation of this labour would undermine the quality of education students pay for and expect at Carleton University;

Whereas, CUPE 4600's demands do not restrict individual research or teaching about AI, but rather seek to protect education workers from coercion, surveillance, deskilling, and the involuntary use of AI tools that conflict with ethical, academic, or pedagogical principles;

Whereas, CUSA has a mandate to advocate for student interests, educational quality, and the fair treatment of workers whose labour directly shapes the student learning experience;

Be It Resolved That,

1. CUSA Council formally expresses its support for CUPE 4600 Unit 1 and its efforts to secure meaningful protections against the misuse of Artificial Intelligence in the working and learning environment at Carleton University;
2. CUSA Council endorses CUPE 4600's core demands, including:
 - no use of Generative AI in hiring, evaluation, or discipline decisions;
 - protection of education workers' data, intellectual property, and grading materials from AI systems;

- the right to refuse AI-related work that conflicts with ethical, academic, or pedagogical principles without reprisal;
- 3. CUSA calls on the Carleton University Board of Governors and senior administration to provide their bargaining team with a mandate to meaningfully engage with CUPE 4600's AI-related proposals in good faith;
- 4. CUSA recognizes that decisions about AI adoption in education must prioritize students, educators, and educational integrity, rather than cost-cutting, automation, or speculative technological promises;
- 5. CUSA commits to sharing [CUPE 4600's open letter](#) through its communication channels and encouraging students and campus groups to engage with and support education workers advocating for ethical and high-quality education;
- 6. CUSA affirms that technological innovation should enhance human education.

Moved: M. El Domiaty

Seconded: M. El Fitori

Motion to Waive Reading

Moved: M. El Fitori

Seconded: S. Joe-Ezigbo

Assumed Unanimous Consent.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Yeas – 15

Nays – 0

Motion Carried Unanimously.

(C-100) Motion to Amend External Relations Policy

Whereas, the Bylaw Reform Ad-hoc Subcommittee and Policy Review Committee have recommended it;

Be it resolved, Council amends the External Relations Policy to the [revised copy](#).

Moved: W. Louima

Seconded: M. Heroux

*Assumed Unanimous Consent.
Motion Carried Unanimously.*

(C-101) Motion to Amend Appeals Policy

Whereas, the Bylaw Reform Ad-hoc Subcommittee and Policy Review Committee have recommended it;

Be it resolved, Council amends the Appeals Policy to the [revised copy](#).

Moved: W. Louima

Seconded: S. Joe-Ezigbo

Yeas – 7

Nays – 2

Abstaining – 3 – *inc. M. Heroux*

Motion Carried.

(C-102) Motion for AMM Standardization

Whereas, the Bylaw Reform Ad-hoc Subcommittee and Policy Review Committee have recommended it;

And whereas, the previous AMM highlighted several transitional issues, which BRAS has proposed solutions for;

Be it resolved, that Council adopts all amendments to Bylaw and Policy laid out in the [AMM Policy proposal](#);

Be it further resolved, that Council adopts the [Annual Member's Meeting Policy](#);

Moved: M. Heroux

Seconded: Y. Abdulla

Motion to Amend – 2/3rds Majority of GCOC

Moved: M. Heroux

Seconded: M. El Fitori

Motion to Further Amend – GCOC, Committee, or Council

Moved: M. El Fitori

Seconded: C. Zhang

GCOC – 9

Committee – 0

Council – 4

Yeas – 11

Nays – 0

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Motion to Divide – February Meeting

Moved: M. El Fitori

Seconded: W. Louima

Yeas – 7

Nays – 5

Motion Carried.

Yeas – 12

Nays – 0

Motion Carried Unanimously.

(C-103) Motion for February Meeting

Be it resolved, that Council calls for a regular February meeting, dated February 23rd 2026, to be added to the legislative agenda of the year, in accordance with the new policy and past precedent.

Mover: W. Louima

Seconded: M. El Domiaty

Yeas – 12

Nays – 2

Motion Carried.

(C-104) Motion to develop and upload a "Student Support Pathways" Graphic on the CUSA website

Whereas, many undergraduate students experience difficulty navigating supports due to resources being scattered across many platforms

Whereas, many undergraduate students are not fully aware of CUSA, what it does, and what resources it offers. Many do not have a clear understanding of which resources are available or which representatives are responsible for specific concerns.

Be it resolved, that two graphics are created and published on the CUSA website. One graphic is to be dedicated for CUSA services: "Student Support Pathway - Services" and the other to the roles of members within CUSA: "Student Support Pathway - People"

Be it further resolved, that the Student Life Committee, assisted by the Vice President Internal are to be appointed the establishers of the pathways using the following document that outlines the desired format and function for reference: [CUSA Student Support Pathways Reference](#)

Be it further resolved, that the "Student Support Pathways" are to be available online by the start of the 2026-2027 academic school year, where if the 2025-2026 SLC is unable complete development before the end of the term, it falls on the appointees to pass along this task to the incoming council and Student Life Committee.

Moved: W. Louima

Seconded: M. El Domiaty

Motion to Waive Reading

Moved: S. Joe-Ezigbo

Seconded: W. Louima

Assumed Unanimous Consent.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Motion to Refer – Student Life Committee

Moved: S. Joe-Ezigbo

Seconded: W. Louima

Yeas – 11

Nays – 0

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Motion Referred.

(C-105) Motion to Condemn Systemic Oppression by the Iranian Regime and its Clerical Leadership

WHEREAS, the Islamic Republic of Iran continues to systematically violate fundamental human rights, including freedoms of expression, religion, gender equality, bodily autonomy, academic freedom, and peaceful assembly;

WHEREAS, the clerical leadership of the Iranian regime has overseen ongoing acts of state violence, arbitrary imprisonment, and execution of dissidents, women, labour organizers, ethnic minorities, and LGBTQ+ individuals;

WHEREAS, CUSA stands in solidarity with LGBTQIA2S+ people and opposes discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity, while the Iranian regime continues to violently repress and criminalize queer and trans individuals;

WHEREAS, the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) functions as the primary instrument of internal repression, enforcing authoritarian rule and violent crackdowns on democratic movements such as Zan, Zendegi, Azadi ("Woman, Life, Freedom");

WHEREAS, CUSA recognizes that women and gender non-conforming people experience intersectional barriers, and the Iranian regime's gender-apartheid policies directly violate principles of equality and justice;

WHEREAS, Iranian workers, students, and ethnic communities (including Kurdish, Baloch, and Arab populations) have faced increased repression for advocating for self-determination and justice;

WHEREAS, CUSA is committed to dismantling racist systems and opposing systemic racism in all forms, and the Iranian state's persecution of ethnic minorities constitutes a form of state-sanctioned racism;

WHEREAS, the IRGC acts as a destabilizing force in the Middle East and funds systemic oppression globally;



WHEREAS, many Iranian, Middle Eastern, and international students at Carleton University have been personally affected by state violence and have called for the recognition of the Iranian regime's ongoing abuses;

WHEREAS, Iranian and Iranian-diaspora students at Carleton are experiencing heightened fear, grief, and psychological distress as a direct result of the IRGC's ongoing violence against civilians and students in Iran;

WHEREAS, CUSA rejects anti-immigrant rhetoric and supports migrants seeking refuge, while Iranian diaspora students in Ottawa may face intimidation or threats from the Iranian state and its proxies;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Carleton University Students' Association (CUSA) unequivocally condemn the Islamic Republic of Iran as an authoritarian, clerical-militarized regime responsible for systematic violence, gender-based oppression, and the suppression of student-led liberation movements;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that CUSA explicitly denounce the IRGC as a central arm of state repression, responsible for widespread violations including enforced disappearances, torture, and the violent crushing of the "Woman, Life, Freedom" uprising;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that CUSA, in collaboration with its relevant executive portfolios and advocacy departments, condemn the political persecution of dissidents who are denied fair trials and the right to defend themselves under the IRGC's practices;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that CUSA reaffirm its solidarity with all individuals resisting the Iranian regime's authoritarianism, including students, women, queer communities, and ethnic minorities;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that CUSA publicly commit to opposing the Iranian regime's efforts to silence or intimidate diaspora communities in Ottawa, and condemn any attempts by the Iranian state to export repression beyond its borders;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that CUSA be mandated to collaborate with Persian students, feminist organizations, and human-rights groups at Carleton to raise awareness of the Iranian regime's ongoing abuses;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that CUSA's international-solidarity programming explicitly include recognition of the Iranian people's struggle and uplift the voices of those fighting for freedom, dignity, and democratic liberation;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that CUSA [publicly reaffirms](#) the "Woman, Life, Freedom" movement and all other pro-democracy and anti-patriarchal struggles against the Iranian state's rule;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that CUSA immediately issue [a statement](#) in support of the resistance taking place against the regime in Iran and provide direct support to Persian students on campus.

Moved: W. Louima

Seconded: R. Meunier

Motion to Amend – Affirms to Reaffirms

Moved: M. El Fitori

Seconded: M. Heroux

Assumed Unanimous Consent.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Assumed Unanimous Consent.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

(C-106) Motion To Appoint Board of Directors to CUSA Board

Whereas, CUSA council is responsible for appointing board directors to the CUSA board;

Whereas, The CUSA Board of Directors benefits from continued representation and leadership provided by appointed directors;

Whereas, The Board nominating committee has concluded their interview and selection process and by unanimous consent is recommending these individuals to be appointed to board;

Be it resolved, CUSA council officially appoints:

- Ben Maheral; appointed as class one (1) Director
- Ali Aouda; appointed as class one (1) Director
- Alex Simion; appointed as class one (1) Director
- Kashvi Chakraborty; appointed as class one (1) Director
- Shahira Nabi; appointed as class two (2) Director

Be it further resolved, CUSA council officially reappoints:

- Antonela Palacios; reappointed as class one (1) Director
- Esther Adegboro; reappointed as class one (1) Director

Moved: S. Joe-Ezigbo

Seconded: Y. Abdulla

Motion to Amend – Clarify Reappointments

Moved: M. Heroux

Seconded: S. Joe-Ezigbo

Assumed Unanimous Consent.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Assumed Unanimous Consent.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

(C-107) Motion to Issue a Statement on the Anniversary of the Quebec City Mosque Shooting

Whereas, January 29, 2026 marks the nine-year anniversary of the hate-motivated shooting at the Islamic Cultural Centre of Quebec City, whereby a lone gunman opened fire on a prayer hall, killing six individuals and injuring over a dozen others;

And whereas, CUSA re-affirms its commitment to providing a campus that is accepting, safe, and welcoming of all faiths, including Muslim students;

And whereas, CUSA unilaterally condemns acts of religious and ethnic violence and killing against all racialized groups on campus;

Be it resolved that CUSA publish a public statement on January 29 to mark the anniversary which condemns the attack and affirms CUSA's commitment to an inclusive campus;

Be it further resolved that CUSA make all attempts to collaborate with the Carleton University Muslim Students' Association (CUMSA) on the statement;

Be it further resolved that as part of CUSA's recognition of the anniversary, CUSA work with CUMSA to make green square pins available at the front office (401 Nideyinan) for a minimum period of one (1) week, free-of-charge to students.

Moved: W. Louima

Seconded: Y. Abdulla

Assumed Unanimous Consent.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

9. Adjournment

a. Motion to Adjourn to a Specific Time

Be it resolved, that Council adjourns until 6:00 p.m. on February 23rd 2026, and that this shall constitute for the purposes of the Act and our Bylaws, prior notice.

Moved: R. Meunier

Seconded: R. Itani

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Moved: A. Kopytskiy

Seconded: W. Louima

Assumed Unanimous Consent.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Assumed Unanimous Consent.



Motion Carried Unanimously.

Council Adjourned at 8:38 p.m.