



CUSA COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 29TH 2018 @ 6:00PM

Prepared By:

Natalie York, Vice President Internal



CUSA COUNCIL MEETING ATTENDANCE

Position	Councillor	Proxy(print name)	Signature
President	David Oladejo		
Vice President Finance	Luke Scott		Absent
Vice President Internal	Natalie York		
Vice President Student Issues	Lily Agakbosu		Absent
Vice President Student Services	Diana Idibe		
Vice President Student Life	Abdullah Jaber		
Engineering and Design	Abdel Rahman Abdelaziz		
	Ahmed Abdalla		Absent
	Tiffany Wiebe		
	Logan McFadden		
	Waise Sahel		Absent
Business	Bay Ross		
	Scott Braddon		
Public Affairs	Isabelle Nicholls		Absent
	Rachel Campbell	Mehdi Bouchentouf	
	Monica Lung	Irene Wang	
	Madison Ranta		
	Omar Alami		
	Jason Laguerre		
Science	Nicholas Drain		Absent
	John Haddad		Absent
	Nima Dadar		Absent
	Richard Ositashvili	Benjamin Karstad	
FASS	Farook Al-Muflehi		Absent
	Evan Saunders		
	Sierra Hitsman		
	Cameron Jette		Absent
	George Owusu-Mensah		
Special Student	Marina Guadagnin		Absent
	Jacob Dioszeghy		Absent
GSA	Jay Ramasubramanyam		
RRRA	Jacob Howell		

CUSA May Council Meeting 2018-2019
Tuesday May, 29 2018 6:00 pm Dunton 2017

AGENDA

1. Motion to Elect the CUSA Council Officer – Council Chair
2. Motion to Elect the CUSA Council Officer – Council Clerk
3. Announcements and Correspondence
4. Approval of the Agenda
5. Approval of Past Minutes
6. President's Report
7. Vice Presidents' Reports
 - a. Vice President Finance
 - b. Vice President Internal Affairs
 - c. Vice President for Student Issues
 - d. Vice President of Student Services
 - e. Vice President of Student Life
8. RRRR Report
9. GSA Report
10. CASG Report
11. Senate Report
12. Board of Governors Report
13. Constituency Report
14. Committee Reports
 - No Committees
15. Items for Information
16. Question Period
17. Other Business
 - a. Motion to Strike and Fill the Constitutional Board
 - b. Motion to Fill the Vacant FASS Seat
 - c. Motion to Fill Vacant Council Seat with FPA Representative
 - d. Motion to Strike the Summer Standing Committees
 - e. Motion to Fill the Accessibility Fund Committee
 - f. Motion to Fill the Student Initiative Fund Committee
 - g. Motion to make Zameer Masjedee an honorary member of CUSA
18. Adjournment

1. Motion to Elect the CUSA Council Officer - Council Chair

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PRESENTATION SUMMARY:

Whereas a Council Officer’s term and contract shall commence after being elected at the first meeting of Council of the CUSA year and terminate on April 30 of that year as per Bylaw I s. 4.0(f);

Whereas Council Officers must be elected by a majority vote of Council under Bylaw I s. 4.0(e);

And whereas The hiring committee interviewed applicants for the CUSA Council Officer positions in order to make recommendations to Council.

INFORMATION TRANSFER:

Be It Resolved that a member of the association be elected as CUSA Council Chair for the 2018-2019 term.

MOVED: Natalie York

SECONDED: David Oladejo

Motion passed. Candidates presented to CUSA Council. Shawn Humphrey elected by majority vote as the CUSA Council Chair for the 2018-2019 term.

*All hiring processes are held off camera and are not included in the minutes as per By-law I s.6.0(a)

2. Motion to Elect the CUSA Council Officer - Council Clerk

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INFORMATION TRANSFER:

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MOVED: Natalie York

SECONDED: David Oladejo

Motion passed. Candidates presented to CUSA Council. Taylor Arnt elected by majority vote as the CUSA Council Chair for the 2018-2019 term.

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3. Announcements and Correspondence:

Natalie: I sent out in the original email that we would be electing the executive compensation review committee. That was my mistake. That committee is struck and filled in September. We will also be putting a by-law forward in the future to have council officers elected in April for the following year so that they are trained for the May meeting.

David: in the past minutes it said we would be discussing the electoral review committee tonight. However, we already have a electoral board committee so it's a bit redundant. Internally we will be looking into that and make some changes. It's not a summer standing committee anyways so we'll go forward with that for September. And they just reviewed the 2018-2019 CUSA election that just happened.

Abdullah: July 14th there is hope volleyball going on. It's a good chance to get to know councillors. If you're interested in playing some volleyball reach out to me.

4. Approval the Agenda:

MOVED: Abdallah Jaber

SECONDED: Jason Laguerre

Motion passes.

5. Approve Last Minutes:

MOVED: Abdullah Jaber

SECONDED: Diana Idibe

Motion passes.

6. President's Report

Past Month

- Completed transition from the outgoing executives
- Strategic Planning to develop timelines for the year and breakdown all projects
 - Executive planning
 - Full time staff
- JIRA Project Management Software to better track daily operations of CUSA
- Standard website updates
- Open letter to Ontario Provincial candidates regarding student issues
- Submission of CFS Ontario decertification petition (over 5000 signatures)
 - Complying with the CFS on verification process
- Student Care Stakeholders Conference
 - How to implement greater mental health support services on campus
 - Additions to the health and dental plan at no cost to students (OHIP+)

Ongoing Projects

- Conversations with election candidates about plans for students
 - Letter responses will be published this week
- CUSA x CDAC accessible housing initiative
 - Discussing potential partnership with the University
- Business rebranding/improvements
 - Café style layout at Havens
 - Henry's space being rented out to INS
 - Henry's being relocated into atrium space, designs are ongoing
- Submission of CFS National decertification petition
- Garbage cans and recycling bins on campus, composting, collaboration with CU
- Town Hall Planning – community specific

Month Ahead

- CFS Semi-Annual General Meeting
- Canadian Organization of Campus Activities (COCA) Conference
- Reddit AMA 1
- Construction changes on businesses
- Looking at Oliver's and increasing profitability
- Composting at Oliver's
- Communications strategy for the association

7. Vice Presidents' Report

a. Vice President Finance Report

Past Month

- Completed transition from the outgoing executives
- Change of signing authorities (Pres, VPF, VPI)
- Strategic Planning to develop timelines for the year and breakdown all projects
 - Executive planning
 - Full time staff
- JIRA Project Management Software to better track daily operations of CUSA

- Began budget process for the organization
- Minor changes in business operations to minimize costs
- Sponsorship
- Student Care Stakeholders Conference
 - How to implement greater mental health support services on campus
 - Additions to the health and dental plan at no cost to students (OHIP+)

Ongoing Projects

- Budget – standardizing and creating a formula
- CUSA x CDAC accessible housing initiative
- Exploring changes within businesses to increase profitability
- Business rebranding/improvements
 - Café style layout at Havens
 - Henry’s space being rented out to INS
 - Henry’s being relocated into atrium space, designs are ongoing

Month Ahead

- Reddit AMA 1
- Construction changes on businesses
- Looking at Oliver’s and increasing profitability
- Sponsorship pool for the organization

b. Vice President Internal Report

Past Month

- Transition
- Organizing CUSA Inc. Meeting and May Council Meeting
 - Organizing what committees need to be chaired
- Hiring of Clerk and Chair
- Posting and advertising council officer positions and committee positions
- Planning retreat and organizing tasks for the year
- VPI Budget for the year

Ongoing Projects

- Clubs Storage - has started to be cleaned out and other rooms are being looked at
- Sustainability - meetings set up with sustainability reps. for Carleton
- Clubs Expo - begun to process ideas

Next Month

- COCA and CFS AGM
- Explore different storage options for clubs storage
- Reddit AMA
- Meet with printing company and administration for free printing
- Meet with administration for swipe card access

c. Vice President Student Issues Report

Past Month

- Completed transition from the outgoing executives
- Strategic Planning to develop timelines for the year and breakdown all projects
 - Executive planning
 - Full time staff
- JIRA Project Management Software to better track daily operations of CUSA
- Awards committee
- Initial points of contact for projects as they require University collaboration
- Wellness Wednesdays dates as well as themes

Ongoing Projects

- Sexual Violence Policy changes, establishing student consultation criteria
- CUSA awards decisions continue
- Wellness Wednesdays further collaboration
- Mental health first aid
- Gym live tracker

Month Ahead

- Reddit AMA 1
- Meetings with certain University staff for collaboration
- Sponsorship options within awareness campaigns

d. Vice President Student Services Report

Ongoing Projects

- Wellness Centre Revamp- This project involves sitting on a university committee tasked with exploring how to implement Peer Support on campus. Additionally, I'm in the process of creating a wellness survey to distribute to undergraduate students to assist in wellness programming moving forward
- AskMe Partnership between CUSA and University- Carleton's annual Ask Me campaign is designed to make new and returning students feel comfortable about approaching anyone on campus and asking for directions or assistance during the first few weeks at Carleton.
- Service Centre Comms Strategy- Ensuring that our service centres have the most exposure possible to students , I will be meeting with the communication's office and coordinators to create a more consistent communications strategy

In the Office

- Service Centre Hiring- We conducted interviews last week and we're in the process of notifying the 7 new coordinators.
- Assisting Service Centre coordinators with their projects and programming plans

Next Month

- Attending Skills Conference next month
- Service Centre Coordinator onboarding next month as well as planning for ASM

e. Vice President Student Life Report:

Ongoing Projects

- Campus Kick-off Party –
 - Will be held at Camp Fortune – venue confirmed and paid for
 - In the process of getting security, fencing, porta potties, bracelets and more necessities for events
 - Collaborating with RRRA to split inflatable costs
- Homecoming
 - Will be held at Brewer Park
 - Will be a lot of inflatables, sponsors, stage for performances, DJ's etc.
 - Also in the process of getting security etc.
 - Splitting inflatable costs as well as fencing costs with RRRA
- Panda Week – Tentative schedule: Monday: Programming at Rez Quad
 - Tuesday: Programming at Library Quad
 - Wednesday: Panda themed Wellness Wednesday
 - Thursday: Night at Oliver's
 - Friday: Concert
 - Saturday: Game Day

In the Office This Month

- Meetings with Oliver's managers and general manager - working on ideas for programming at Oliver's
- Thirsty Thursday themes
- Meetings with director of student affairs and other stakeholders to ensure our events are as safe as possible
- Speaking to Athletics for free tickets for games

Next Month

- Headed to several conferences to learn more about about on campus programming, block booking, and social media algorithms.
- Finalizing payment processes for everything associated with large scale events

8. RRRA Report

Jacob: I'm the new president of RRRA. We're still waiting for our audit for abstentions. Right now we have about a 10% increase in revenue, even though we lowered the prices from the year before. With the increase in minimum wage we're still trying to keep the prices low for students. We've finished transition. We're starting out budget. In the first month, through restructuring the organization we have saved about \$64,000 in overhead costs which will be redistributed to programming. We're going to have a great year and are excited to collaborate with CUSA and other student groups.

9. GSA Report

none.

10. CASG Report

none.

11. Senate Report

none.

12. Board of Governors Report:

Yvonne: The board approved the budget for the coming year. We got our new president. During the last meeting the board approved the purchase of Dominion Church. All the funds for the purchase will come from donations from the Ontario government and other donors. The church is not on campus, its downtown. The board also approved the additional funds for the construction of the Nicholls building which is for the faculty of business. The budget is about 65.1 million and the building is where parking lot 2 is.

Taylor: Our term hasn't started yet but we do have one project that we have started about food insecurity on campus. We are getting contacts within dining services.

13. Constituency Reports:

none.

14. Committee Reports:

none.

15. Items for Information

none.

16. Question Period

Medhi: Do we know what we are using the church for?

Yvonne: to increase religious space on campus. There has been controversy about not having enough religious space. CUSA executives initiated the one on the second floor but its for Carleton to expand their space.

David: It is also for any student or community group that wants to use the space to gather. Our population on campus is going up so it is just an extension of space that students can use. If you log onto Carleton central the reports are all there.

Jason: can you tell me more about the Ask Me movement? Is it only for first years?

Diana: its a University program that exists so students can go into these spaces with Ask Me signs to ask questions. There are 5 common questions related to the five main pillars on Carleton student site. It allows people to properly refer students to services on campus. Through forming a partnership that would allow our service centers and CUSA in general to be have access to that information and have better cohesion between the university's services and what we offer

17. Other Business

a. Motion to Strike and Fill the Constitutional Board

Motion to Strike and Fill the Constitutional Board

PRESENTATION SUMMARY:

Whereas the term of office for all members of the CUSA Constitutional Board ends on April 30th under Bylaw III s. 2.0(a);

And whereas the Constitutional Board must be filled at the first meeting of Council under Bylaw I s. 5.1(a).

INFORMATION TRANSFER:

Be It Resolved that CUSA strikes the Constitutional Board for the 2018-2019 year;

Be It Further Resolved that CUSA Council fill the vacant seats on the Constitutional Board as follows:

- a) 4 members of the association who are not members of council.
- b) 2 alternatives

Be it further resolved that CUSA Council ratify the University Ombudsperson to be the fifth member of the Constitutional Board as per Bylaw III s. 1.0(b).

MOVED: Natalie York

SECONDED: David Oladejo

Natalie: This board hears and rules on all challenges against the CUSA Constitution, Bylaws, and Policies, council members, or executive members. If someone thinks an action on CUSA, Council, or any members of council have violated our Constitution,

Policies, or By-Laws, they make a formal complaint to this board and the board will rule on it. There are no councillors on it because the board may hear complaints against councillors. The university ombudsman is the chair, so he calls and conducts the meetings. There are 4 students that have sent me something to read on their behalf and then we will open up the floor to any students at large that would like to present themselves.

(On behalf of Jimi Aribido) Hi my name is Jimi Aribido. I'm going into my 2nd year of Political Science with a specialization in International relations here at Carleton. I'm also a varsity athlete here, playing with the Men's Soccer team. Although it's still relatively early in my post-secondary career, I'm always looking to further challenge myself and gain relevant experience, and I believe that I can do that here within CUSA Council. I got very involved around campus in my first year and I am now working as a Summer Orientation Leader to help transition incoming students into life here at CU. The Students Association played a big role in helping me get as involved as I did last year, so I'd like to sit on this committee to give back to the community I now call home. I hope not only to grow and learn in this position, but to also contribute to a discussion that will ensure that the Students Association is working in the very best interest of the students it represents through clear governing documents and bylaws. I believe that we can always continue to improve policy to in turn move our association forward. Thank you for hearing me and I hope you will all consider me for this position on council.

(On behalf of Tristan St. Pierre) Dear Councillors, My name is Tristan St Pierre and I am entering my final year of study at Carleton. I am emailing in order to state my interest on serving on the constitutional board come 2019. After some of the problems that have arisen during elections over the past couple years, I would like to ensure that the process is done in a fair and just manner. Thank you for your considerations.

(On behalf of Andrew Carr) Hello everyone, my name is Andrew Carr and unfortunately I am unable to attend today because I returned home for the summer; Natalie is reading this on my behalf. I am entering my third year at Carleton studying communications and media studies. I am an active member of the Carleton community being involved in multiple school clubs; in addition to my active involvement, I am familiar with electoral policies and procedures as I have been involved in several campus elections within the past year. Being a past candidate for the Board of Governor election, I have witnessed firsthand the violations and corruption that can occur during a campaign if left unchecked. I wish to be a part of the constitutional board so that I can ensure a fair election process for everyone involved. I would like to thank you for your consideration and I wish you all the best.

(On behalf of Atusa Asadi) I think I would be a great member of the constitutional board because of my involvement not only with CUSA, but as well as a clubs on campus. I've been an executive of a the panhellenic council, and founded a brand new club on campus, with addition to volunteering with CUSA when help is needed. This, I believe, is why i

can be a contributing member of this board while remaining conscious of all sides of any issues brought to me as a member.

Irene: I am BGins student minoring in economics. I have come to respect the work that councillors do and want to make sure that everyone is as accountable as they can be. I have proven myself as being dedicated and capable. I was VP external affairs on the first BGins executive society. I am currently sitting as the secretary general communications planning Carleton's first MUN conference. I've also helped plan BGins summer orientation. I've never served on a constitutional board but I have a clear understanding of policies and procedures through my involvement with MUN. I did have a summer research position researching constitutions.

Motion passes. Council members vote on paper ballots.

Election results:

Constitutional Board:

Irene Wang
Jimi Aribido
Andrew Carr
Atusa Asadi

Alternates:

Tristan St. Pierre

Motion to Fill the Vacant FASS Seat

PRESENTATION SUMMARY:

Whereas after the 2018 CUSA General Election and 2018 CUSA By-Election, 1 Faculty of Arts and Social Science CUSA Council seat is vacant.

INFORMATION TRANSFER:

Be it resolved that the following seat of council be voted on and filled

- Faculty of Arts and Social Science Councillor

MOVED: Natalie York

SECONDED: David Oladejo

David: We didn't have any applicants so we will keep the application only and advertise it further. I will move this motion to the next meeting when we have applicants to discuss.

Motion to Fill Vacant Council Seat with FPA Representative

PRESENTATION SUMMARY:

Whereas under Bylaw I s.1.1 Council shall consist of thirty-four (34) seats filled by:

- j. Twenty five (25) Faculty Representatives elected by and from members in their faculty;

Whereas CUSA Council currently has only 24 Faculty Representatives;

Whereas under Bylaw I s.1.3 Faculty seats shall be distributed to each faculty in as close a proportion as possible to the membership mix of CUSA, as defined by the latest CUSA General Elections invitee statistics from the previous year;

Whereas the make up of Faculty Representative seats on CUSA Council currently is currently as such:

- 6 Faculty of Public Affairs seats
- 6 Faculty of Arts and Social Science seats
- 6 Faculty of Engineering and Design seats
- 4 Faculty of Science seats
- 2 Faculty of Business seats;

Whereas in respect to proportional representation for each faculty, the CUSA General Elections invitee statistics from the previous year suggest that with 25 Faculty Representatives, the seats shall be distributed as such:

- 7 Faculty of Public Affairs seats
- 6 Faculty of Arts and Social Science seats
- 6 Faculty of Engineering and Design seats
- 4 Faculty of Science seats
- 2 Faculty of Business seats;

And whereas the Faculty of Public Affairs Councillor seat that was filled during 2018 CUSA By-Election was contested by three other candidates.

INFORMATION TRANSFER

Be it resolved that the vacant Faculty Representative seat is filled with a Faculty of Public Affairs student;

Be it resolved further that this position be occupied by the candidate with the second highest number of votes in the election for the Faculty of Public Affairs Councillors, based on the results of the 2018 CUSA By-Election.

MOVED: Natalie York

SECONDED: David Oladejo

Natalie: In last years elections and this years not enough councillor positions were up for grabs. I think what happened was people thought that the special student seat was a faculty representative, but they are not, so only 24 other faculty representative seats were up for grabs. The number of councillors for each faculty is based on the number of students in each faculty at the time of elections. So in respect to those numbers there should be an extra FPA seat. There was only 6 advertised in the last election, but there should have been 7. We feel what is fair is to give that position to the individual who got the second most votes in the by-election, as the person who got the most was successfully elected. I didn't put the individuals name in here as I didn't want you to base it off of that. This is about correcting the mistake since students have already had a chance to vote for the individual.

Motion Passes.

Natalie: He will be joining us next council meeting and that will be Kareem Bassem El-Wazir

Motion to Strike Summer Standing Committees

PRESENTATION SUMMARY:

Whereas under Bylaw V s. 2.4, Standing Committees may be struck in the Summer Session.

INFORMATION TRANSFER:

Be it resolved that CUSA Council strike the following Standing Committees:

- Student Initiative Fund Committee
- Accessibility Fund Committee
- Clubs Summer Funding Committee
- Financial Review Committee
- Constitution and Policy Review Committee

MOVED: Natalie York

SECONDED: David Oladejo

Motion Passes.

Natalie: So these are the only 5 committees that stand in the summer, the rest are done in September. SIFC and AFCOMC will need to be elected. The summer funding committee doesn't have elected members on it. For financial review and policy review committee

you don't have to be voted on. You get voting rights by attending the first meeting. We need to strike these committees to allow us to fill them and have them sit.

Richard's Proxy: To clarify, the other motion was to strike and fill but these ones are struck now and filled at a later point.

Natalie: The constitutional board isn't actually a committee, it is separate so that's why the motion was to strike and fill. But this is to strike all these committees and then there's two following motions to fill AFCOM and SIF.

Motion Passes.

Motion to Fill the Accessibility Fund Committee

PRESENTATION SUMMARY:

Whereas CUSA needs to fill the Accessibility Fund Committee for the 2018-2019 year;

And whereas Bylaw VIII s.3.0 states that the composition of the committee be:

- a. VP Finance
- b. The appropriate Vice-President
- c. Four (4) students with disabilities,
- d. Two (2) CUSA Councilors
- e. Two (2) students at large

INFORMATION TRANSFER:

Be it resolved that CUSA Council fill the vacant student at large, councillor, and student with disability seats on the Accessibility Fund Committee.

MOVED: Natalie York

SECONDED: David Oladejo

Councillors

Natalie: (On behalf of Isabelle Nicholls) I am interested in running to be a part of the accessibility fund committee for this next year. Its purpose is one that I find inspiring and something that should be held important in a university committee no matter how different everyone's opinions are on other things, and this is because it helps raise awareness for issues affecting students on campus and helps solve them.

Ensuring that students are all as comfortable as they can be on this campus should be a common goal for our committee as students should be able to fulfill the main purpose they came to campus, which is to learn with as little hiccups as possible. My hope is to help them achieve this goal through this committee. All these different clubs and societies on campus are purely to enrich a student's experience and if I can have a hand in making students' experiences better in any way possible, that would be my pleasure. I was a part

of DECA in first year and it not only allowed me to make so many friendships, but it also gave me a great learning experience that I have been able to apply to subsequent jobs and courses. That being said I really do understand the importance of clubs and societies and the impact they have on students.

Our campus is made up of such diverse groups of people and I feel that this committee's purpose is so important to help cater to the needs of all these groups by providing them with the educational equity and the best experience they can have while they are in school. It is amazing to also see people of different groups and backgrounds coming together in these clubs to learn and socialize on their common grounds. Helping to allocate the money we have in the fund to all CUSA clubs, societies, facilities and members across campus is something that I would definitely look forward to doing in the coming year to help make a difference.

(On behalf of Cameron Jette) I, Cameron Jette, a disabled student and Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Councillor would like to fill a spot of the Accessibility Funds Committee for the 2018/2019 school year. As a multiply disabled student, one who has physical limitations, psychiatric illness, and is deaf, I struggle and have struggled with the physical and auditory accessibility of many student run events since beginning my education here in 2016. Also, as a current club executive for both the Carleton Jack.org Chapter, a student-run mental health initiative on campus, and the ASL Society "Carleton Signs", I know how difficult it is to find funding, and especially hard to find funding for services to make events accessible. I would be honoured to sit on a committee that would aid clubs like mine in organizing events that would be accessible to the entire student population, including myself. It is important to have those with lived experience serve on this committee and as a FASS councillor and a disabled student I am an ideal candidate for this committee.

(On behalf of Monica Lung) Hello everyone! My name is Monica Lung and despite my being unable to attend today's meeting, I am so excited to be representing FPA in this Council this incoming year. I am also excited at the prospect of serving on the Accessibility Fund Committee: accessibility in CUSA events and initiatives is not only beneficial for attendance and participation, but more importantly, it is a matter of fairness, respect, and appreciation of Carleton's diversity. This Students' Association is not a true students' association unless it takes adequate measures to ensure that students with disabilities are not disqualified or discouraged from taking part in CUSA activities, and I am motivated to make sure this Council fulfills its responsibilities to its student body. Over my past three years at Carleton University, I have repeatedly demonstrated my commitment to enhancing student participation through Fall Orientation leadership, the FPA Ambassador program, the BGIInS Students' Society, and other clubs and societies, and now, I'm seeking to take this further and tackle obstacles to accessibility. Ultimately, the success of this Council will be contingent on our collective commitment to inclusivity, and while CUSA has developed strategies in the past, we can always do better. I am looking forward to playing my part for equity through the Accessibility Fund Committee.

Council members vote on paper ballots.
Cameron Jette and Monica Lung elected onto the committee.

Students at Large

Natalie: (On behalf of Jenn Bheemsingh) My name is Jenn Bheemsingh and i'm majoring in Sociology and I'm running to be a student at large on the Accessibility Fund Committee. In the description about the position, one of the major tasks is to ensure that CUSA events are easily accessible to everyone. I have grown up making daily tasks and household chores accessible for my Dad as he is disabled. I've learned through him that it's important not only for him but everyone around him to feel comfortable in an environment regardless of the situation for the person. I don't speak about my Dad being disabled much because all I see is someone who has been given the right tools to succeed in life. I want to be able to share this with everyone and help raise awareness towards accessibility around the school. I also feel like this will be a learning opportunity for me to view the world in the shoes of those who do not find the community as easily accessible. Thank you for your time.

Celine: I have held the position of Administrative Coordinator within the Carleton Disability Awareness Centre since 2016, where I strive daily to break down social barriers for students with disabilities. Our main focus is on creating a greater awareness of disability and accessibility issues on campus through campaigns and programming. We host speakers, discussion groups, arts nights and sports demonstrations and assist with advocacy campaigns on campus issues involving accessibility. The Accessibility Fund Committee plays a vital role in raising awareness of issues affecting students with disabilities on campus. I was previously a member of AFCOM during the 2016/2017 and 2017/2018 academic years, actively striving towards a barrier-free Carleton. I think its important that we bring students that actually have knowledge of the issues that affect students with disabilities. I want to ensure this fund is going to what it is actually intended for and isn't taken advantage of.

Students with Disabilities

Celine: I would like to nominate your council chair. He has been a number of the AFCOM committee since 2013. What I like hte most about Shawn is that he is the one who puts a check on everything and asks the hard questions. It's important to have that kind of checks and balance.

Natalie: In terms of it being a conflict of interest seeing as Shawn is council chair, the committee allocates funds completely separate from council and CUSA so in my opinion I don't see it as being a conflict of interest.

(On behalf of Brett Babcock) My name is Brett Babcock and I am a 4th year undergraduate student seeking nomination to be a part of the 2018-2019 Accessibility Fund Committee.

As a student with a physical disability, the Accessibility Fund Committee has significantly shaped my involvement with CUSA. From making my Frosh experience

accessible with the inclusion of Para-Transpo busses, to providing me with assistive technologies to fulfill my position as Program Coordinator of the Carleton Disability Awareness Centre, I am very grateful that CUSA and the AFCOM committee acknowledge the additional barriers students with disabilities face when trying to get involved on campus.

Disability awareness and inclusion has become an intricate part of my life. With first hand experience as a wheelchair-user, and as a Disability Studies undergraduate student, I am thoroughly versed in the social model of disability, which places the locus of impairment on society, as opposed to the body-minds of persons with visible and invisible disabilities. An important component to the social model of disability is universal design—creating and or adapting environments so that they can be accessed, understood and used to the greatest extent possible by all persons. During my time at CDAC I have played a pivotal role in advocating for barrier-free space. For example, in 2015 I was a part the team responsible for bringing wheelchair accessible gym equipment to Carleton Athletics. Most recently, my co-worker and I have obtained a hand-held braille, through AFCOM, to ensure that CUSA spaces more accessible to those with visual impairments.

As a previous member of the 2014-2015, 2015-2016, and 2016-2017 AFCOM committees, I would relish the opportunity to share my expertise with the 2018-2019 AFCOM committee. Lastly, I believe it is of grave importance that the committee is comprised of students with disabilities and those with significant experience working with students with disabilities.

Motion Passes.

Jenn Bheemsingh and Celine Brown elected as students at large. Shawn Humphrey and Brett Babcock elected as students with disabilities.

Motion to Fill the Student Initiative Fund Committee

PRESENTATION SUMMARY:

Whereas CUSA needs to fill the Student Initiative Fund for the 2018-2019 year,

And whereas Bylaw VII s3.2 the SIFC shall have the following composition:

- a. CUSA Vice President Internal as Chair
- b. CUSA Vice President Finance
- c. 3 Councillors appointed by Council
- d. 3 Students-at-large appointed by Council

INFORMATION TRANSFER:

Be it resolved that CUSA Council fill the vacant student-at-large and councillor seats on the committee.

MOVED: Natalie York

SECONDED: David Oladejo

Natalie: This fund replaced the conference and discretionary fund. Students can apply for financial assistance to attend conference and other opportunities. It is a maximum of \$500 per student and it is based on travel distance, accommodations, etc.

Jason: What would qualify for the fund?

Natalie: In the past student that have attended MUN or business conferences. There is a lot of business case competitions. It doesn't have to be run through a club, students can apply individually.

Jason: Is it only for conference based initiatives or can it be used for other student based initiatives?

Natalie: It is a little bit unclear in our bylaws but in the coming months hopefully we can clarify that. Right now it says any initiative that contributes to CUSA or Carleton campus. Since it replaced the conference and discretionary fund it is mainly used for conferences, but there has been times in the past where it has been given to clubs wanting to host a conference here, instead of someone attending. But it is vague right now.

George: does the motive for going have to be academic oriented? Does it have to go to their degree or can it be towards any involvement on campus?

Natalie: They consider its relevance to your degree or relevance to your involvement on campus. But there is no set guidelines that it has to be academic. You just have to connect it to your degree or involvement.

Jason: How is it promoted? I didn't know about it and I don't think a lot of others do.

Natalie: There is a lot of students who apply. This past year we gave out somewhere between 20,000 and 30,000 dollars. I think it's mostly something clubs and societies know about it. I'm not sure of what kind of promotions we have done in the past but it is mainly just on the website.

David: I think it's something that you know about when you want to use it. The best way to promote it is through word of mouth. As councillors you should be telling your friends that are involved in conferences.

Natalie: Our front desk also promotes it when students come in wondering where they can get financial assistance for their involvement. The way to apply is on our website, it's just a quick form.

Mehdi: If you're part of the committee, can you still apply for the committee?

Natalie: you can still apply, you would just have to sit out on your application and the committee would still need quorum without you.

George: Does the group apply for the number of students they want to take or do people apply individually?

Natalie: Students apply individually, but there have been groups that have applied.

Councillors

Natalie: (on behalf of Marina Guadagnin) Good afternoon CUSA council, My name is Marina Guadagnin and I am a full-time student and a recent addition to the council team at Carleton University. I currently hold a position on the Faculty of Art and Social Science Council for the 2018/2019 school year and am looking forward to representing my class while working alongside like-minded, professional, and amazing individuals. I am appealing here today for the CUSA Student Initiative Fund Committee (SIFC). This committee interested me as it is the source of financial support to the students and the student groups of Carleton. This allocation of funding role allows for students to have a well- rounded University experience and provides opportunities to grow and further education outside of the classroom. During my time on the FASC council I hope to improve the Carleton Community, the SIFC interest and involvement in student life fits with my goal. I would love to enrich student life as a part of this team.

Students at Large

Natalie: (On behalf of Ilse Mendoza) I'm an international student from El Salvador and throughout my time here I have always been very involved on campus. Most prominently on exec with the Humanitarian Organization of Latin American Students for 3 years. We put on a variety of events during the year, ranging in scale which has given me a lot of experience in what it takes to finance such endeavours that enrich the experiences of students and make Carleton a more well rounded learning community. I was also a part of the SIF committee in the past so I feel quite well acquainted with the evaluation of submissions and the subsequent decision making process. I really enjoyed being on this committee and helping students who go the extra mile to enrich our campus life find the financial means to continue to do so.

(On behalf of Wassim Ghadban) My name is Wassim Ghadban, and I am a fourth-year biotechnology student minoring in entrepreneurship. Firstly, I would like to thank the CUSA executive and council for taking the time to listen to my speech and for considering me for this very important position.

As all of you may know, it is SIFC's job to assess and administrate the CUSA student initiative fund to students and student groups who will utilize those funds in their current endeavors to not only benefit themselves, but the Carleton community as a whole. As an entrepreneur who currently owns and manages two different businesses I have obtained the skill to effectively allocate funds accordingly in order to receive the highest return in

my investments. I also have experience applying to grants, writing business plans, creating cashflow charts, and pitching multiple business ideas to local business experts such as Lead to Win and Invest Ottawa. That being said, I understand the process of creating an organization for the benefit of my community, and what must be done to be successful in it. I want to use this experience to ensure that the most promising individuals receive SIFC's funding, but to also help guide these students towards the right direction by offering advice, and even informing them on external funding resources which they can use to improve our campus. As the previous vice president of the molecular biology and genetics student association at the university of Guelph, I understand the importance of working in a team setting in order to complete tasks for the benefit of the student body. I have successfully collaborated with fellow students in order to organize educational events, fundraisers, and even formal dinners. Although I have been a student at Carleton for 1 year, I am amazed at the great work CUSA does for its students and would love the opportunity to be a part of this association in hopes that I may give back to the school that has already done so much for me.

(On behalf of Zuberi Attard) I would love to be on the SIF committee for the following reasons,

- A. I'm extremely passionate about helping students get the funding they need to develop themselves. As a testimony to my efforts, I've helped Carleton students get \$360k in funding opportunities since November 2017
- B. I want to really understand what students need to get extra funding for because I also build relationships with donors who want to help students. Being on the SIF committee will help me create more funding opportunities for Carleton student based on their needs.
- C. I am actively engaged in promoting these specific types of opportunities to students, so I ensure that hundreds of students will know and apply for SIF.

Motion passes. Marina Guadagnin elected as a councillor position. Ilse Mendoza, Wassim Ghahban, and Zuberi Attard elected as students at large.

Motion to Make Zameer Masjedee an Honorary Member of CUSA

PRESENTATION SUMMARY:

Whereas historically the outgoing President of the Carleton University Students' Association has been made an honorary member of CUSA;

And whereas Zameer Masjedee, has served as President of CUSA for the 2017/2018 academic year.

INFORMATION TRANSFER:

Be it Resolved that Council confer the title of honorary member of CUSA to Zameer Masjedee for life.

MOVED: David Oladejo

SECONDED: Natalie York

David: Zameer went above and beyond in his position, often times taking on several portfolios so I think we can do the honour as electing him to be part of this special group.

Abdullah: I've had the pleasure of working with Zameer the last year and I've never seen a workaholic like him. He's often the first one there, last one to leave.

Jason: How does honorary membership work? Is it only for presidents?

Natalie: It's just a title, it could be extended to others if a motion was put forward.

What does it entail? is it just a gesture?

Natalie: It is just a gesture. A comparison would be a key to the city.

Motion Passes.

In favour: 16

Against: 1

Abstain: 0

18. Adjournment

MOVED: Abdullah Jaber

SECONDED: Irene Wang

Motion Passes.