



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

**AGENDA OF THE
1st SPECIAL (SEPTEMBER)
CUSA COUNCIL MEETING**

18 September 2024, 6:00 PM EST, Online

Prepared by:

Aiden Rohacek, Vice President Internal

ATTENDANCE RECORD:

Position	Councillor	Signature
President	Sarah El Fitori	Regrets
<i>Vice President Finance</i>	<i>Samuel Easby</i>	Present
<i>Vice President Internal</i>	<i>Aiden Rohacek</i>	Present
<i>Vice President Student Issues</i>	<i>Artur Estrela da Silva</i>	Present
<i>Vice President Student Life</i>	<i>Vacant</i>	N/A
Speaker	<i>Marc Denault</i>	Regrets
Deputy Speaker	<i>Joanna Olagoke-Daniel</i>	Present
Public Affairs (7)	Akua Antwi-Adjei	Present
	Yafet Bizuneh	Present
	Clara de Oliveira Borba	Present
	Emma Girvan	Absent
	Mujtaba Hussain	Present
	Aidan Kallioinen	Present
	Miles Rowe	Present
FASS (8)	Maira Bilgrami	Present
	Cass McIsaac	Present
	Zam Onwusah	Absent
	<i>Vacant</i>	N/A
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	<i>Vacant</i>	N/A
Business (3)	Gaurikh Appanah	Present
	Kieran Ritchie	Absent
	Joe Sanchez	Present
Science (6)	Ali Khan	Present
	Joanna Olagoke-Daniel	Present
	Pelumi Olagunju	Proxy through A. Antwi-Adjei
	Liam Orłowski	Present
	Dilkusha Sakiba	Absent
	Maheeshan Sivanesan	Present
Engineering and Design (7)	Yahya Al-Khateeb	Absent
	Nathan Bruni	Present
	Ethan Buckarev	Absent
	Marc Denault	Proxy through J. Olagoke-Daniel
	Jaden Desveaux	Proxy through D. Sayed Ahmed
	Dana Sayed Ahmed	Present
	Aryan Singh	Present
Special Student (1)	Adam Burke	Present
BOG	<i>Logan Breen</i>	Regrets
	<i>Yafet Bizuneh</i>	Present
GSA	<i>Jayesh Kundu</i>	Absent
RRRA	Mohammed Akif	Absent
CASG	Allan Buri	Represented by VP Internal Patrick

*Nonvoting members in *Italics*.

AGENDA:

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Approval of Past Minutes
4. Presentations/Delegations
5. Executive Reports
6. External Reports
7. Council Reports
8. Announcements and Correspondence
 - a. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest
 - b. Items for Information
 - c. Notice of Motion
9. Question Period
10. Regular Business
 - a. Unfinished Business
 - b. New Business
 - i. Motion to Ratify the Acting Vice President Student Life
 - ii. Motion to Adopt Guidelines for the VPSL Election
 - iii. Motion to Amend the Electoral Code
 - iv. Motion to Move In-Camera
11. 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.

2. Approval of the Agenda (C-24)

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

Moved: C. de Oliveira Borba

Seconded: A. Kallioinen

CARRIED unanimously

3. Approval of Past Minutes (C-25)

- a. Third Regular Meeting (26 August)

Be it resolved, that the minutes of the [August 26th meeting](#) of Council be approved.

Moved: A. Kallioinen

Seconded: A. Khan

4. Presentations/Delegations

5. Executive Reports

6. External Reports

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

7. Council Reports

- a. Constituency Reports
 - FPA
 - FASS
 - Business
 - Science
 - FED
- b. Committee Reports

8. Announcements and Correspondence

- a. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest
- b. Items for Information
- c. Notice of Motion

9. Question Period

10. Regular Business

- a. Unfinished Business:
- b. New Business:

Motion to Ratify the Acting Vice President Student Life (C-26)

Whereas, the Vice President Student Life, Nawaila Imtiaz, has resigned;

And whereas, as per S.13(1) of the *Executive Policy* (G-02), the Executive Council may appoint an acting Vice President, subject to ratification by Council;

And whereas, the Executive Council voted unanimously to appoint President El Fitori as the acting Vice President Student Life;

Be it resolved, that Council ratify Sarah El Fitori as acting Vice President Student Life until the time that a candidate is elected by Council.

Moved: C. de Oliveira Borba **Seconded:** C. Mclsaac

Motion failed

Motion to Adopt Guidelines for the VPSL Election (C-27)

Whereas, as per S.13(2) of the *Executive Policy* (G-02), the office of a Vice President must be filled not less than thirty days following the effective date of vacancy in accordance with the *Vice Presidential Elections Policy* (X-04);

And whereas, the *Vice-Presidential Elections Policy* (X-04) lacks any sections that cover the process for electing a Vice President outside of an Annual Members' Meeting.

And whereas, CUSA's Chief Returning Officer recommended creating temporary parameters for a Vice Presidential by-election;

Be it resolved, that Council approve a September by-election to fill the office of Vice President Student Life;

Be it further resolved, that said by-election be held in accordance with the *Vice Presidential Elections Policy* (X-04) and the *Electoral Code* (X-01);

Be it further resolved, that in the event of a conflict between this motion and the *Vice Presidential Elections Policy (X-04)* or the *Electoral Code (X-01)*, the parameters of this motion shall temporarily supersede the aforementioned policies until the conclusion of the election;

Be it further resolved, that nominations for Vice President Student Life shall open on September 23rd at 9:00 a.m. and close on September 30th at 11:59 p.m.;

Be it further resolved, that the campaign period shall open on October 3rd at 9:00 a.m.;

Be it further resolved, that, notwithstanding S.13(2) of the *Executive Policy (G-02)*, a special Council meeting be held on October 5th at 5:00 p.m. to fill the Vice Presidential vacancy;

Be it further resolved, that the September special Council meeting consist of the following events:

- A five-minute address to Council from each candidate
- A group-formatted question period for all candidates
- Balloting for the Vice Presidential elections

Moved: A. Kallioinen **Seconded:** A. Singh

CARRIED

Motion to Amend the Electoral Code (C-28)

Whereas, as per S.5(2) of the *Electoral Code (X-01)*, nominations for the by-election will open on the last Tuesday in September;

And whereas, the final Tuesday is September 24th, which comes before the September Council meeting on the 30th;

And whereas, with the current date, Council would be unable to proclaim a referendum or amend the election parameters until after nominations have opened;

And whereas, the voting period would fall during reading week, which could hinder GOTV initiatives;

And whereas, Connor Plante, the Chief Returning Officer, recommends shifting the by-election dates to the following timeline;

Be it resolved, that Council adopt a change to the dates of the 2024 By-election as follows:

- Nomination period: Monday September 23 9:00 am to Monday September 30 11:59 pm
- Validation of nominations: Monday September 30 5:01pm to Friday October 4 5:00pm
- Campaign period: Monday October 7 to Thursday October 17 5:00pm
- Voting period: Tuesday October 15 9:00am to Thursday October 17 5:00pm

Moved: C. McIsaac **Seconded:** D. Sayed Ahmed

CARRIED

Motion to Move In-Camera (C-29)

Be it resolved, that Council move *in camera* per s. 27 (g) of the *Council Rules of Order*.

Moved: N. Bruni **Seconded:** D. Sayed Ahmed

CARRIED unanimously

11. Adjournment

a. Motion to Adjourn to a Specific Time (C-30)

Be it resolved, that Council adjourns until 6:00 p.m. the 30th of September, and that this shall constitute for the purposes of the *Act* and our *Bylaws*, prior notice.

Moved: A. Patrick

Seconded: C. de Oliveria Borba