



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

**AGENDA OF THE
6th REGULAR (November)
CUSA COUNCIL MEETING**

25 November 2024, 6:00 PM EST, 608 Pigiarnik

Prepared by:
Governance and Council Operations Committee

ATTENDANCE RECORD:

Position	Councillor	Signature
President	Sarah El Fitori	Present
<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>Akua Antwi-Adjei</i>	Present
Speaker	<i>Marc Denault</i>	Present
Deputy Speaker	<i>Joanna Olagoke-Daniel</i>	Present
Public Affairs (7)	Yafet Bizuneh	Present
	Clara de Oliveira Borba	Present
	Emma Girvan	Present
	Mujtaba Hussain	Present
	Aidan Kallioinen	Present
	Miles Rowe	Present
	<i>Vacant</i>	N/A
FASS (8)	Maira Bilgrami	Present
	Cass McIsaac	Present
	Zam Onwusah	Absent
	<i>Vacant</i>	N/A
	<i>Vacant</i>	N/A
	<i>Vacant</i>	N/A
	<i>Vacant</i>	N/A
	<i>Vacant</i>	N/A

Business (3)	Gaurikh Appanah	Absent
	<i>Vacant</i>	N/A
	Joe Sanchez	Absent
Science (6)	Ali Khan	Present
	Joanna Olagoke-Daniel	Present
	Pelumi Olagunju	Proxy through C. Mclsaac
	Liam Orłowski	Absent
	Dilkusha Sakiba	Absent
	Maheeshan Sivanesan	Present
Engineering and Design (7)	Yahya Al-Khateeb	Absent
	Nathan Bruni	Present
	Ethan Buckarev	Absent
	Marc Denault	Present (speaker)
	Jaden Desveaux	Proxy through N. Bruni
	Dana Sayed Ahmed	Present
	Aryan Singh	Present
Special Student (1)	Adam Burke	Absent
BOG	<i>Logan Breen</i>	Absent
	<i>Yafet Bizuneh</i>	Present
GSA	<i>Jayesh Kundu</i>	Absent
RRRA	Mohammed Akif	Present
CASG	Allan Buri	Present

*Nonvoting members in *Italics*.

AGENDA:

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Approval of Past Minutes
4. Presentations/Delegations
 - a. Student Concerns over Haven Closure
5. Executive Reports
6. External Reports
7. Council Reports
8. Announcements and Correspondence
 - a. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest
 - b. Items for Information
 - i. U-Pass Update
 - c. Notice of Motion
9. Question Period
10. Regular Business
 - a. Unfinished Business
 - b. New Business
 - i. Motion to Appoint Students-at-large to the Appeals Committee
 - ii. Motion to Remove Councillor Ethan Buckarev from Council
 - iii. Motion to Endorse a Statement on the 1000-Day Anniversary of the Russian Invasion of Ukraine
 - iv. Motion to Conduct a Survey and Report on Instances of Anti-Arab Racism, Including Anti-Palestinian Racism, at Carleton University
 - v. Motion to Amend the CUSA 2025 Winter Term Election Dates
 - vi. Motion to go 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-58)

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

Moved: N. Bruni **Seconded:** N. Kallioinen

CARRIED unanimously

3. Approval of Past Minutes (C-59)

- a. Third Special Meeting (November 12th)

Be it resolved, that the minutes of the [November 12th](#) meeting of Council be approved.

Moved: A. Kallioinen **Seconded:** C. Mclsaac

CARRIED unanimously

4. Presentations/Delegations

- a. Student Concerns over Haven Closure

5. Executive Reports

Sarah El Fitori (President/CEO)

Month in Review:

- Met with the Mayor of Ottawa, Mark Sutcliff to discuss students transit concerns and set up more regular connections with the Mayor's office.
- Attended Multiple Board meetings and Subcommittee meetings
- Discussed and confirmed food hamper partnerships between the GSA and the USC.
- Planned a thrift event with the VPSL and assisted with ideas for FROST planning.
- Met with software developers to discuss options to integrate new software into our businesses.
- Worked with the board to create the “Business Transition and Upgrades” presentation which was presented to council during the special council meeting.
- Met with the Ollies and Haven managers multiple times throughout the month to discuss potential changes to the businesses.
- Worked with the finance manager to create a living document in the form of a spreadsheet that has a budget vs YTD spending breakdown for each department and each budget line.
- Worked with the Student Experience Manager to create placement/co-op opportunities for PSYC students in our service centers.
- Met with individual students to discuss student concerns, provide connections and share opportunities.

Month Ahead:

- Meet with each department head and provide them with a “finance checklist” and their YTD update of spending from their budgets.
- Work on the transition of Haven and the proposed upgrades of our businesses.
- Attend the upcoming CASG Meeting on December 2nd
- Hiring and onboarding for new Governance and Operations Manager.
- Attend UPASS discussions with Jeremy Brozowski and the VPSI.
- Attend the Universities Senate meeting on the 29th of November.
- Work with the VPSL and VPSI and RISE to help plan the International Student Breakfast.

Aiden Rohacek (VPI)

Month in Review:

- Launched the Clubs Hub
- Handled SimplyVoting requests
- Met with club leaders regarding concerns/inquiries
- Organized and attended the special Council meeting
- Reviewed early Fall funding with the SIF subcommittee
- Reviewed applications for the second funding phase with the Clubs Oversight Commission
- Created the [Clubs Oversight Commission Election and Recall Procedure](#)
- Began planning Winter Clubs Expo with the VPSL
- Met with the Office of Student Affairs regarding the University’s messaging surrounding the Sexual Violence Policy
- Attended the November Student Government Lunch
- Met with the GCOC twice to prepare agendas for the special and regular Council meetings this month
- Updated the CUSA website to reflect new committee compositions and moved where the committee minutes can be found
- Attended the 31st Board of Directors meeting

Artur Estrela da Silva (VPSI)

Month in Review:

- Met with the VPSL to discuss the International Student Breakfast
- Met with staff and addressed issues with AFCOM
- Met with the executive and Director of HR to discuss the job description for the Governance Manager position
- Met with MP Chad Collins to discuss our FHSA proposal
- Worked on a post about our advocacy priorities
- Held the first OSA Meeting
- Attended the CASA National Advocacy Committee
- Attended CASA's Governance Consultation
- Met with RISE to talk about student issues and support
- Organized all advocacy printed documents and resources
- Attended CASA's Federal Policy Committee consultation
- Attended Council's Special Meeting
- Assisted students with individual concerns
- Attended the Clubs Hub Opening
- Worked on re-publishing the Advocacy Concern Submission Form
- Held the Fifth AFCOM Meeting
- Worked on OSA Constitution edits
- Attended VPSL's FROST week plan presentation
- Met with Women's Centre coordinator to talk about student issues and support
- Replied to CASA form consultations
- Worked on the Sexual Violence Policy review consultation process
- Attended CASA Advocacy Training
- Met with execs to plan Haven closure messaging
- Met with student groups to discuss individual concerns
- Met with the Advocacy Team twice to discuss issues with OC Transpo
- Met with councilors to plan for the Sexual Violence Policy review consultation
- Presented CUSA's recommendations to the Sexual Violence Policy review
- Met with CDAC to discuss student issues and service centre support
- Reached out to the university to connect on research opportunities advocacy and the Think Tank
- Met with the Divestment Subcommittee

- Prepared for CASA's Advocacy Week

Next Month:

- Attend CASA's Advocacy Week
- Meet with the university and city council to address issues with the UPASS raise
- Work with the execs on better communicating Haven's closure
- Publish posts on our advocacy work (priorities and updates)
- Bring our SVP Recommendations forward
- Keep working with the divestment subcommittee
- Finalize updates to the OSA Constitution
- Keep working on the International Student Breakfast with the VPSL
- Address the feedback provided from service centres in our check ins
- Work on Housing 101 with the Think Tank

Akua Antwi-Adjei (VPSL)

Month in review

- Attended multiple meetings to align plans, ensure stakeholder collaboration, and finalize key event details.
- Focused on comprehensive planning for Frost Week, covering themes, activities, logistics, and stakeholder input.
- Booked venues for Frost Week and the thrift event to ensure accessibility and suitability.
- Delivered a presentation to the executive team, outlining Frost Week's schedule, plans, and goals, while gathering feedback for adjustments.
- Participated in a roadmap meeting to finalize Frost Week's event sequence and address logistical gaps.
- Collaborated with the athletics department to identify potential venues for larger or specialized activities during Frost Week.

- Confirmed vendor participation and resource availability for the thrift event.
- Finalized schedules for Frost Week and the thrift event, ensuring seamless transitions and avoiding scheduling conflicts.
- Engaged with service centers to invite collaboration and plan their involvement in Frost Week.
- Coordinated with the VPSI to finalize plans for the International Breakfast event, including performer outreach and logistical considerations.
- Partnered with the President, AVPCE, and AVPER to refine Frost Week's overall strategy and objectives.
- Met with Matthew Wason to explore opportunities for a collaborative Frost Week event.
- Collaborated with RRRRA programming to solidify plans for the Frost Carnival event.

Month ahead

- Finalized all Frost Week events, ensuring seamless planning and execution.
- Collaborated with the communications team to prepare promotional materials for Frost Week.
- Organized and executed the thrift event successfully.
- Conducted interviews and completed the hiring process for the AVPSE position.

Samuel Easby (VPF)

Month in review

- Emergency Council Meeting
- Board Meetings & Finance Committee
- Council Finance Committee Meetings
- Approved payments on Scotiabank
- Approved payments on FPARF
- Worked with AVP SF for budget
- Worked with AVP SF finance tracking

- Worked to plan new economic & financial discussion forum
- Worked With AVP SF for discount card promotion
- Met with Charlatan to talk about discount card
- Worked with clubs oversight to approve funding
- Met with accounts receivable to discuss plans to receive and send funding - Worked on 25/26 budget
- Attended student government lunch with university
- Attended joint finance committee meetings
- Attended exec meetings
- Worked on Haven related calculations
- Met with Student development manager to discuss past expenses
- Met with VP SL to discuss spending plans for Frost Week & more
- Communicated with Haven manager for budget information
- Met with Sprott Ace President to discuss joint project ideas
- Acquired new businesses for discount card
- Worked with AVP SF to plan a more accurate way to attribute CUSA events expenses to budget line

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
 - U-Pass Update
- c. Notice of Motion

9. Question Period

10. Regular Business

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

Motion to Remove Councillor Sakiba from the Finance, Fees, and Funds Committee (C-60)

Whereas, Councillor Sakiba has not attended any meetings of the Finance, Fees, and Funds Committee;

Whereas, there have been 5 meetings since August of the Finance, Fees, and Funds Committee;

Whereas, the Finance, Fees, and Funds Committee is engaging with privileged information related to CUSA finances and all other committee members have been devoted to the mandate of the committee;

Be It Resolved, that Council remove Councillor Sakiba from the Finance, Fees, and Funds Committee membership.

Moved: N. Bruni **Seconded:** A. Kallioinen

CARRIED, 1 abstention

Motion Regarding Haven's (C-61)

Whereas, there was a lack of transparency, as well as serious fiscal and personnel issues regarding the decision to shutdown Haven

And whereas, the undergraduate student body of Carleton University has clearly demonstrated that they wish for the space to remain open and are committed to supporting a transition to make that happen

And whereas, Council has a duty to take the concerns and recommendations of the student body and bring them to Council and make recommendations to the Board based on that feedback

Be it resolved that, Council urges the Board to immediately stop the conversion of Haven into a rental space

Be it further resolved that, Council urges the Finance, Fees, and Funds Committee, as well as the Finance and Governance Committee, alongside the executive, to develop a plan for the implementation of a general election referendum, which would table a \$9 increase to the existing General CUSA Fee

Be it further resolved that, assuming the approval of that referendum by the student body at-large, the Board begin drafting a concrete reopening plan for Haven, to be presented to Council prior to the beginning of the general election period, and under the assumption that the referendum passes successfully in the general election period

Be it further resolved that, as part of a potential reopening plan, CUSA undertakes public consultation with Haven users, previous and current Haven staff, and the student body at-large

Moved: A. Kallioinen

Seconded: D. Sayed Ahmed

8 for, 7 against. *CARRIED*

Motion to Appoint a Student-at-large to the Appeals Committee (C-62)

Whereas, there is a vacant position for a student-at-large on the Appeals Committee;

And whereas, it is the responsibility of Council to fill said vacancy;

And whereas, a form was circulated amongst the public to find interested students-at-large;

And whereas, the following students-at-large have put forward their names:

- Jian Ning Yang
- Mondonna Pourjam
- Eden Kim
- Marie-Danielle N'guessan

Be it resolved, that Council appoint Marie-Danielle N'guessan to the Appeals Committee.

Moved: A. Kallioinen **Seconded:** C. de Oliveira Borba

CARRIED unanimously

Motion to Remove Councillor Ethan Buckarev from Council (C-63)

Whereas, Councillor Buckarev has missed a total of eight (8) Council meetings and all committee meetings without submitting a proxy or regrets, in addition to being unresponsive to email communications;

And Whereas, the Speaker of Council has followed the Councillor Accountability and Discipline Policy (G-10) in providing multiple warnings to the Councillor on attendance;

And Whereas, written notice to the Councillor has been provided regarding a motion for his removal pursuant to sections 5.7 through 5.10 of the CUSA Bylaws;

Be it resolved that, Councillor Buckarev be removed from his position effective immediately and the vacancy be contested at the next possible opportunity.

Moved: M. Denault

Seconded: C. de Oliveira Borba

CARRIED unanimously

Motion to Endorse a Statement on the 1000-Day Mark of the Russian Invasion of Ukraine (C-64)

Whereas, as of November 19th, it has been one-thousand days since the full-scale Russian invasion of Ukraine;

And whereas, we need to continue to raise awareness about this ongoing invasion;

And whereas, CUSA is the representative of student voices on campus and has an obligation to support Ukrainian students;

Be it resolved, that Council endorse the following statement:

Statement from the Carleton University Students' Association Marking 1000 Days of Russian Aggression in Ukraine

On November 19th, we marked 1000 days of Russia's unprovoked aggression against Ukraine. As the Carleton University Students' Association (CUSA), we stand in solidarity with the Ukrainian people, particularly those within our campus community. The war has caused immense suffering, loss, and displacement, and we



unequivocally condemn Russia's violations of international law and human rights. We call for accountability and continue to support Ukraine's right to sovereignty, democracy, and peace.

At Carleton, we are committed to ensuring that all students—particularly those from conflict zones—feel safe, supported, and heard. We recognize the trauma that war brings, and we stand firm in our belief that every student deserves an environment where they can feel welcomed and valued. We encourage all members of our campus community to stay informed, attend events, and actively contribute to creating a more inclusive and supportive space for those affected by conflict, including our Ukrainian and other international students. Together, we can stand for justice, peace, and unwavering support for Ukraine.

Be it further resolved, that said statement is posted on the CUSA Instagram and website.

Moved: M. Rowe **Seconded:** A. Kallioinen

CARRIED unanimously

Motion to Conduct a Survey and Report on Instances of Anti-Arab Racism, Including Anti-Palestinian Racism, at Carleton University (C-65)

Whereas, racism and discrimination have no place in the Carleton community,

And whereas, reports and anecdotal evidence suggest that anti-Arab racism, including anti-Palestinian racism, is a lived reality for some students at Carleton University,

And whereas, CUSA has a responsibility to represent and advocate for the wellbeing of all undergraduate students, including ensuring that their concerns and experiences are addressed,

Be it Resolved, that the CUSA advocacy team shall develop a survey to collect input from the student population on instances of anti-Arab racism, including anti-Palestinian racism.

Be it further resolved, the survey ensure anonymity and confidentiality for students and will be posted and promoted through CUSA's social media platforms and communication channels to maximise student participation,

Be it further resolved, the CUSA advocacy team work with the Divestment Subcommittee to draft a report to present the results of the findings by no later than three weeks following the closure of the survey, provided that the survey receive no less than forty responses,

Be it further resolved, the Divestment Subcommittee, including the Vice President Student Issues, prepare a comprehensive report that highlights key findings, including the prevalence and nature of anti-Arab racism, including anti-Palestinian racism, on campus,

Be it further resolved, CUSA publishes the findings of the report on its website and social media before the February General Council meeting

Be it further resolved, the Vice President of Student Issues along with the Divestment Subcommittee shall present the findings to the Carleton University administration, along with recommendations to address the concerns raised in the report,

Be it further resolved, the Divestment Subcommittee shall follow up with the University administration to ensure appropriate steps are taken to combat anti-Arab racism on campus.

Moved: A. Kallioinen **Seconded:** D. Sayed Ahmed

CARRIED unanimously

Motion to Amend the CUSA 2025 Winter Term Election Dates (C-66)

Whereas, CUSA has had its financial situation recently communicated to Council and members of the Carleton Community;

Whereas, members of the Finance, Fees, and Funds Committee and members of the CUSA Board Finance and Governance Committee have collaborated over referendum questions that aim to bring additional support to CUSA in lieu of CUSA's recent financial situation;

Whereas, CUSA has decided to merge their referendum question process with the University's referendum process;

Whereas, the University will pose the referendum questions for the Winter 2025 term in February and March;

Whereas, CUSA's presidential and councillor elections are slated to open in January and conclude in February;

Whereas, concerns have been raised over the impact these referendum questions could have on the future of CUSA and that incoming and incumbent student leaders should have the opportunity to include their stances on these questions in their campaigns; and

Whereas, the current CUSA election cycle does not match up with the University's referendum cycle and a change would be required by Council to



ensure the CUSA elections and the Carleton referendum question campaigns happens at the same time.

Be it resolved, CUSA amend its election cycle to the following dates:

Nomination Period: 9:00am Monday February 10th 2025 - 5:00pm Monday February 24th 2025

Verification Period: 5:01pm Monday February 24th 2025 – 5:00pm Friday February 28th 2025

Campaign Period: 9:00am Monday March 3rd 2025 – 5:00pm Thursday March 6th 2025

Polling Period: 9:00am Tuesday March 11th 2025 – 5:00pm Thursday March 13th 2025

Be it further resolved, the [Electoral Policy](#) be amended with the amendments in the attached document.

Be it further resolved, CUSA amend its executive election cycle to the following dates:

Nomination Period: 9:00am Monday March 17th 2025 – 5:00pm Monday March 31st 2025

Verification Period: 5:01pm Monday March 31st 2025 – 5:00pm Friday April 4th 2025

Campaigning Period 9:00am Monday April 7th 2025 – AGM part 2

Be it further resolved, the Annual General Meeting dates be adjusted to the following:

Part 1: Monday March 31st 2025 at 6pm

Part 2: Sunday April 13th 2025 at 6pm

Part 3: Monday April 14th 2025 at 6pm

Be it further resolved, the [Vice Presidential Elections Policy](#) be amended with the amendments in the attached document.

Moved: N. Bruni **Seconded:** C. de Oliveira Borba

Motion tabled unanimously

Motion to Move In Camera (C-67)

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

Moved: N. Bruni **Seconded:** A. Kallioinen

CARRIED unanimously

Entered in-camera at 9:59 p.m.

11. Adjournment

a. Motion to Adjourn to a Specific Time (C-68)

Be it resolved, that Council adjourns until 6:00 p.m. the 27th of January, and that this shall constitute for the purposes of the *Act* and our *Bylaws*, prior notice.

Moved: N. Bruni **Seconded:** C. McIsaac

Adjourned at 11:00 PM