



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

**AGENDA OF THE  
5th SPECIAL (JANUARY)  
CUSA COUNCIL MEETING**

13 January 2024, 6:00 PM EST, Minto 5050

**Prepared by:**  
Council and Governance Operations Committee

**ATTENDANCE RECORD:**

| <b>Position</b>                             | <b>Councillor</b>             | <b>Signature</b>             |
|---|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>President</b>                            | Sarah El Fitori               | Present                      |
| <b><i>Vice President Finance</i></b>        | <i>Samuel Easby</i>           | Present                      |
| <b><i>Vice President Internal</i></b>       | <i>Aiden Rohacek</i>          | Present                      |
| <b><i>Vice President Student Issues</i></b> | <i>Artur Estrela da Silva</i> | Present                      |
| <b><i>Vice President Student Life</i></b>   | <i>Akua Antwi-Adjei</i>       | Absent                       |
| <b>Speaker</b>                              | <i>Marc Denault</i>           | Present                      |
| <b>Deputy Speaker</b>                       | <i>Joanna Olagoke-Daniel</i>  | Present                      |
| <b>Public Affairs (7)</b>                   | Yafet Bizuneh                 | Absent                       |
|   | Clara de Oliveira Borba       | Proxy through D. Sayed Ahmed |
|   | Emma Girvan                   | Present                      |
|   | Mujtaba Hussain               | Proxy through A. Khan        |
|   | Aidan Kallioinen              | Proxy through N. Bruni       |
|   | Miles Rowe                    | Absent                       |
|   | <i>Vacant</i>                 | N/A                          |
| <b>FASS (8)</b>                             | Maira Bilgrami                | Proxy through C. Mclsaac     |
|   | Cass Mclsaac                  | Present                      |
|   | Zam Onwusah                   | Present                      |
|   | <i>Vacant</i>                 | N/A                          |
|   | <i>Vacant</i>                 | N/A                          |
|   | <i>Vacant</i>                 | N/A                          |

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



\*Nonvoting members in *Italics*.

**AGENDA:**

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Approval of Past Minutes
4. Presentation/Delegations
  - a. Operations and Finances Presentation
5. Question and Answer Period
6. Regular Business
  - a. Unfinished Business
  - b. New Business
    - i. Motion to Endorse Referenda Question
7. 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-73)

***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:** C. McIsaac

*CARRIED unanimously*

## 3. Approval of Past Minutes (C-74)

- a. Fourth Special (December) Meeting (December 10th)

**Be it resolved**, that the minutes of the [December 10th](#) meeting of Council be approved.

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

*CARRIED unanimously*

#### **4. Presentations/Delegations**

- a. Operations and Finances Presentation

#### **5. Regular Business**

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

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### **Motion to Endorse Referenda Question (C-75)**

**Whereas**, there have been changing external-environmental circumstances that have impacted CUSA's ability to operate in a post-COVID environment;

**Whereas**, under current circumstances, the CUSA Board and CUSA Executive have raised concerns over the financial security of the organization and its ability to serve students;

**Whereas**, the CUSA Council Finance, Fees, and Funds Committee and the CUSA Board Finance & Governance Committee have collaborated with the CUSA Board and the CUSA Executive to identify a path forward to secure CUSA's Financial and Operational future in the face of ongoing challenges;

**Whereas**, the solution presented lies in posing the referendum question declared within this motion;

**Be it resolved**, the CUSA Council endorse the following referendum question:



The Carleton University Students' Association (CUSA) represents and advocates for the needs of undergraduate students by providing essential services, programming, and opportunities for involvement. CUSA currently operates six service centres, the Unified Support Centre, and student-run businesses such as Ollie's, Rooster's, and The Wing. Additionally, CUSA administers the Health and Dental Plan and provides funding for over 275 certified undergraduate clubs.

Currently, the CUSA fee is one of the lowest in the province. The existing fee is no longer sufficient to maintain current services and programming levels due to rising costs from inflation, rent, and operational expenses. Without a levy increase, there will be further reductions in CUSA's services. CUSA is proposing a \$22.68 increase to the student levy fee to ensure CUSA's services can continue to support you.

To ensure CUSA's services continue without further reductions, do you support an increase of \$22.68 per term to the CUSA student levy fee?

**Moved:** S. El Fitori **Seconded:** N. Bruni

*16 in favour - 1 against*

*Motion passed*

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## 6. Adjournment



a. Motion to Adjourn to a Specific Time (C-76)

***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. Mclsaac