



March 3rd, 2023
Council Meeting Minutes
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CASG MINUTES -- February CASG Meeting on March 03rd, 2023

Attendance

Executive Members

- Dakota Livingston – President, CASG
- Gray Simms – Vice President Internal, CASG
- Francesca Lepore – Vice President Operations, CASG
- Nora Draper – Vice President Academic, CASG

Department Representatives

- Saiyara Elahi
- Victoria Metcalf
- Taran Allan-McKay
- Sydney Weaver
- Sydney Logan
- Carley Pompa
- Moobinah Faisal
- Max Smith
- Ellis Bissonnette
- Zaneta Wilkinson
- Richa Duphare
- Charlie Brockmann
- Maria Giulia Testa
- Cassie Klien
- Nikita Yovchev
- Michael Huynh
- Christopher Pratt
- Carley Pompa
- Allan Buri
- Robin Feeney
- Gabriella Pickton
- Christie Charles
- Belle Henderson
- Jesse Osborne Proxy for Ciaran McDonald-Jensen
- Armaan Bhullar Proxy for Michael Shaikhet
- Alexis Terrington Proxy for Bronson Hubbard
- Shelby Wensink Proxy for Elyse Rogers

Faculty Coordinators

Faculty of Engineering and Design:

- Ryan Campbell proxy for Alexandria MacDonald

Other Attendees

- Amrita LaRose – Council Clerk
- Tyson Scott – Council Chair
- Dotty Nwakanma

Regrets

- Annie Tuba
- Daniella Akat
- Ben-Albright-Peakall
- Liam Kavanagh
- Akeel Samji
- Ainsley Lewis

Absences

- Haley McDonald
- Sarah Muscolino
- Ben Lieu
- Josh Garraz
- Chris Pratt
- Cassandra Bellefeuille
- Steve Mansour
- Ally Krueger-Kischak
- Sean Cruz
- Solenne Ntowo Djocgoue
- Jessica Bertoni
- Tori Metcalf
- Robin Feeney
- Angus Jull
- Akeel Samji
- Rafique Siddique
- Angelique Bernard
- Bonnie Rebelo de La Rocque
- Massi Mirella
- Aaditya Chopra
- Forest Anderson
- Rizzieri Balestra
- Charlotte Turnne
- Megan Umubyeyi

- Emilia Callanan
- Ty Summers
- Akeel Samji
- Angelique Bernard
- Bonnie Rebelo de La Rocque
- Massi Mirella
- Megan Umubyeyi
- Emilia Callanan
- Mihir Bissessur
- Kiri Sidhu
- Sarah El Fitori

Call to Order

- Chair Scott called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm on 03/03/2023.

Item 1: Land Acknowledgment

- Chair Scott provided a land acknowledgement at 5:30 pm on 03/03/2023.

Item 2: Motion to Approve the agenda

- Chair Scott requested a motion to approve the agenda for the March 03rd, 2023, CASG Council Meeting.
Moved: Sydney Weaver **Seconded:** Allan Buri
In favour: 100% Abstain: 0% Against: 0%
Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item 3: Motion to Approve Previous CASG Minutes from January 2023 CASG Council Meeting

- Chair Scott requested a motion to approve the minutes for the January 2023 CASG Council Meeting.
Moved: Belle Henderson **Seconded:** Taran Allan-McKay
In favour: 100% Abstain: 0% Against: 0%
Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item 4: Declaration of Conflict of Interest

No Declaration of Conflict of Interest.

Item 5: Presentations/Delegations

Item 5 a. Presentations/Delegations

- Dotty Nwakanma from Carleton University's Registrar's office was present and gave a presentation about the new First-Year Grading Policy.
 - The first-year grading policy 5.4.3 was passed this year. This policy is for new and first-year Carleton Undergraduate Degree students with no previous post-secondary education. In other words, this policy is for students who are entering Carleton straight out of high school. The policy allows students who are eligible for the first two terms to designate two credits for their courses for a passing course. The designated grade would be labelled as CR. Due to Carleton's compassionate grading during the pandemic, students could designate courses as 'SAT' grades, which would help with their CGPA. Therefore, the first-year grading policy stemmed from the 'SAT' passionate grading policy.
 - At a student's request, if a student fails a class, the grade will automatically be converted to NR (no record), which will not impact their CGPA. Additionally, failed courses will not show up on the student's transcript. However, the Registrar's Office will keep the course grade for their own records. Also, a student's transcript will not show WDN (withdrawn).
 - This policy is not capped per term. However, students must wait until their second term to make the decision to convert any of their grades to CR.
 - This policy was one of CASG's proposals that were approved and modified.
- Clarification points:
 - This first-grade policy does not apply to students in their second year at Carleton University and taking first-year courses.
 - This first-year grading policy does not affect students' CGPA. However, for scholarships, the Awards and Financial Aid office will look at the student's underlying percentage grades.
 - This first-year grading policy does not apply to students with any previous post-secondary background. The idea is that this policy is to help with the transition into university. Thus, it is for students with no prior university experience.
 - If students have difficulty calculating their grades, they can contact the Academic Advising Centre to receive assistance with calculating their grades.
 - If a student takes a semester off but is still in their first year, they can still use the first-year grading policy.
 - The deadline for this first grading policy: opens for students at the end of April, and they have a whole term to decide whether or not they want to convert any of their grades. This ensures that students see their final grades from both semesters before deciding.
 - If a student has a scholarship, the scholarship will use the percentage to be converted.

Item 6: Announcements and Correspondence

- No report provided.

Item 7: President's Report

- Executive Reports
 - President, Dakota Livingston
 - Dakota expressed gratitude for the CASG council and everyone's hard work and dedication.
 - Dakota and Nora attended the Science Society Gala for their annual sponsorship.
 - Dakota also attended the Senate meeting.
 - In the meeting, they discussed the idea of not having due dates that fall on Remembrance Day and Truth and Reconciliation Day. The Senate expressed that there is flexibility for The Truth and Reconciliation and Remembrance day. However, it is up to students to ask for accommodations from their professors.
 - Looking Forward: The date has been set for the upcoming CASG elections. Keep an eye out for CASG's social media accounts as more information about elections will be posted. Additionally, CASG will be hosting 'Student Success Week.'

Item 8: Vice President's Reports

- **Item 8a:** Vice President Internal, Gray Simms
 - The executive team went on a bonding trip.
 - Gray reviewed CASG Bylaw policies.
 - Since CASG Elections are coming up, Gray went through the Chief Electoral policies and hired a CEO.
 - Our March meeting will be on April 1st at Noon. More details will be sent out to CASG's council.
 - Looking Forward: Gray will be focusing on CASG elections and policies.

Item 7 b: Vice President of Operations, Francesca Lepore

- The Financial Committee met.
- Four CASG sponsorships have been approved. The extra funding is from the CASG sponsorship tab from last year.
- Francesca attended the RRRA February council on behalf of CASG.
- Looking forward: Francesca plans on distributing the sponsorship money to the recipients. Also, Francesca plans to work on a campaign and attend the upcoming Student Government Lunch.

Item 7 c: Vice President of Academic, Nora Draper

- Nora worked on several projects.

- AIF had its first and second funding periods. The second funding period was extended to March 5th, 2023, allowing for more students to apply.
- Scholarships will be open until March 14th, 2023.
- Looking Ahead: Nora plans to meet with the Scholarship Committee to discuss scholarships and review submitted applications.

Item 9: Coordinator Reports

- No report provided.

Item 10: RRRR Report

- No report provided.

Item 11: GSA Report

- No report provided.

Item 12: CUSA Report

- No report provided.

Item 13: Board of Governors Report

- No report provided.

Item 14: Senate Report

- Dakota attended the Senate Meeting
 - The University’s Academic Plan was presented in the Senate Meeting. Students can provide feedback on the Senate website.

Item 14: Committee Reports

- Minutes from the Governance review committee
 - Motion to amend bylaws
- Minutes from the Financial Committee
 - Several committees and societies were provided sponsorship funding.

Item 16: Constituency Reports

- No report provided.

Item 17: New Business

ITEM 17.a: Motion to Approve the Writ of Elections for the 2023 CASG General Election

Preamble:

Be it resolved that the 2023 CASG Writ of Elections be approved by Council.

Moved: Micheal Huynh

Seconded: Belle Henderson

In favour: 80.8 % Abstain: 19.2% Against: 0%

Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item 18: Introduction of ByLaw/Policy

- No report provided.

Item 19: Reconsideration of ByLaw//Policy

ITEM 19.a: Motion to Amend the Carleton Academic Student Government ByLaws

Preamble:

Be it resolved that council adopt the amended ByLaws of the Carleton Academic Student Government as recommended by the Governance Review Committee.

Moved: Sydney Weaver **Seconded:** Victoria Metcalf

In favour: 91.3% Abstain: 8.7% Against: 0%

Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item 20: Unfinished Business and Deferred/Tabled Items

- No report provided.

Item 21: Notice of Motion

- No report provided.

Item 22: Other Business

- No report provided.

Item 23: Question Period

- Question about AIF, where is funding available?
 - Francesca clarified that funding would be sent out soon.

Item 24: Adjournment.

- Chair Scott requested a motion to adjourn the December Council Meeting at 6:30 pm until the following CASG meeting

Motion Passed Unanimously.