



January 28, 2022  
Council Meeting Minutes

Prepared by: Kayla Clark, Council Clerk

## MINUTES-January 2022

### **Attendance**

#### Executive Members

Jennifer Ramnarine (President)

Dakota Livingston (Vice President Internal)

Vanessa Buecking (Vice President Operations)

Pierce Burch (Vice President Academic)

#### Faculty Coordinators

Siena Pacheco (Faculty of Public Affairs)

Michael Shoresh (Faculty of Arts and Social Science)

#### Departmental Representatives

#### **Faculty of Public Affairs:**

Jorja Darrington

Anthony Valenti

Carley Pompa

Emma Rajala

Stef Burch

Will Smith

Ally Kruger-Kischak

Davin Caratao

Carley Pompa

Meika Clarke

Keana Cavero

Ben Beiles

Seun Aduwo

#### **Faculty of Arts and Social Science**

Kevin Caswell

Amrita LaRose

Sarah Muscolino

Nicholas Surges

Christie Charles

Caedyn Bouwman

Ashley Brunelle

Tyson Scott

Em Madole

**Faculty of Science**

Madena Sherzad

Anjali Patel

Jay McCracken

Nishi Prajapati

Mackenzie Huckvale

Mandi Highfield

Aishwarya Upadhyayulla

**Faculty of Engineering and Design**

Robin Feeney

Bailey Lenihan

Nishi Prajapati

Daniel Relleve

Irbaz Rehman

Erwin Huang

Shaun Seneviratne

Xavier Haziza

Daniel Relleve

**Sprott**

Yash Gandhi

Other Attendees

Olivia Hobbs (Council Chair)

Kayla Clark (Council Clerk)

Benjamin Lieu (Equity Officer)

Gialina Jiang (RRRA)

Kathy McKinley (BOG)

Mark Ramzy (Charlatan)

Melissa Elizabeth

## Call to Order

- Olivia called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm on 28/01/2022

## Approval of the Agenda

- Olivia requested a motion to approve the Agenda
  - Moved: Jennifer Ramnarine    Seconded: Pierce Burch
- Olivia requested approval of previous minutes
  - Motion Passed: Unanimous

## Reports:

- Executive Reports
  - Jennifer Ramnarine (President)
    - Provided an update on the international student relief fund and application that she has been working on in collaboration with Valentina, VP Student Issues of CUSA
    - Jennifer and other students leaders met with the Faculty Deans and other university administrative professionals to present the results from the student experience survey launched to CUSA and CASG councillors
      - The recommendations included flexible and compassionate grading, reducing the number of assignments given, increased accountability for professors, including up-to-date and relevant learning materials, accessible video lectures for students with disabilities, recommended free software and textbook access, and updates about field course requirements for Earth Science and Biology students
  - Dakota Livingston (VP Internal)
    - Announced that there will be an Equity Training facilitated by Carleton's Department of Equity and Inclusive Communities on February 11th from 11:30-1:00. This is mandatory for councillors to attend and receive their CCR credit.
    - Shared that equity officers have successfully been onboarded and can be reached at their new email: [casg.equityofficers@gmail.com](mailto:casg.equityofficers@gmail.com)
    - Met with the governance committee on January 10th to review the Bylaws, the Constitution and the Policy Compendium.
    - Attended the meeting this morning with student leaders and the Faculty Deans
    - Provided an update on the elections timeline including striking and filling the Hiring Board tonight
  - Vanessa Buecking (VP Operations)
    - Provided a mid-year review of the budget
      - Major changes include moving \$700 to sponsorship

- Confirmed that AIF funding has been sent to those who applied and were successful
- Announced a workshop on February 15th in collaboration with Career Services. This workshop will focus on returning to campus and transferable skills
- Pierce Burch (VP Academic)
  - Met with his AIF Committee to pass funding for clubs and capstone projects
  - There have been difficulties with accessing his email, so if you are struggling to get in contact with him, please resend your email or send to [pierceburch@cmail.carleton.ca](mailto:pierceburch@cmail.carleton.ca)
  - Opened AIF funding for the winter term
  - Shared an update on the consultations and work going into preparing the Affirmative Action Scholarship program to reward students for involvement within the community
- Coordinator Reports
  - Mackenzie (Science)
    - Announced that Sci Soc's awards program has been opened for the Faculty of Science.
    - Encouraged Science councillors to let their peers know
- Campus Organization Reports
  - RRRR
    - Gialina provided an update on the return to campus in February and how residence student numbers are increasing
    - RRRR's election planning is underway and they have hired the CEO and DEO
      - Changes to the elections process include the permanent addition of independent candidates and ranked voting systems
    - RRRR has created a scholarship program for residence students that will be launching soon
    - RRRR is now offering free feminine hygiene products in residence buildings around campus
    - RRRR is in the process of planning a residence formal, if COVID restrictions allow for events.
  - GSA
    - No report.
  - CUSA
    - No report.
  - Board of Governors
    - Kathy McKinley reminded CASG that Undergraduate Governor elections are taking place on Monday and Tuesday.
    - The candidate bios can be found on the website
    - The next meeting will take place on March 10th, 2022.

- Senate Report
  - Kathy announced a call for nominations for 1-year student positions on the Senate
    - She highly recommends CASG Councillors apply as they fit the requirements and have a good knowledge of university administration processes
  - Kathy shared information on the first-year grading policy that will be presented to Senate
    - The current policy allows for UNSAT to automatically be applied to failing grades in first-year so that there is no record on the transcript. If a student receives the credit, but it is a low grade, the option will exist to say 'Credit' as opposed to the letter grade to avoid harsh impacts on a first-year student's CGPA
  - Kathy provided an update on enrolment numbers
    - First-year domestic enrolment increased
    - International enrolment decreased
    - Retention and graduation rates increased
  - Kathy shared that there has been significant progress on the Kinamagawin initiative
  - Finally, Kathy reminded Council of the return to campus on February 7
- Committee Reports
  - No report.
- Constituency Reports
  - No report.
- Items for Information
  - Guest Speaker, Jamie Sadgrove works with the Carleton Trans Advocacy Group (CTAG)
    - CTAG has created a document for the university, titled [“Calls to Action”](#)
    - Jamie also shared their contact information:  
[jamie.sadgrove@cmail.carleton.ca](mailto:jamie.sadgrove@cmail.carleton.ca)

### **Question Period:**

- Councillor Nicholas Surges asked about the possibility of changing the academic and financial drop date due to the delayed date to return to campus
  - Since students were informed of the return to campus timeline before the withdrawal date, both drop dates will remain the same since they can only be changed by Senate
  - Jennifer shared that CASG has been working on adding a third withdrawal date to allow students more time to see their progress in the course and make an informed decision about dropping the course.
    - Councillor Tyson Scott shared a concern that classes switched from in-person to online and asked if this lead to the decision to go back in-person

- Councillor Anthony Valenti asked if there were opportunities for CASG to advertise the dates for academic and financial withdrawals
  - Jennifer answered and shared she would ask the graphic designer to prepare this
- Councillor Shaun Seneviratne asked about the confidentiality of the first-year grading policy being presented to Senate.
  - Kathy shared that since the Senate Bidners are public and the meetings are open for all, that this information is public and can be shared with constituents.
- Councillor Christie Charles asked about the consequences of professors who make the decision to remain online after the return to campus
  - Kathy suggested reaching out to the Department Head of Faculty Dean because the professor cannot make that decision.

**Votes:**

- Motion to Amend the CASG Bylaws and Policy Compendium
  - **Moved:** Dakota Livingston **Seconded:** Davin Caratao
  - Motion Passed:** (87:0:13)
- Motion to Strike and Fill Hiring Board  
 Hiring Board Members: Seun Aduwo, Nicholas Surges, Will Smith, Caedyn Bouwman, Antony Valentini, Ally Krueger-Kischak
  - **Moved:** Dakota Livingston **Seconded:** Vanessa Buecking
  - Motion Passed:** (77:0:23)

**Adjournment:**

- Olivia requested a motion to adjourn the December Council Meeting
  - **Moved:** Tyson Scott **Seconded:** Xavier Haziza