



Meeting Minutes

4th Meeting of the 2024-2025 CASG Council

Tuesday, January 28th @ 6:30 pm

In-Person

608 Pigiarnvik, Carleton University

Prepared by: Aidan Patrick, Vice President Internal

Attendance (56)

Executive Members

- Allan Buri – President, CASG
- Aidan Patrick – Vice President Internal, CASG
- Rhea Treasure – Vice President Operations, CASG
- Alison Kocsis – Vice President Academic, CASG

Department Representatives

- Sophie Sattolo
- Emma Girvan
- Alexzander Thompson
- Lujain Al-Zayadi for Yasmin Omar
- Honorora Murphy for Madeleine Woodburn
- Emma Peirce
- Kendall Petersen
- Michael Huynh
- Stella Duncan
- Bien Adams
- Kuma Buoy
- Samantha Monastero
- Asmaa Alsalman
- Ruth Nobossi
- Ashley Paiva
- Jaylene Stewart
- Clara House
- Gerardo Maldonado Jimenez
- Jordan Habbick
- Ana Jankowski
- Sienna Moyer
- Anabeth Perry for Mia Spartalis
- Sean Maguire
- Nishtha Hurrydass
- Isabel Razpopova
- Isabel Cheng
- David Matar
- Nolan Giroux-Laplane
- Liam Downey-Pollard
- Chloe Titco
- Vijay Thirunavukkarasurajah
- Emre Alper

- Jordan Trach
- Audrey Ann Awuah
- Jesse Osborne
- Connor Allan
- Mia Smith
- Nathaniel Bruni
- Xavier Haziza
- Kyra Fingas
- Laetitia Fazah
- Gabrielle Lachance

Faculty Coordinators

Faculty of Public Affairs:

- Ellize Manzo

Faculty of Arts and Social Science:

- Arleth Lugo Ruiz

Faculty of Science:

- Richard Kim

Faculty of Engineering and Design:

- Mircea Pretotesoiu

Faculty of Business:

- Karim El Jamil

Other Attendees

- Nkosi Mhlanga – Council Chair
- Nabz Bilgrami - Equity Officer
- Isabella Alma - Equity Officer
- Kathy McKinley - University Secretariat

Regrets

- Nathan Harlan
- Anshul Kumar
- Dhvani Pandya
- Rebekah Waddell
- Gail Cardoza
- Keira Banks
- Shri Tungaturthi
- Pine Kearns
- Farha Ahmed Gomaa

Absences

- Faith Lam
- Aidan Kallioinen/Noureen Moghadam
- Bianca Darie Schulze Torres
- Tamim Ansar
- Max Schnider
- Matthew Beaton
- Oluwanishola Oluyemi
- Nathasha Fernando

Call to Order

- Nkosi Mhlanga called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm on January 28th, 2025.

Item 1: Land Acknowledgement

Item 2: Motion to Approve the Agenda

Be it resolved that the agenda be approved as written.

Moved: Ashley Paiva Seconded: Nathan Harlan

In favor: 100% Abstain: 0% Against: 0 %

Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item 3: Motion to Approve Past Minutes

A vote was launched to approve the minutes from the November 2024 CASG Council meeting

Be it resolved that the minutes from the November 2024 meeting of CASG Council be approved as written.

Moved: Nathan Harlan Seconded: Nishtha Hurrydass

In favor: 100 % Abstain: 0 % Against: 0 %

Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item 3b: Motion to Fill Biology Seat

Be it resolved that Laetitia Fazah fill the empty Biology seat

Moved: Nathaniel Bruni Seconded: Kendall Petersen

Item 4: Declaration of Conflict of Interest

No reports.

Item 5: Announcements and Correspondence

CUASA Presentation

- Discussed the potential of an upcoming strike
- Outlined what actions would be taken in the event of a strike

Questions From Council:

Q: Will a strike after midterms put unnecessary stress on students?

A: If it creates problems, write to CUASA

Q: What should we take away from this? To talk with university admin about.

A: All program board admins already have seats on CUASA already, word of mouth spreading conditions could impact enrollment which is what the university really cares about.

Q: How can we show solidarity?

A: Talk to your CUASA representative, if we come to a strike: Picket, and spread the word.

President Buri: CASG does not pick sides in a labour strike. In the past the university struck a committee to help accommodate students, CASG would help with this. As of last year this is no longer the case as the university appealed this.

Q: What happens with students who already have accommodations, what protections will be put in place?

A: This issue is high up on the radar. This will be a long negotiation process so there will be lots of negotiating and planning in this regard

Q: What is the impact from a co-op perspective?

A: It is unknown, however probably unaffected.

Item 6: President's Report

Report given to Council by CASG President, Allan Buri

- Updates on several external advocacy files, including recent presentation to the Undergraduate Affairs Committee, meetings with the University Librarian, and the University Registrar

- Updates on campaign to increase compliance with Academic Regulation 5.2, including recent survey results

Item 7: Vice President's Reports

Item 7a: Report given to Council by CASG Vice President Internal, Aidan Patrick

- Hired new Biology Representative
- Governance meeting to discuss later Items
- Upcoming Governance planning
 - Equity Code
 - Policy Overhaul
- Found next meeting dates
 - Wednesday, February 26th
 - Friday, March 28th

Item 7b: Report given to Council by CASG Vice President Operations, Rhea Treasure

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Item 7c: Report given to Council by CASG Vice President of Academic, Alison Kocsis

- Working on Student Voices Articles to get them ready to be published
- Getting Study Snacks ready for February 10th
- Determining the Scholarships with the committee

Item 8: Coordinators' Reports

FED

- Most Departments are looking at a 50% TA cut and a 75% cut in Contract Instructors (Not Architecture)
- Most of the FED Budget goes towards Salary
- Moving TA's away from marking
 - More Labs and Auto Grading
- Exam Scheduling too close together.
 - Collecting data from students to show data to exam services.

Item 9: RRRA Report:

No reports.

Item 10: GSA Report:

No reports.

Item 11: CUSA Report:

Report Given by representative of CUSA Nathaniel Bruni

- Operation report overview
- Frost Week
- Elections proceeding

ITEM 12: Board of Governors Report:

No Report

ITEM 13: Senate Report:

Report Given By University Secretariat Kathy McKinley

- No meeting in December, Next meeting on January 31st
- Addressing Carleton's Financial Health
- February is the beginning of senate elections
 - Observers are welcome
 - Contact Kathy
- There are Senate Office hours

ITEM 14: FPGA Board Report:

No Report.

ITEM 15: Committee Reports:

AIF Committee report given by VPO Rhea Treasure

- How to make funding more Accessible
- Didn't get receipt for one application
- 2 More fall applications
- 1 application will reapply for winter
- 1 Application was made after the deadline
- Semester 2 will run on a rolling basis

Financial Committee report Given by Nathaniel Bruni

- Scotiabank increased their fee from \$5 to \$6
- 1 Club is late on their payment for the Canva subscription
 - Trying to find a new club to pay instead
 - Looked into SPROTT Studentss
 - Their policy doesn't allow it
- Opened Community Sponsorship
- Looked into Cashable GIC and Bonds
 - Potential Policy Change to allow us to do this

Governance Committee report Given by Governance Chair Alexzander Thompson

- Discussed how we can improve the AIF process with input from VPO Treasure

Scholarship Committee report Given by VPA Alison Kocsis

- 9 Academic Achievement and Community Involvement Scholarships valued at \$1,000
 - 4 are reserved for students who need financial assistance
- 5 Academic Achievement Scholarships valued at \$800
- 3 Equity Scholarships valued at \$1,000
- Deadline to apply is February 23rd
- The committee will meet sometime during the week of March 17th
- Added a review section onto the application to get feedback

ITEM 16: Constituency Reports:

English - Ashley Paiva

- 3rd Year course prof is having a lot of issues with the following in a mandatory course:
 - Vague and unclear instructions
 - Really low grades
- Issues Funding Courses with CI Cuts
- CASG cannot intervene in these issues but there is the Advocacy Guide to help students

Law - Emma Peirce

- Increase in cases with AI
 - Lots of upset profs
 - They will not follow policy and bring it up the chain
 - Instead they give automatic zeros
 - Lots of concerns for students
 - There is a currently a prize for the department who catches the most students
- Grades are coming back really late
- 15% Budget cut to the department
- Concerns about 50%-60% finals
 - Developed a policy which gives a guideline to reduce those %'s

IT - Nathaniel Bruni

- Global Game Jame Event is done
- Alumni Conference upcoming
- Meeting in December with department board
 - No more undergrad TA's
 - Cuts to Contract Instructors
 - 4 Streams they want to crosslist

- More flexible paths to graduate
- If the number of Contract Instructors reach a certain level they threatened to have profs take on another 0.5 course per year

ITEM 17: Presentations/Delegations

No Presentations.

ITEM 18.a: Motion to Adopt Recommendation for Combatting Academic Regulation 5.2 Non-Compliance

BE IT RESOLVED that it be the official recommendation of CASG Council that the University:

1. Use its comprehensive administrative resources to track non-compliance with Academic Regulation 5.2 through means which may include a reporting survey provided to all students.
2. Share the results of its tracking with CASG.
3. The University requires instructors to notify their students of late course outline releases due to extenuating circumstances.

Moved: Jordan Habbick Seconded: Karim El Jamil

Sean Maguire Q: Why can't they put them on the department website

President Buri A: Problems with profs claiming intellectual property

Emma Girvan - Course outline history for Criminology and Criminal Justice is already up

Nolan Giroux-Laplante Q: Will this get pushback?

President Buri A: They seem to be onboard. In the event of pushback we would ask them why?

Nolan Giroux-Laplante Q: Will there be a CASG member who will monitor and check for compliance

President Buri A: Either the VPA or President

Jordan Habbick - Has struggled in the past with finding deadlines and due dates etc...

President Buri - Not going to stuff that issue into this motion, potentially a future motion

Michael Huynh Q: Why doesn't the university already have a system in place to check for compliance?

President Buri A: It is hard for them to enforce, the ideas of not making outlines or making outlines way too late is the focus of this motion

In favour: 100 % Abstain: 0 % Against: 0 %

Motion Passed Unanimously.

ITEM: 18b: Motion to allow ITEM 20a

Be it Resolved that ITEM 20a be allowed to vote on despite not meeting the 5 day requirement;

Moved: Ashley Paiva

Seconded: Nathaniel Bruni

Sean Maguire Q: Will this open issues for us later down the line?

VPI Aidan Patrick A: As long as we vote here to waive the requirement, then we should be covering ourselves saying that council is informed that they were not given a proper notice and that they will vote regardless.

Emma Peirce Q: What would be the consequences of waiting until next meeting

VPO Rhea Treasure A: Waiting could be detrimental to societies who need pre-event funding and this would standardize the process.

President Buri A: This would also save more pain if we finish this item now rather than later

Kathy McKinley - Suggested amending our constitution to allow us to add extenuating circumstances clause to allow this to be more standardized if this were to happen again.

In favour: 99 % Abstain: 0 % Against: 1 %

MOTION PASSED

ITEM 20.a: Motion to Amend Bylaw V: Academic Initiative Fund

Be it resolved That the following be added as section 6.2 in Bylaw V:

6.2 Accredited academic societies will be given priority funding over non-accredited societies which entails the following:

6.2.1 Accredited applications will be reviewed first

6.2.2 If a reduction in funds must be made due to lack of overall funds, any reductions to accredited applications will be proportionally less than non-accredited applications.

Be it further resolved That section 10 and section 9.2.2.1 be removed from Bylaw V and the following be added instead:

10. Pre-Approved Funding

10.1 All CASG accredited societies are eligible for pre-approved funding given the society is able to document a compelling reason for which they would be unable to hold the event without receiving the funds prior to the event, the Academic Initiative Fund Committee may choose to distribute funds prior to the event.

10.2 Societies are required to submit their receipts to CASG within three business days after the event.

10.3 Any pre-approved funding that was not used for the event must be returned (with preference given to returns made by e-transfer) back to CASG within one week of CASG receiving receipts

10.4 Failure to provide receipts showing the proper purchase of the approved items or failure to return unused funds to CASG will result in the following

10.4.1 Denial of any and all funding requested for the rest of this academic year

10.4.2 Termination of current accreditation status

10.4.3 Denial of Accreditation for the next academic year.

10.5 Any unused funds returned to CASG will be returned to the AIF budget.

Moved: Emma Peirce Seconded: VPI Aidan Patrick

Council requested clarification on what 6.2.2 means and what a proportional decrease would entail

Amendment to add 10.5

Moved: Ashley Paiva Seconded: Michael Huynh

In favour: 100 % Abstain: 0 % Against: 0 %

Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item 25: adjourned

Nathan Bruni requested a motion to adjourn Council at 9:40 pm at 28/01/24

Moved: Emma Pierce Seconded: Karim El Jamil

In favour: 100% Abstain: 0 % Against: 0 %

Motion Passed Unanimously.