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UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA STUDENTS' UNION

AUTUMN GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2025

Sunday, November 30th, 2025 at 10:00 am

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Agenda for the General Assembly

1. Call to Order
2. Land Acknowledgement
3. Comments from the Chair
4. Approval of Agenda

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA

Moved: _____ ; Seconded: _____

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

Special Rule: In accordance with Article 5.3.5 of the Constitution, the agenda of a General Assembly shall not be amended other than to reorder or remove items.

Debate:

Result:

5. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes – [Annex A](#)

MOTION TO APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

Moved: _____ ; Seconded: _____

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting minutes for the Winter 2025 General Assembly be approved.

Debate:

Result:

6. Executive Updates & Question Period

7. Approval of 2023-2024 Audit – [Annex B](#)

MOTION TO APPROVE 2023-2024 AUDIT

Moved: _____ ; Seconded: _____

WHEREAS Hendry Warren LLP was engaged as the public accountant for the UOSU for the 2023-2024 fiscal year

WHEREAS the Chartered Professional Accountants completed the audited financial statements for fiscal year 2023-2024 and submitted an unqualified opinion in Autumn 2024

WHEREAS the audited financial statements for the fiscal year 2023-2024 were adopted conditionally, upon the conditions that the UOSU publish a non-draft, signed version to UOSU members within the 30 days of the motion's adoption on November 17th

WHEREAS UOSU was unable to meet the deadlines set out in the motion

WHEREAS the audited financial statements for the fiscal year 2023-2024 have now been signed by two members of the 2024-2025 Board of Directors and have been available to members on the website for several months

BE IT RESOLVED that the audited financial statements for the fiscal year 2023-2024 be adopted at the Autumn 2025 General Assembly.

Debate:

Result:

8. Approval of 2024-2025 Audit – [Annex C](#)

MOTION TO APPROVE 2024-2025 AUDIT

Moved: _____ ; Seconded: _____

WHEREAS, Logan-Katz LLP has been engaged as the public accountant for the UOSU;

WHEREAS, the CPA has completed the audited financial statements for fiscal year 2024-2025 and has submitted an unqualified opinion;

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors, in accordance with the Canada Not-for-Profit Act, has reviewed and approved the audited financial statements for the fiscal year 2024-2025;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED that the audited financial statements for the fiscal year 2024-2025 be adopted at the Autumn 2025 General Assembly

Debate:

Result:

9. Appointment of Public Accountant

MOTION TO APPOINT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT

Moved: _____ ; Seconded: _____

WHEREAS the Board of Directors has recommended a Public Accountant for appointment;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Logan-Katz LLP be appointed as Public Accountant for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

Debate:

Result:

10. Amendments to Constitution – Annex D

MOTION TO AMEND CONSTITUTION

Moved: _____ ; Seconded: _____

WHEREAS the amendments to the Constitution presented in Annex D were adopted by the Board of Directors pursuant to Articles 14.1 and 14.2 of the Constitution;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the amendments to the Constitution presented in Annex D be ratified.

Special Rule: Members who wish to debate a specific amendment to the Constitution must raise their hand and be recognized by the Chair. This amendment will be debated separately, and this process is called “Externalization”.

One single debate and vote will be conducted on all the amendments that Members do not wish to debate, followed by separate debates and votes on all the amendments that have been externalized.

Debate:

Result:

11. Approval of By-Election Results – [Annex E](#)

MOTION TO APPROVE BY-ELECTION RESULTS

Moved: _____ ; Seconded: _____

WHEREAS the Board of Directors ratified the results of the 2025 by-elections

WHEREAS the Indigenous Students' Association have nominated Kim Mantha as the Director for Indigenous Students to fill the vacancy which emerged in September, and she has been serving as an interim Director since September 2025

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the results of the 2025 by-elections be ratified.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Kim Mantha be ratified as the Director for Indigenous Student

Debate:

Result:

12. Motions from Members

a. Restore Democratic Access to Constitutional Amendments

MOTION A - RESTORE DEMOCRATIC ACCESS TO CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Moved: Daniel Thorp ; Seconded: _____

WHEREAS Article XIV of the Constitution establishes the procedures for amending the Constitution, including Article XIV itself;

WHEREAS Article 14.5 sets out an exceptionally high threshold for constitutional amendments, including a requirement for approval by four-fifths ($\frac{4}{5}$) of the Board of Directors and three-quarters ($\frac{3}{4}$) of members present at a General Assembly with quorum of ten percent (10%) of the entire membership;

WHEREAS this 10% quorum requirement has proven to be practically unattainable based on historical attendance, and has created a structural barrier to reform by preventing members from exercising their right to amend the Constitution;

WHEREAS Article XIV contains references to numerous other provisions in the Constitution, but lacks a mechanism to keep those references accurate and up to date when other sections are added, revised, or repealed, leading to legal uncertainty and governance inconsistencies;

WHEREAS Article XIV references numerous other provisions of the Constitution, and without the ability to update Article XIV, these references become outdated when the rest of the Constitution changes;

WHEREAS the lack of a viable mechanism to revise Article XIV undermines the internal consistency and legal clarity of the

Constitution and makes governance unnecessarily difficult;

WHEREAS it is a core principle of democratic governance and not-for-profit law that the membership must retain the meaningful ability to amend the by-laws of the corporation;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the General Assembly of the University of Ottawa Students' Union expresses its support for amending Article XIV to remove or reduce the 10% General Assembly quorum requirement for amendments;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the General Assembly calls on the Board of Directors to pursue a court application or other appropriate legal mechanism to facilitate this amendment;

Debate:

Result:

b. Adoption of Position in Opposition to Bill 33

MOTION B - ADOPTION OF POSITION IN OPPOSITION TO BILL 33

Moved: Luca Piomelli ; Seconded: _____

WHEREAS, the UOSU is committed to advocating for a high-quality, publicly- funded, affordable, and accessible system of post-secondary education, free of all financial barriers that hinder access to post-secondary education;

WHEREAS, the UOSU opposes and condemns hikes to tuition fees, including for out-of-province and international students;

WHEREAS, the UOSU has implemented temporary solutions for undergraduate students experiencing financial difficulties such as the Emergency Hardship Fund;

WHEREAS, undergraduate students continue to face financial barriers that hinder access to post-secondary education;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the UOSU Advocacy Commissioner launch a public campaign that addresses and reflects UOSU's position statement on access to education.

WHEREAS, the UOSU is committed to the principle of student autonomy and shall work to secure the expressive and associative rights of all students;

WHEREAS, the UOSU opposes and condemns the "Tuition Fee Framework and Ancillary Fee Guidelines: Publicly-Assisted Universities for 2019-20 and 2020-21", otherwise known as the Student Choice Initiative;

WHEREAS, Bill 33 represents another attack on student democracy and government overreach on the local student autonomy;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the UOSU adopt a position that opposes Bill 33;

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that UOSU supports on and off campus groups who oppose Bill 33, with the first action being to officially endorse the Canadian Federation of Students Ontario's 'Hands-Off Our Education' campaign.

Debate:

Result:

c. Public Campaign for Access to Education

MOTION C - PUBLIC CAMPAIGN FOR ACCESS TO EDUCATION

Moved: Luca Piomelli ; Seconded: _____

WHEREAS, the UOSU is committed to advocating for a high-quality, publicly-funded, affordable, and accessible system of post-secondary education, free of all financial barriers that hinder access to post-secondary education;

WHEREAS, the UOSU opposes and condemns hikes to tuition fees, including for out-of-province and international students;

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WHEREAS, undergraduate students continue to face financial barriers that hinder access to post-secondary education;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the UOSU Advocacy Commissioner launch a public campaign that addresses and reflects UOSU's position statement on access to education.

Debate:

Result:

d. Club Entrepreneur

MOTION D - CLUB ENTREPRENEUR

Moved: Ethan Ronaldo Dolcino ; Seconded: _____

WHEREAS, UOSU already imposes common guidelines on clubs. For example: once a club has more than 25 members, a fair election is mandatory (official guide validated by the Clubs Committee), and every constitution must provide for an annual fair transition. My text does not take away clubs' freedom: it corrects one point in the UOSU framework that creates perverse effects (rushed elections based on passive subscribers, fragile clubs). I am addressing the Union's rules, not internal bylaws — and I propose to better structure the start-up phase, not abolish democracy.

WHEREAS, continuity in leadership is essential in the early stages of any club or organization to ensure the installation of an initial vision.

WHEREAS, many of the greatest projects and movements have been led by charismatic leaders (e.g., Apple, Amazon, The Walt Disney Company, Ford Motor Company, Alibaba, many religions, etc.).

WHEREAS, entrepreneurial skills are not the same as political skills.

WHEREAS, certain clubs exist on campus without official recognition and therefore some regulations do not apply to them, notably the regulation I propose to change. These clubs may not be officially recognized perhaps because their leaders would otherwise lose their position.

WHEREAS, certain clubs exist on campus without official recognition and therefore some regulations do not apply to them, notably the regulation I propose to change. Renouncing official recognition would be a workaround if a leader wished to keep their position, and we know one can succeed even without official recognition.

WHEREAS, many clubs are created but end up either inactive or unsustainable over time. Motivation could be one of the factors behind this phenomenon.

WHEREAS, in entrepreneurship, leaders and entrepreneurs are proud of their creation and, in many cases, are inseparable from it.

WHEREAS, caring for one's creation is part of a leader's and an entrepreneur's motivation.

WHEREAS, there have been recent examples of clubs that reached 25 members without having had time to become viable in the long term.

WHEREAS, in cases where membership is represented by the number of subscribers or people present on a Discord server, it can literally be within the first days that an election becomes necessary. Those subscribers could simply be invitees or the result of a club promotion - likely not people active in the club.

WHEREAS, planning a clear starting point - knowing when the leader will finish their studies - would allow for a better-organized system and a more stable transfer of responsibilities.

WHEREAS, according to a Telfer professor (who currently serves as staff advisor to the MisAmigos club), there are students who led their club for 5 to 6 years, since he used that example and was their advisor. This indicates those clubs were viable in the long term.

WHEREAS, having more time would allow the first founder to gain experience in managing the "enterprise" that is their club and would enable them to build institutional memory. Institutional memory is what facilitates knowledge-sharing and the handover of responsibilities.

WHEREAS, the current system of fair transition is at odds, in the case of founders, with many entrepreneurial principles.

WHEREAS, the current system of fair transition could occur, for nascent clubs, at the worst possible moment in some cases. Whereas a venture growing quickly does not necessarily mean it will be stable over the long term or firmly established.

BE IT RESOLVED that the General Assembly recommend that the Board of Directors adopt the following changes to POL-GEN-03:

- That the regulation be changed so that clubs less than one (1) year old are not required to hold elections.
- That the regulation be changed to create an exception to the principle of fair transition for founders' roles.
- That this exception be defined as follows: the founder remains in their position until they have voluntarily resigned or lost their status as a current member of the student union. In other words, until they have left of their own accord or finished their studies.
- That this exception is conditional upon the following: as long as the founder is the club's leader/entrepreneur, they must remain a full-time student for the exception to apply.
- That the founder may not:
 - a. amend the Constitution or Bylaws alone;
 - b. incur expenses exceeding ten percent (10%) of the club's semiannual budget without approval from the rest of the executive;
 - c. act in a situation of undisclosed conflict of interest.
- That a motion of censure aimed at revoking the founder is admissible if:
 - a. it is supported by a petition signed by 25% of active members (or 15 signatures, whichever is higher); and
 - b. a Special General Meeting (SGM) is convened within 14 days of receiving the petition; and
 - c. the revocation is adopted by a qualified two-thirds (2/3) majority of active members present. The founder has a right to provide a written and oral response before the vote.

- That the Student Union review these provisions 24 months after they come into force, based on a report from the clubs service (club survival rate, participation, complaints, diversity of leaders), and propose any necessary adjustments.

Debate:

Result:

e. Amendment on Interim Executive Members and Compliance with Bilingualism

MOTION E - AMENDMENT ON INTERIM EXECUTIVE MEMBERS AND COMPLIANCE WITH BILINGUALISM

Moved: Daniel Thorp ; Seconded: _____

WHEREAS Article 7.11 currently allows Interim Executives to be assessed for bilingualism during the interview process rather than through the formal testing outlined in Schedule A;

WHEREAS Schedule A establishes the bilingualism standards that must be met by all Executives elected to office;

WHEREAS it is in the best interests of the Union to uphold consistent bilingualism standards for both Interim and elected Executives in order to protect francophone representation and linguistic rights;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Article 7.11 be amended to add the following provision:

“**7.11.X** Any Interim Executive appointed without meeting the bilingualism requirements set out in Schedule A shall be mandated to pursue instruction in French and must successfully pass the bilingualism test prior to the opening of the nomination period for the subsequent by-election.

7.11.X.1 An Interim Executive who does not pass the test by this deadline shall not be eligible to seek election in the by-election

7.11.X.2 An Interim Executive who does not pass the test by this deadline shall not be eligible for reappointment to the same or any other Interim Executive position following the by-election.”

Debate:

Result:

13. Varia

14. Adjournment

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Moved: _____ ; Seconded: _____

BE IT RESOLVED that the meeting be adjourned at __:__.



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Result:

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