

## **CASG General Assembly Minutes**

Wednesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Senate Room RO608

6:02PM - 8:35PM

### **In Attendance:**

Heather Page (President), Paroma Ray (VPI), Guy Massie (VPA), Taryn Lloyd (VPO), Rebecca Warmington and Jessica Lynch (FASS Coordinators), Alex Golovko (FPA Coordinator), Josh Coulbeck (FED Coord), Andrew Kwai (SCI Coord), Katie Pagnello (BUSI Coord), Khaldoon Bushnaq (CUSA), Kelly Black (GSA), Nick Falvo (GSA), Ariel Norman (RRRA), Cynthia Melo (PSYC), Morna McBride (Human Rights), Dustin Hutton-Alcorn (Human Rights), Sarah Cooper (Human Rights), Martha Chertow (AKCESS), Ruty Skvirsky (Film Studies), Meera Chander (Law), James Armbruster (Law), Eric Vallillee (Law), Kaisha Thompson (POLI SCI), Delroy Dyer (POLI SCI), Sam Heaton (POLI SCI), Sarah Trick (Hums), Josiah Hussey (Art History), Rebecca Frerotte (Art History), Ricardo Reyes (COG SCI), Luke Siemens (FED), Miriam Diamond (Physics), Peter Onate (COMM), George Parry (COMM), Ron Couchman (Women & Gender), Jonathan Wong (SCE), Caleigh Rutledge (CEE), Mustafa Hassan (DOE), Erik Willis (MAE), Owain Devlin (Human Rights), Mikael Sydor (ARCH), Shelby Brisbin (ARCH), Cameron McKenzie (Social Work), Chris Burt (BIT), Vincent Le (NEURO), James Barresi (SYSTEMS AND COMPUTERS), Eric Lalonde (Environmental Studies), Lauren Marshall (ARCH), Owen Hovey (First Year Rep), and Brandon Wallingford (HIST)

### **Regrets:**

Stephen Conrad (Special Student), Ruba Khan (POLI SCI), Omar Bainto (BPAPM), Alex Sirois (Sociology), Cairina Frank (Science), Dina Skvirsky (POLI SCI), Andrew Hamilton (Student Senator), Mary Renaud (Philosophy), Brian Mason (BUSI), Brittany Doyle (BUSI), Cedric Moore (BUSI), Meredith Kulpaka (BUSI)

1. Call to Order 6:02
2. Emergency Motion
  - a. Motion to support faculty TAs and staff in bargaining. CASG should support CUPE local 2424 CUPE local 4600
  - b. Point of Order: Guy Massie: Does not constitute an emergency motion. Should be dismissed.
  - c. Vote allowed
  - d. Motion to include in agenda: For: 33 Opposed: 12
  - e. Motion passed
3. Point of Order: motion to wait until end of meeting to approve last meeting minutes, approved
4. Executive Greetings and Reports:
  - a. President Report:

“Welcome to CASG this year, I encourage all of you to bring forward ideas related to improving the academic conditions at our school.”

Provided a quick rundown of how CASG works and what the responsibility of the President is.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact Heather:  
[csg\\_president@carleton.ca](mailto:csg_president@carleton.ca)

b. VPI Report:

“Welcome to the meeting, the last few months I’ve worked on a number of projects that reflect the campaign promises I had made this past March. The three major projects I’ve worked on over this summer into the fall semester are the “Charlatan Advertisements”, “CASG pens”, and the “Representative Handbooks”. There were three ads for the Charlatan, one full page ad and two half pages (featured in the Sept 2<sup>nd</sup>, Sept 9<sup>th</sup>, and Sept 27<sup>th</sup> issues; promoting CASG and its nomination and voting periods during elections). The rep handbooks were made possible thanks to CUSA’s printing services and GSA’s services for the binding of the handbook. While I originally intended to personalize them by faculty, after further consideration, we’ve decided as an executive to make the manuals more generic so that they could be reused for future years. The rep handbook will be made available online for interested students, current, and future CASG reps. I have also made changes to the website which will be discussed in further detail by our webmaster Andrew. I’ve asked your faculty coordinators to submit a memo to Faculty Deans and Departmental Chairs introducing themselves and CASG. As I’ve articulated during the elections, I am trying to put a stronger focus on your faculty representative meetings, and a stronger emphasis on the importance of committee meetings. That being said, you’ll notice that there is a sign-up sheet placed next to the attendance sheets (near the double doors) for you to sign up for committees, should you be interested. There is also a column for interested representatives to indicate if they would like to self-nominate to chair a committee, it is highly encouraged for reps to take part on at least one committee as it is not only beneficial to the organization, but also an easier way to have your voice heard and your input taken into account. As of now, there are two main things on my list of things to do: one, ensuring that every committee has a committee chair, and two, filling all council seats. Thanks.” If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact Paroma Ray: [csq\\_vpi@carleton.ca](mailto:csq_vpi@carleton.ca)

c. VPA Report:

“As Vice President Academic I will report to council on any major academic issues affecting students, and I will also implement the policies of council that address academic concerns. This includes planning and executing academic campaigns, lobbying the university administration about academic issues, and responding to complaints or suggestions from undergraduate students. Currently, a CASG academic campaign is underway to raise awareness about the Academic Integrity Policy. I assisted in this campaign by two Academic Campaign Coordinators and a team of volunteers. We will soon be performing fifteen minute presentations in some of the larger first year courses and doing tabling and a raffle to help new students understand academic integrity regulations at the university. We have

negotiated a partnership with Student Affairs to help with this campaign. Other academic issues of concern are instructor evaluation and a potential partnership of the university with a corporation called Navitas. To briefly summarize, students have been suggesting changes to the way that instructors are evaluated by the class once the course is completed. We will look to the undergraduate student body for input on changes that they would like to see with this system and then lobby for those changes. The second issue revolves around Navitas (an Australian corporation) that the University Administration is considering a partnership with. The partnership would involve Navitas setting up a private college on the Carleton campus and provide classes for international students who do not have sufficient English language skills. The CASG executive committee has a number of concerns about this initiative and we are considering our options for voicing that concern to the Administration and the parties who hold a stake in the decision. I, like the rest of the executive committee, have regular meetings with the administration and other officers of the university and can help representatives understand the academic structure of the university and assist them in navigating that structure to help students or to lobby for changes to the university's academic policies. Over the course of the winter term, I will be implementing the academic integrity awareness campaign and planning future campaigns to address the academic issues that I mentioned. I will report to council at the next meeting on these points.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact Guy:

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d. VPO Report:

"As VP Operations, I am responsible for the finances of the organization, as well as for working on promotions and advertising with the rest of the CASG executive. Over the summer and the past month I have caught myself up on the CASG financial framework of the organization and gotten a feel of how things work. I worked with a team of representatives to promote CASG during Orientation Week, and some of you may have noticed the flyers in CUSA kits or seen us working at the Carleton Expo! The budget is still under construction and will be presented at the next general meeting. I've been thinking of more ways to effectively promote academic campaigns around campus, so I would like to stress that getting involved with committees is a great way to get involved as a rep and really make the most of your experience with us this year. Lastly, I've been thinking of some new developments CASG could look into hosting, like bringing in guest speakers, and working on an Awards fund (alongside Heather) that would grant extra funding to academic societies, and a "What matters to you?" campaign, so be sure to stay tuned."

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact Taryn:

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## 5. Coordinator Greeting and Reports

- a. Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Coordinators Report:

“Welcome and congratulations! All FASS representative training has been successfully completed. Any issues concerning voting rights in departmental meetings have been addressed with the Dean. FASS rep numbers are down this year, we are actively trying to recruit with some success.” If you have any further questions, or are willing to help out with FASS rep recruitment please feel free to contact Jessica and Rebecca: [csg\\_fass\\_coordinator@carleton.ca](mailto:csg_fass_coordinator@carleton.ca)
- b. Faculty of Public Affairs Coordinator Report:

“Good evening ladies and gentlemen, welcome to this first CASG General Meeting. My name is Alexander Golovko and I am your Faculty of Public Affairs Coordinator. In terms of what has been going on in our Faculty so far, a number of points can be brought up. Specifically, I am glad to have the most representatives among all faculties at this point and everyone seems to be really serious and eager to work, which is truly promising. In regards to the meetings held already: there was a number of Departmental meetings that took place, my representatives and myself had our first internal meeting where we went over potential projects and more importantly representatives' training, finally I have also attended the first Faculty of Public Affairs meeting and voiced the students' intent to be very involved on the academic arena throughout this academic year both to the Dean and Assistant Deans, who were very cooperative as of then. I look forward to working with all of you, thanks.” If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact Alex: [csg\\_fpa\\_coordinator@carleton.ca](mailto:csg_fpa_coordinator@carleton.ca)
- c. Faculty of Engineering and Design Report:

“So far I have attended any department meeting my reps haven't been able to attend. This included attending a Computer Systems department meeting where they discussed minor changes to the course calendar. SYSC 2002 is being replaced with SYSC 2006 a more in depth programming course. I am currently working on finding a good day to hold my rep training meeting. I look forward to sitting down and getting to know all the FED reps.”  
If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact Josh: [csg\\_engineering\\_coordinator@carleton.ca](mailto:csg_engineering_coordinator@carleton.ca)
- d. Faculty of Science Report:

“The past two months have been very exciting in the Faculty of Science. Several programs across every Department and Institute went through major changes, which were all recently passed at the Faculty Board level with little opposition and discussion. I have had the opportunity to meet with, and welcome our new Dean, and seems very willing to help back us as an organization in any of initiatives. I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome our new and returning departmental reps, who have already started to make an

impact. Our ISI rep is currently planning the creation of an IS Society, and rumors of an amalgamated science society are floating around. Most importantly, a deal has reached with the SSSC where they will now be referring all students with academic complaints directly to me, as they do not have the resources to necessarily spend time on that and we do, thanks." If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact Andrew: [csg\\_science\\_coordinator@carleton.ca](mailto:csg_science_coordinator@carleton.ca)

e. Faculty of Business Report:

"SPROTT got rid of 'operations management concentration' and replaced it with 'supply change management'. We are pushing for another student representative seat on the Faculty Board and a position on the SPROTT Curriculum Review Board in efforts for more effective student representation."

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact Katie: [csg\\_business\\_coordinator@carleton.ca](mailto:csg_business_coordinator@carleton.ca)

6. Senate Report (Cynthia Melo):

- a. New programs within the next five years: strategic plans on target for the University.
- b. Extra spaces available for movement and filling via departments: Student clubs and groups have been asked to submit proposed applications for taking over old offices/rooms once the new buildings have been filled.
- c. NAVITAS: international recruitment, expanding? Partnerships that are requiring Carleton to expand both on-campus and over-seas.
- d. Access Copyright Dilemma: Company wants to increase student fees from \$35/student to \$45/student.
- e. Affects library electronic databases with licenses, and course pack costs for future students. If not solved, will affect students 2011/2012.
- f. Carleton just recently upgraded to new computers across campus, 117 classes, 53 have already been changed. The school can't be expected to foot the bill for Access Copyright with all the new changes.
- g. Carleton has not reached admissions average of Ontario, "Recruitment and Registration 2010" numbers.
- h. Main question posed: Overcrowding issues.

7. Admin report held off until after GSA report

8. CUSA report (Khaldoon Bushnaq):

- i. Very successful clubs and societies certification this year, FACCS cheques will be ready for pick-up next week
- ii. Passed motion to support unions in their bargaining agreement

9. RRAA report (Ariel Norman)

10. Grad Students Association (Kelly Black)

11. Administration Report (Suzanne Blanchard):

"Implementation of Academic Plans, critical enquiry within the academic plan. Provide more links such as volunteering, Co-op opportunities etc. Internationalization, looking to promote an international school on campus. Support for international students on campus. Possibility of hiring a third

party company. Increase in recruitment of undergraduate students by 4%, overall all programs exhibiting healthy numbers. Graduate enrolment also healthy. Recruitment of faculty members is also healthy. Satisfied with survey results overall. Carleton University is meeting expectations as compared with other medium sized universities. Importance of student financial support in decision of coming to Carleton University less than 4 years ago.”

- i. Questions: Sam: Internationalization working group, why weren't CASG, CUSA, GSA invited to participate on the board?
  1. Everyone was invited.
  2. Meera: mass email sent out saying that if student do not pay tuition fees, will be kicked out of Carleton without coming up with a payment plan. You claimed this was not true, but I recently spoke with a student who claimed to have gotten kicked out
    - a. The situation has been rectified
  3. What benefit would the internationalization group offer to Carleton University?
    - a. We are still examining all the effects the school will have at Carleton University, may also offer compensation by attracting more international students. Looking to stabilize enrolment, would give us an opportunity to bring in a group of students that we would otherwise not be able to in such a short amount of time. Would enable us to manage the fluctuations in enrollment.
  4. Ron: How many people received notification of the creation of the privatization of Navitas
    - a. I'll have to check with admin personnel
      - i. If enrollment is up, why are we looking for alternative enrolment strategies?
        1. Demographics are changing, re
  5. Alex: Why did I not receive response after asking to be included in the committee
    - a. I encourage you to join the discussions in upcoming forums.
  6. Josiah: what is the logic behind pulling CUSA's fees, and how will it affect GLBTQ
    - a. Don't want to go into detail, but there have been adjustments made, an interim measure has been put in place
  7. Meera: How will having a separate school promote integration between international and domestic students?

- a. Not going to answer for the committee but they have been taken into consideration. We need the working groups to hear all of this.
- 8. Brian Mortimer contacted 60 students about the
- 9. Dustin: has the admin some sort of a plan as to where it will be housed?
  - a. Currently large demand for student space. Once new buildings completed there will be extra space not accounted for. Groups must submit requests.
- 10. Heather: are you using the feedback from other schools who have implemented Navitas?
  - a. Yes, SFU, and two others. SFU experience has had positive experience; working group will continue to look at the experiences of other Navitas schools.
- 12. Motion to extend question period: Motion not passed. Thank you Suzanne.
- 13. Andrew:
 

“The CASG website went through minor aesthetic and organizational changes over the summer with the incoming of a new executive team. Everything on the website should now be up to date, including contact info, emails, exec and coordinator bios and descriptions, etc... I’m hoping to make the forum a little more active this year, as (if used properly) it can be a great way for us to communicate with each other on a public level, and for the average student to keep up on what’s going on. A special little add-on is that a private calendar is located on the forum. My plan is to have anything that we attend that is not a public (i.e. not student body wide) event here, so we can check up on the many different committees and such that are run through the university and meant for us to have some representation at. We also need a new group picture for our website!”
- 14. Question Period for everyone who has spoken up to this point:
  - a. How to keep statistics for registrants (CUSA), how do you record the attrition rates of things like Frosh Weed and other CUSA activities.
    - i. Through the internet and keeping track of packages sent out
  - b. Can we sing you Happy Birthday? (Directed to the VP internal)
    - i. VPI replies: No thank you ☺
  - c. Has there been a date set for out training?
    - i. Contact me after class
  - d. When will a photo be taken?
    - i. Heather: at the next General meeting
- 15. .1 Motion to remove specific dates in electoral bylaws.
  - a. Moved : Heather, seconded Guy
  - b. Unanimously supported
- 16. Motion to include two new FASS coordinators in By-laws, and establish a business coordinator
  - a. Moved by Paroma, seconded by Heather

- b. Question: how are the reps of the student association decided?
    - i. Up to the groups.
    - ii. Passes unanimously
17. Emergency Motion:
- a. Questions: Delroy: CASG has stayed neutral in bargaining situations between the university and its unions, shouldn't we maintain a neutral position?
    - i. University has not acted responsibly, however this motion is to encourage negotiations
  - b. Questions: Guy: not a question, please save for discussion.
  - c. Questions: How are the matters not monetary?
    - i. Tenure not considered to be a monetary concern.
  - d. Questions: Taryn: how many contract instructors are there at Carleton University?
    - i. 800, the majority of our professor are contract instructors
  - e. Questions: Brandon: why is it a big deal that contract instructors mark exams later?
    - i. Because its not fair.
  - f. Question: what would an education campaign look like?
    - i. Its up to the profs
  - g. Can we decide later on not to support the motion?
    - i. Yes.
  - h. Question: can we decide to support resolving of this issue.
    - i. No.
  - i. Question: Why are we grouping student amnesty along with union bargaining?
    - i. Because the majority of the issues the faculty are fighting for revolve around academic issues.

Speakers list for Motion: Kelly, Ron, Delroy

Luc: Motion to amend the motion, making the motion more neutral.

Seconded: Guy

Sam: Speaking against the amendment: this removes the academic component of the motion. Removes the support of the academic groups on this campus.

Speakers list for amending the motion: Delroy, Andrew, Kelly, Martha, Brandon, Guy, Paroma, Heather, Josiah, Meera, Sarah, Luc, Andrew: retracted

Original Motion to Pass the Statement of Support for CUPE

Speakers List: Luc, Brandon, Eric, Meera, Martha, Heather, Delroy, Brandon, Meera, Miriam, Delroy

Cam: Call to question ...passed

Motion to approve Heather's amendment: approved.



Paroma: asks to amend motion; from “education” to “academic”

Ron: move to question, approved.

Amendment: For = 20

Opposed= 12

Amendment passes.

Josiah: I have educated myself quite a bit and am offended by Miriam’s statement about student naïveté regarding mandate to strike

Cam: Call to Question, approved.

Vote on Motion!

For: Sam: content of motion has come out of compilation of a lot of time on behalf of union members

Against: Delroy: will destroy the meaning of CASG. Motion does not represent interest of student’s academic concerns

For: 21

Against: 20

Motion does not pass.

Open discussion:

Delroy: Public Affairs has put a motion forward to protest the lack of language selection available for students here at Carleton University.

Andrew: Honours projects; want feedback on policy to remove Thesis Honors Project extensions. Mull it over, think about it, contact profs.

Eric: Certain courses offered as law courses to students in other programs. Being marketed as courses directed to these specific courses, when profs are unaware of this.

Martha: Any suggestion to help with progression of labour movement

Guy: anyone interested in learning more about the Navitas issue can contact me through email

Meera: anyone interested in getting involved can come to CUSA / GSA to learn more.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35PM