



ASPER SCHOOL OF BUSINESS
COMMERCE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION
CREATE YOUR LEGACY

Constitution of the Commerce Students' Association

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Article I. General

1.01 Name

- (a) The name of the association is the Commerce Students' Association (the "**CSA**").

1.02 Application

- (a) This Constitution shall apply to all members of the CSA as defined herein, and all proceedings, rulings, and remedies defined under and taken pursuant to this Constitution shall be exhaustive.

1.03 Jurisdiction

- (a) The CSA is a self-governing body in respect of all proceedings, resolutions, executive decisions, rulings, and appeals taken and administered pursuant to the authority of this Constitution. This Constitution shall bind and govern all members of the association with no organization sitting as an appellate body to the CSA.

1.04 Mission and Vision

- (a) Mission: We strive to enrich the undergraduate student experience at the I.H. Asper School of Business through unique events and professional development opportunities that foster meaningful relationships with the greater business community.
- (b) Vision: Our vision is to continually engage CSA Members to enhance their Asper School of Business Bachelor of Commerce (Hons.) degree experience.

1.05 Membership

- (a) Every registered undergraduate I.H. Asper School of Business student who is in good standing is a member of the CSA (a "**CSA Member**").
- (b) The CSA, from time to time, by a motion passed at a duly convened CSA General Council meeting, may extend to any position or person the privilege of honorary membership.
- (c) If a student is no longer a registered student of the I.H. Asper School of Business, they shall no longer be a member of the CSA. If a member loses their Good Standing with the I.H. Asper School of Business, this can also be grounds for a motion passed at a duly convened CSA General Council meeting to exclude someone from membership.
- (d) All CSA Members are considered to be in good standing unless the undergraduate program office has indicated otherwise for reasons such as academic probations or suspensions, or unpaid fees.

Article II. Council Composition

2.01 CSA Executive Council Composition

- (a) The CSA Executive Council shall be comprised of a minimum of 7 CSA members. As of the date of this constitution, those CSA Executive Council positions and the descriptions for those positions are listed in this article but are subject to change during the CSA Executive Council interview process.
 - (i) President
 - (ii) Vice President Internal
 - (iii) Vice President Finance
 - (iv) Vice President Corporate Relations
 - (v) Vice President Marketing and Communications
 - (vi) Vice President Professional Events
 - (vii) Vice President Academic Events
 - (viii) Vice President Social Events

2.02 CSA General Council Composition

- (a) The CSA General Council shall be comprised of at least 40 and no more than 68 CSA members. As of the date of this constitution, those CSA General Council positions and the descriptions for those positions are listed in this constitution but are subject to change during the CSA General Council interview process.
- (b) President Portfolio
 - (i) Vice President Internal
 - (ii) Vice President Finance
 - (iii) Vice President Corporate Relations
 - (iv) Vice President Marketing and Communications
 - (v) Vice President Professional Events
 - (vi) Vice President Academic Events
 - (vii) Vice President Social Events
 - (viii) Alumni Relations Coordinator
 - (ix) Executive Assistant
 - (x) Senators
 - (xi) University of Manitoba Student Union Representatives
 - (xii) Alumni Relations Coordinator
 - (xiii) Faculty Advisor(s)
- (c) Vice President Internal Portfolio
 - (i) Human Resources Coordinators
 - (ii) First Year Representatives
 - (iii) Indigenous Representative
- (d) Vice President of Finance Portfolio
 - (i) Accounts Payable Coordinator
 - (ii) Accounts Receivable Coordinator
 - (iii) Events Ticketing Manager

- (e) Vice President Corporate Relations Portfolio
 - (i) Managers of Corporate Relations
- (f) Vice President Marketing & Communications Portfolio
 - (i) Digital Coordinator
 - (ii) Marketing Coordinators
 - (iii) Merchandise Coordinators
 - (iv) Promotions Coordinators
 - (v) Social Media Coordinator
- (g) Vice President Professional Events Portfolio
 - (i) Business Banquet Co-Chairs
 - (ii) National Business School Conference Co-Chairs
 - (iii) Professional Development Co-Chairs
- (h) Vice President Academic Events Portfolio
 - (i) Academic Competition Co-Chairs
 - (ii) Graduation Co-Chairs
 - (iii) International Communications Co-Chairs
 - (iv) The Commerce Week Co-Chairs
- (i) Vice President Social Events Portfolio
 - (i) Commerce Socials Co-Chairs
 - (ii) Five Days for the Homeless Co-Chairs
 - (iii) Shinerama Co-Chairs
 - (iv) Special Events Co-Chairs
 - (v) Sports Co-Chairs

Article III. Duties of the CSA Executive Council

3.01 President

- (a) The President is one of two elected positions on the CSA Executive Council.
- (b) The President is directly responsible for overseeing all other members of the CSA Executive Council as well as certain members of the CSA General Council, who are Senators, UMSU Representatives, the Executive Assistant, and the Alumni Relations Coordinator.
- (c) The President is the primary point of contact for external stakeholders, with exceptions noted below.
- (d) The President shall maintain a close relationship with the Dean's office, The Associates, and Young Associates to ensure the execution of the strategic vision and success of the council as a whole.
- (e) The President, along with the Vice President Internal, shall sit on the Undergraduate Program Committee and Faculty Council, in accordance with the terms of reference for these groups.
- (f) The President is responsible to oversee the following internal relations: UMSU Representatives, Senators, Executive Assistant, Alumni Relations, I.H. Asper School of Business Dean's Office, and CSA Executive Council.
- (g) The President is responsible to oversee the following external relations: CSA Honourary President, The Associates, Young Associates, and the CSA Faculty Advisor(s).
- (h) Additional responsibilities of the President are as follows:
 - (i) Sit on the Undergraduate Program Committee.
 - (ii) Sit on Faculty Council and report back to the CSA Executive Council, and CSA General Council.
 - (iii) Sit on the Board of Senior Sticks (BOSS) and report back to the CSA Executive Council and CSA General Council, on matters that impact the CSA.
 - (iv) Represent the CSA on any committee as the need arises throughout the year (including faculty mandated councils requiring a student representative) or may instead appoint a representative, where that is appropriate.
 - (v) Promote the CSA and act as primary point of contact between the media and the CSA.
 - (vi) Deliver speeches at various events.
 - (vii) Chair all CSA Executive Council and CSA General Council meetings.
 - (viii) Together with the Vice President Internal and Faculty Advisor(s), administer the conference funding program.
 - (ix) Sit on the CSA Elections Committee as described in article 8 of this Constitution.

- (x) Review and sign cheques as required.
 - (xi) Sign all contracts.
 - (xii) Attend all CSA Events.
 - (xiii) Additional duties as they arise.
- (i) Exercising Judgment/Impacts of Decisions/Consequence of Error:
- (i) The President shall consult with the CSA Executive Council and Faculty Advisor(s) if necessary to respond to difficult situations that may impact the CSA Asper student body, and the Asper School.
 - (ii) The President may intervene in the duties and responsibilities of any council member if problems arise to ensure that all decisions are made in the best interests of the CSA General Council, the Asper School of Business student body, the Asper School of Business, the University of Manitoba, and the community at large.
 - (iii) The President must ensure that the Asper School of Business and future CSA events are not harmed by decisions of the CSA and should consult the Dean's Office and Faculty Advisor(s) prior to proceeding where harm is possible. Previous CSA Executive Council members can also act as resources for advice.
 - (iv) The President may intervene to ensure that duties held by and/or decisions made by CSA Council members are carried out in a timely and professional manner.

3.02 Vice President Internal

- (a) The Vice President Internal (the "VPI") is one of two elected positions on the CSA Executive Council. This position primarily focuses on internal relations among the CSA and the Asper School of Business community.
- (b) The VPI shall lead and support a team including the First Year Representatives, HR Coordinators and Indigenous Representative.
- (c) The VPI is the second ranking member of the CSA Executive Council. As such, the VPI shall maintain a close relationship with the President to ensure the execution of the strategic vision and success of the council as a whole.
- (d) The VPI, along with the President, shall sit on both the Undergraduate Program Committee and Faculty Council.
- (e) The responsibilities of the VPI are as follows:
 - (i) Assist all members of the VPI portfolio with proper execution of their events and responsibilities.
 - (ii) Ensure finances of the internal portfolio are within budget.
 - (iii) Be the primary contact for all external conference information.
 - (iv) Together with the President and Faculty Advisor(s), administer the conference funding program.

- (v) Ensure corporate benefits of the internal portfolio are being provided.
 - (vi) Prepare interview questions and manage the recruitment of candidates, scheduling, and facilitation of interviews for all CSA General Council positions.
 - (vii) Manage "Take A Student To Eat" initiative, connecting students with company representatives for networking meals.
 - (viii) Oversee mentorship initiatives including: organizing and promoting mentorship kickoff events, providing leadership to council members involved with mentorship initiatives, and coordinating pairings for mentorship initiatives.
 - (ix) Plan and execute intra-council events including Transition Day, General Council Retreat, and the CSA Holiday Party, with the assistance of the Executive Assistant.
 - (x) Coordinate access to the Sony Study Area for Asper students in consultation with the Dean's Office, academic program offices and Physical Plant.
 - (xi) Represent the CSA as Academic Integrity Ambassador to the University of Manitoba.
 - (xii) Sit on the Undergraduate Program Committee and Faculty Council and report back to the Executive Council.
 - (xiii) Chair the STAG Committee and manage all relationships between STAGs and the CSA.
 - (xiv) Allocate STAG Funding in collaboration with the Vice President of Finance.
 - (xv) Chair CSA Executive Council and CSA General Council meetings in the absence of the President.
 - (xvi) Sit on the CSA Elections Committee as described in article 8 of this Constitution.
 - (xvii) Review and sign cheques as required.
 - (xviii) Attend all CSA Executive Council meetings regularly.
 - (xix) Attend all CSA Events.
 - (xx) Additional duties as they arise.
- (f) Exercising Judgments/Impacts of Decisions/Consequence of Error
- (i) The VPI has discretionary authority as a member of the CSA Executive Council.
 - (ii) The VPI should consult with the CSA President, Faculty Advisor(s), and the I.H. Asper School of Business Dean's Office, prior to making decisions that could affect the Asper School of Business.
 - (iii) The VPI must look beyond the scope of the events/services of the Internal portfolio, ensuring that all decisions made are in the best interests of the CSA General Council, the student body, the School, the University of Manitoba, and the community at large. The VPI, using his/her discretion, may intervene in operations should problems arise.

3.03 Vice President Finance

- (a) The Vice President Finance (the “**VPF**”) shall work closely with the accounts payable coordinator and accounts receivable coordinator to perform the CSA’s daily accounting functions.
- (b) The VPF shall ensure the financial viability and sustainability of the council.
- (c) The VPF shall approve and monitor budgets, write cheques and invoices, and use his/her discretion regarding over-budget or non-budgeted expenses that may arise.
- (d) The VPF’s primary goal shall be to ensure that there are ample funds to run the CSA’s events and services.
- (e) The primary relationships of the VPF shall include the CSA Executive Council, the CSA General Council, Accounts Payable Coordinator, Accounts Receivable Coordinator, Events Ticketing Manager, STAG Presidents, and the Dean’s Office.
- (f) The responsibilities of the VPF are as follows:
 - (i) Inform the CSA General Council of the required information for budget submissions.
 - (ii) Create a budget proposal package for Dean’s Office funding.
 - (iii) Review STAG budgets, using discretion to allocate funding in consultation with the VPI.
 - (iv) Oversee invoicing of corporate partners for event sponsorship.
 - (v) Manage the amount of cash kept in the CSA safe, making deposits frequently.
 - (vi) Ensure individual CSA General Council members’ and CSA Executive Council members’ budgets and individual event budgets stay within budget.
 - (vii) Oversee online ticketing management.
 - (viii) Review and sign cheques as required.
 - (ix) Coordinate the financial audit together with incoming/outgoing VPF.
 - (x) Attend all CSA Executive Council meetings regularly.
 - (xi) Attend all CSA Events.
 - (xii) Additional duties as they arise.
- (g) Exercising Judgment/Impacts of Decisions/Consequence of Error:
 - (i) The VPF has discretionary authority as a member of the CSA Executive Council. The VPF has the final say on any financial decisions of the council and deals with the operating budget.
 - (ii) Major decisions should be made in consultation with the CSA President. Prior to making any decisions regarding the allocation of CSA funds, the VPF should consider the best interests of the CSA.

- (iii) If the CSA President and VPF cannot make a decision, the CSA Executive Council and/or Faculty Advisor(s) should be consulted. The VPF should consult with the Dean's Office prior to making decisions that could affect the Asper School of Business.

3.04 Vice President Corporate Relations

- (a) The Vice President Corporate Relations (the "VPCR") shall lead a team of Managers of Corporate Relations (MCR).
- (b) The VPCR shall establish partnerships within the business community to build the Corporate Partners Program (the "CPP") and increase sponsorship for events of the CSA as well as student groups. The VPCR shall be the main liaison for this program.
- (c) The VPCR shall ensure that all of the CSA's corporate partners (the "CPs") receive entitled sponsorship benefits as outlined in the Corporate Partners Program.
- (d) The primary relationships of the VPCR include: The CSA Executive Council, MCRs, STAG Presidents, CSA event planners who have entries in the CPP, CSA Honourary President, and business contacts.
- (e) The responsibilities of the VPCR are as follows:
 - (i) Plan the Sponsor Appreciation Event in May (both as incoming and outgoing VPCR).
 - (ii) Assign CPs to MCRs.
 - (iii) Create and design the CPP booklet.
 - (iv) Train MCRs how to sell the events in the CPP (including setting up meetings with event planners).
 - (v) Attend MCR sales meetings as necessary.
 - (vi) Organize and facilitate regular meetings with the MCR team.
 - (vii) Coordinate special requests of CPs as applicable and to the extent possible.
 - (viii) Liaise between MCRs and event planners with pertinent information.
 - (ix) Attend CSA Executive Council meetings regularly.
 - (x) Attend all CSA Events.
 - (xi) Additional duties as they arise.
- (f) Exercising Judgment/Impacts of Decisions/Consequence of Error:
 - (i) The VPCR has discretionary authority to make decisions as a member of the CSA Executive Council. The VPCR shall consider the impact of such decisions on event sponsors and student groups. The VPCR shall consult with the President before making significant decisions. The President and the VPCR may also consult with the CSA Executive and Faculty Advisor(s).

- (ii) The VPCR should consult with the CSA President and Dean's Office prior to making decisions that could affect the Asper School of Business prior to proceeding. Other individuals who may provide valuable input are the CEO of the University of Manitoba Business School Foundation, CSA Faculty Advisor(s), faculty members, past VPCRs, and others as appropriate.

3.05 Vice President Marketing and Communications

- (a) The Vice President Marketing and Communications (the "VPM") shall lead and support a team of the following: Digital Coordinator, Marketing Coordinators, Promotions Coordinators, and Social Media Coordinator.
- (b) The VPM is responsible for the strategic development and implementation of marketing campaigns and projects on a broad level for the CSA.
- (c) The VPM ensures the cohesiveness of the CSA brand across all STAGs and council positions to maintain a coordinated public image.
- (d) The primary relationships of the VPM include: CSA Executive Council, a Marketing or other designated representative of the Dean's Office, Digital Coordinator, Marketing Coordinators, Promotions Coordinators, and Social Media Coordinator.
- (e) The responsibilities of the VPM are as follows:
 - (i) Oversee and direct the Digital Coordinator, Marketing Coordinators, Promotions Coordinators, and Social Media Coordinator.
 - (ii) Liaise regarding public relations matters such as sponsor and community newsletters, annual reports, press releases, and brand management.
 - (iii) Perform market research to improve upon events, services, and gather student opinions.
 - (iv) Develop social media presence on relevant social media and other media as necessary.
 - (v) Coordinate all advertisements on the 100 level of the Drake Centre and be the point of contact for all poster advertising in the Drake Centre and the CSA's digital signage.
 - (vi) Maintain a master calendar of CSA, STAG, and other events that is accessible to students.
 - (vii) Attend all CSA Executive Council meetings regularly.
 - (viii) Attend all CSA Events.
 - (ix) Additional duties as they arise.
- (f) Exercising Judgment/Impacts of Decisions/Consequence of Error:
 - (i) The VPM has discretionary authority to make decisions as a member of the CSA Executive Council.

- (ii) The VPM should consult with the CSA President, Faculty Advisor(s), and Dean's Office prior to making decisions that could affect the Asper School of Business.

3.06 Vice President Professional Events

- (a) The Vice President Professional Events (the "VPP") shall lead and support a team including the Business Banquet Co-Chairs, National Business School Conference (NBSC) Co-Chairs, and Professional Development Co-Chairs. The Vice President Professional Events is responsible for professional events offered by the CSA.
- (b) The responsibilities of the VPP are as follows:
 - (i) Assist all members of the portfolio with proper execution of their events or responsibilities.
 - (ii) Ensure finances of the professional events portfolio are within budget.
 - (iii) Ensure corporate benefits of the professional events portfolio are being provided.
 - (iv) Attend all CSA Executive Council meetings regularly.
 - (v) Attend all CSA Events.
 - (vi) Additional duties as they arise.
- (c) Exercising Judgment/Impacts of Decisions/Consequence of Error:
 - (i) The VPP has discretionary authority to make decisions as a member of the CSA Executive Council.
 - (ii) The VPP should consult with the CSA President, Faculty Advisor(s), and Dean's Office prior to making decisions that could affect the Asper School of Business.

3.07 Vice President Academic Events

- (a) The Vice President Academic Events (the "VPA") shall lead and support a team including Academic Competition Co-Chairs, Graduation Co-Chairs, International Communications Co-Chairs, and The Commerce Week Co-Chairs. The VPA is responsible for academic events offered by the CSA.
- (b) The responsibilities of the VPA are as follows:
 - (i) Assist all members of the portfolio with proper execution of their events or responsibilities.
 - (ii) Ensure finances of the academic events portfolio are within budget.
 - (iii) Ensure corporate benefits of the academic events portfolio are being provided.
 - (iv) Plan and execute the CSA Tutoring Seminars.
 - (v) Attend all CSA Executive Council meetings regularly.
 - (vi) Attend all CSA Events.

- (vii) Additional duties as they arise.
- (c) Exercising Judgment/Impacts of Decisions/Consequence of Error:
 - (i) The VPA has discretionary authority to make decisions as a member of the CSA Executive Council,
 - (ii) The VPA should consult with the CSA President, Faculty Advisor(s), and Dean's Office prior to making decisions that could affect the Asper School of Business.

3.08 Vice President Social Events

- (a) The Vice President Social Events (the "**VPS**") shall lead and support a team including Commerce Socials Co-Chairs, Five Days for the Homeless Co-Chairs, Shinerama Co-Chairs, Special Events Co-Chairs, and Sports Co-Chairs. The VPS is responsible for social events offered by the CSA.
- (b) The responsibilities of the VPS are as follows:
 - (i) Assist all members of the portfolio with proper execution of their events or responsibilities.
 - (ii) Ensure finances of the social events portfolio are within budget.
 - (iii) Ensure corporate benefits of the social events portfolio are being provided.
 - (iv) Attend all CSA Executive Council meetings regularly.
 - (v) Attend all CSA Events.
 - (vi) Additional duties as they arise.
- (c) Exercising Judgment/Impacts of Decisions/Consequence of Error:
 - (i) The VPS has discretionary authority to make decisions as a member of the CSA Executive Council.
 - (ii) The VPS should consult with the CSA President, Faculty Advisor(s), and Dean's Office prior to making decisions that could affect the Asper School of Business.

Article IV. Duties of the CSA General Council

4.01 Alumni Relations Coordinator

- (a) The Alumni Relations Coordinator shall build further connections with alumni and raise awareness of the Asper Student Legacy Fund to attract donations. They are also responsible for executing an annual fundraising initiative that contributes to the fund, coordinating with the Dean's Office and other stakeholders in decisions related to allocating the fund, and managing a CSA alumni contact list.

4.02 Executive Assistant

- (a) The Executive Assistant is responsible for taking and distributing minutes at all STAG Committee, CSA General Council, and CSA Executive Council meetings. The Assistant works closely with the VPCR to plan and execute Tour De Commerce. An additional responsibility is to help with the planning and execution of council events including but not limited to the CSA General Council Retreat and Holiday Party.

4.03 Senators

- (a) The Senators are responsible for attending University of Manitoba Senate meetings and acting as the liaison between the CSA and the Senate.
- (b) The Senators are elected by CSA Members.

4.04 UMSU Representatives

- (a) The University of Manitoba Student Union (“**UMSU**”) Representatives are responsible for attending UMSU meetings and acting as the liaison between the CSA and UMSU.
- (b) The UMSU Representatives are elected by CSA Members.

4.05 Human Resources Coordinators

- (a) The Human Resources Coordinators (HR Coordinators) are responsible for coordinating and facilitating human resources-related functions for the CSA. Working with the VPI, the HR Coordinators work with CSA Committee co-chairs to prepare interview questions and assist in the recruitment of candidates, scheduling and facilitation of interviews for all CSA Committees. The HR Coordinators are also responsible for coordinating performance appraisals as assigned by the VPI. The HR Coordinators will plan and execute Mock Interviews in the fall and winter terms as directed by the VPI. HR Coordinators are responsible for developing and maintaining job descriptions for all CSA General Council and CSA Executive Council positions. The HR Coordinators may be required to assist with CSA Elections at the discretion of the VPI. The HR Coordinators are responsible for ensuring that all CSA General Council members and all volunteers at any CSA event have read and signed the appropriate CSA Code of Conduct as described in Article VI (6) of this constitution. HR Coordinators are also responsible for human resources development initiatives and working with the VPI on these duties.

4.06 **First Year Representative(s)**

- (a) The First Year Representatives shall be elected by all registered First Year Asper School of Business Students. The First Year Representatives shall be responsible for organizing at least one social, and various charity and fundraising events. The First Year Representatives shall chair the First Year Committee.

4.07 **Indigenous Representative**

- (a) The Indigenous Representative shall act as a liaison between indigenous I.H. Asper School of Business students, the indigenous business community and all CSA Members. The purpose of the role is to implement some aspects of indigenous culture into the CSA's primary events. The primary responsibility of the Indigenous Representative includes organizing treaty acknowledgements at events where appropriate and building relationships with business leaders in the indigenous community. The Indigenous Representative will be an ex-officio member of the council filled by the president of University of Manitoba Indigenous Commerce Students STAG, ("**UMICS**").

4.08 **Accounts Payable Coordinator**

- (a) The Accounts Payable Coordinator is responsible for ensuring the timely payment of invoices, working closely with the VPF.

4.09 **Accounts Receivable Coordinator**

- (a) The Accounts Receivable Coordinator is responsible for executing the invoicing and receipt of funds, working closely with the VPF and VPCR.

4.10 **Events Ticketing Manager**

- (a) The Events Ticketing Manager is responsible for the management of ticket sales through the CSA's online ticketing platform. Working closely with the VPF and event planners, the Events Ticketing Manager sets up online ticketing for each event and trains event planners and their committees to sell tickets using the system. Additionally, the Events Ticketing Manager sets up and manages ticket scanning at each CSA event.

4.11 **Managers of Corporate Relations**

- (a) Reporting to the VPCR, the function of a Manager of Corporate Relations ("**MCR**") is to meet the sponsorship needs of the CSA and STAGs by developing and maintaining strong, long-term, mutually beneficial relationships between the business community and students of the Asper School of Business through the Corporate Partners Program.

4.12 **Digital Coordinator**

- (a) The Digital Coordinator is in charge of managing the CSA website, the CSA and STAG email lists, CSA email and file storage accounts, the CSA digital signage, and ensuring timely mail-outs of bi-weekly emails. With the VPM, the Digital Coordinator is also responsible for fulfilling social media briefs from CSA Council members as they pertain to the CSA website (e.g., creating online event pages).

4.13 Marketing Coordinators

- (a) The Marketing Coordinators work closely with event planners and the VPM to develop a strategic marketing plan for each event or service offered by the CSA. They develop creative content for all events and services. The Marketing Coordinators are also responsible for creating and distributing the CSA Handbook, editing the CPP, and coordinating photography for CSA events.

4.14 Merchandise Coordinators

- (a) The Merchandise Coordinators are responsible for designing and purchasing merchandise, coordinating volunteers to run the Commerce Connection Store, and conducting locker sales each year.

4.15 Promotions Coordinators

- (a) The Promotions Coordinators work closely with the Dean's office to recruit new students from high school and University 1 by promoting the I.H. Asper School of Business at various events. In addition they are responsible for coordinating and distributing business card orders for CSA Members. They are also be responsible for recruiting and scheduling students to conduct classroom talks.

4.16 Social Media Coordinator

- (a) The Social Media Coordinator is responsible for creating social media presence on any and all relevant social media platforms, and ensuring all relevant CSA information is properly promoted, while maintaining the CSA brand. The Social Media Coordinator also works with the Digital Coordinator to develop the bi-weekly emails. In addition, they also assist with coordinating photography and videography as required and/or requested by members of the CSA Executive Council or CSA General Council.

4.17 Business Banquet Co-Chairs

- (a) The Business Banquet Co-Chairs chair the Business Banquet Committee and are responsible for the planning and execution of the banquet.

4.18 National Business School Conference (NBSC) Co-Chairs

- (a) The NBSC Co-Chairs chair the NBSC Committee. The NBSC Co-Chairs shall be responsible for the planning and execution of the conference.

4.19 Professional Development Co-Chairs

- (a) The Professional Development Co-Chairs shall be responsible for coordinating and executing the CSA Corporate Golf Tournament, Etiquette Evening, and Howard Morry Leadership Conference.

4.20 Academic Case Competition Co-Chairs

- (a) The Academic Case Competition Co-Chairs are responsible for the planning and execution of the First Year Case Competition, International Case Competition, and corporate case competition.

4.21 Graduation Co-Chairs

- (a) The Graduation Co-Chairs shall be responsible to organize a dinner and post-dinner event in the fall term and winter term, as well as coordinate grad photos, apparel, and rings. The Graduation Co-Chairs are responsible for all communication with graduating CSA Members related to the graduation dinners and services.

4.22 International Communications Co-Chairs

- (a) The International Communications Co-Chairs are responsible for the planning and execution of the Lunar New Year Festival and Dinner, and other social events of their choosing.

4.23 The Commerce Week Co-Chairs

- (a) The Commerce Week (TCW) Co-Chairs are responsible for planning and executing a week-long series of events at the beginning of the fall academic term. This involves planning and executing Asper Orientation Day, coordinating with the Dean's Office for the annual Bachelor of Commerce program business community welcome event, producing marketing materials to be mailed out to first year students, recruiting volunteers for the events, and coordinating with the Commerce Socials Co-Chairs for the beginning-of-the-year social.

4.24 Commerce Socials Co-Chairs

- (a) The Commerce Socials Co-Chairs shall coordinate Commerce Socials for the benefit of the CSA. The Commerce Socials Co-Chairs may establish a committee to assist in these tasks and seek the assistance of the VPS. The VPS shall work closely with the Commerce Socials Co-Chairs when dealing with venues, sponsors, suppliers, promotions and security.

4.25 Five Days for the Homeless Co-Chairs

- (a) The Five Days for the Homeless Co-Chairs shall coordinate the Five Days for the Homeless Campaign and lead the Five Days for the Homeless Committee. This may involve coordinating with CPs, volunteers and the University of Manitoba, as well as collecting donations. Social events may also be planned to raise additional funds for the Five Days for the Homeless Campaign. The Five Days for the Homeless Co-Chairs may also support any CSA participation in University of Manitoba charity campaigns deemed appropriate by the CSA Executive Council.

4.26 Shinerama Co-Chairs

- (a) The Shinerama Co-Chairs shall coordinate the Shinerama Campaign and lead the Shinerama Committee. This may involve coordinating with CPs, volunteers and the University of Manitoba, as well as collecting donations. Social events may also be planned to raise additional funds for the Shinerama Campaign. The Shinerama Co-Chairs may also support any CSA participation in University of Manitoba charity campaigns deemed appropriate by the CSA Executive Council.

4.27 **Special Events Co-Chairs**

- (a) The Special Events Co-Chairs are responsible for the planning and execution of the CSA Coffee House, Fashion Show, and Exam Cram lunches in the fall and winter academic terms.

4.28 **Sports Co-Chairs**

- (a) The Sports Co-Chairs shall organize intramural sports teams, and other sporting events. The Sports Co-Chairs shall also organize at least one social sporting event. The Sports Co-Chairs shall chair the Sports Committee.

4.29 **Faculty Advisor(s)**

- (a) The Faculty Advisor(s) shall be appointed annually by the CSA Executive Council. The Faculty Advisor(s) shall act as liaisons between the Faculty, Dean's Office and the CSA. The Faculty Advisor(s) have the option of being in attendance at the CSA General Council and CSA Executive Council Meetings. The Faculty Advisor(s) shall also assist in the appeal process, as per Article 12, in which the Faculty Advisor(s) or their designate(s) take the role of a non-voting member. The Faculty Advisor is a member of the Elections Committee (with full voting rights) and votes on the selection of the CSA Executive Council positions. The Faculty Advisor also advises on CSA General Council position appointments but does not have a vote. The Faculty Advisor(s) shall be considered as an advisor to the CSA General Council and CSA Executive Council and not as a voting member of the CSA General Council or CSA Executive Council as per the domain of this Constitution.

Article V. CSA Honourary President

- 5.01 The Honourary President shall be appointed by the President and the VPCR in consultation with the CEO of the University of Manitoba Business School Foundation.
- 5.02 The Honourary President serves as the 'face' of the Asper School of Business to the Winnipeg business community, which helps ensure credibility beyond the walls of the Asper School itself.
- 5.03 The CSA Honourary President shall assist in attending various events, speaking engagements, and helping the MCRs with their duties.
- 5.04 The CSA Honourary President shall attend at least one CSA Executive Council Meeting, one CSA General Council Meeting, and shall meet at least once with the MCRs.
- 5.05 The Honourary President will serve for a term of only one (1) year during the term of the current council's administration.
- 5.06 The Honourary President shall host a sponsor appreciation event at the end of each year as a thank-you for those involved in the CPP.

Article VI. Codes of Conduct

6.01 CSA General Council Code of Conduct

- (a) The intent of the CSA Council Code of Conduct is to protect the University of Manitoba, the Asper School of Business, the Commerce Students' Association (CSA) General Council and Executive Council, and Council members from damage to their reputations and liability. The CSA strives to enrich the Bachelor of Commerce (Hons.) undergraduate experience, and the success of this is derived from the CSA members' enjoyment and their commitment to the work they are doing. The CSA Executive Council hopes to create a productive, comfortable, and fun environment for all Council members, and the CSA Code of Conduct will assist in achieving this goal.
- (b) All members of the CSA General Council must review, sign, and agree to the CSA Council Code of Conduct. There are no exceptions.
- (c) The CSA Council Code of Conduct shall be drafted by the CSA Executive Council and must be approved by majority vote by the CSA General Council. There is no time frame on when the CSA General Council Code of Conduct can be altered. It can be altered through a vote by the CSA Executive Council and a majority vote of the CSA General Council members.

6.02 CSA Volunteer Code of Conduct

- (a) The intent of the CSA Volunteer Code of Conduct is to protect to the University of Manitoba, the Asper School of Business, the CSA General Council and CSA Executive Council, and CSA Volunteers from damage to their reputations and from liability. The CSA strives to enrich the Bachelor of Commerce (Hons.) undergraduate experience, and this is derived from CSA members and volunteers' enjoyment and commitment to the work that they are doing. The CSA Executive Council hopes to create a productive, comfortable, and fun environment for all members, and the CSA Volunteer Code of Conduct will assist in achieving this goal.
- (b) All students who volunteer to assist in any activity related to the CSA must review, sign, and agree to the CSA Volunteer Code of Conduct. There are no exceptions.
- (c) The CSA Volunteer Code of Conduct shall be drafted by the CSA Executive Council and must be approved by a majority vote of the CSA General Council. There is no time frame on when the CSA Volunteer Code of Conduct can be altered. It can be altered by a vote by the CSA Executive Council and a majority vote of the CSA General Council.

Article VII. Meetings of the Association

7.01 CSA Executive Council Meetings

- (a) CSA Executive Council shall meet weekly or otherwise as determined by the CSA Executive Council members, for the purpose of reviewing goals, discussing issues and sharing information relating to the various portfolios. CSA Executive Council Meetings shall be called by the President.
- (b) Quorum shall be 50%, including the President. In the absence of the President, quorum shall be at 50% including the VPI.
- (c) Minutes of CSA Executive Council meetings shall be recorded by the Executive Assistant.
- (d) CSA Executive Council meetings are closed and confidential. CSA Executive Council has discretionary authority to make decisions on behalf of the CSA.
- (e) As CSA Executive Council meetings are closed and confidential, no proxy votes shall be allowed, and members must be present if they want to speak to a matter or participate in a vote.

7.02 CSA General Council Meetings

- (a) The CSA General Council shall meet no less than once per month, starting in April following the selection of all CSA General Council appointed positions, and continuing until the following March, except in the month of December. The CSA President shall have the authority to call CSA General Council meetings, and notice of at least one week must be given.
- (b) The agenda for each CSA General Council meeting shall be prepared by the Executive Assistant in consultation with the CSA Executive Council and the CSA General Council members. The agenda must be distributed prior to the start of the CSA General Council Meeting.
- (c) Meetings of Council shall follow the agenda prepared by the Executive Assistant subject to the right of the council to pass a resolution to vary the agenda.
- (d) At every CSA council meeting, the Bank Reconciliation must be considered for approval.
- (e) The CSA President will chair all council meetings. If the CSA President is absent, the VPI will chair in the President's place.
- (f) Minutes of CSA General Council meetings shall be recorded by the Executive Assistant and made available to CSA Members within seven days of each meeting.
- (g) Quorum for CSA General Council meetings shall be 50% of the members of CSA General Council.
- (h) CSA General Council meetings are open to all CSA Members and other invited guests subject to 7.02 (i).

- (i) A CSA General Council meeting or any part thereof may be held in closed session or in camera, but no motions may be accepted nor any decisions made while in closed session or in camera. Only CSA General Council members shall be able to attend in camera or closed session meetings.
- (j) Action by the CSA General Council shall be decided by motions given and voted upon by CSA General Council Members.
- (k) Where a motion is presented and a vote is required, Robert's Rules of Orders shall apply for the motion and voting process. Any proposed vote must be made in the form of a motion.
 - (i) The vote shall be taken by show of hands.
 - (ii) Notwithstanding, a member may move that the vote be taken by secret ballot.
- (l) If three or more members of the CSA General Council oppose a decision of the CSA Executive Council which materially affects the CSA, the Asper School of Business student body, or the reputation of the Asper School of Business, one of those members of the CSA General Council may move that a vote be taken to express this disagreement and have it recorded in the meeting minutes. This vote shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order and shall require a majority of the CSA General Council to be seconded.
- (m) This Motion of Disagreement shall be recorded in the minutes and can be referenced in regard to future CSA Executive Council decisions and can also be referenced in regard to removal procedures as per Article 12 of this constitution.
- (n) The CSA Council Meeting shall be adjourned by a successful motion.
- (o) In order to receive co-curricular recognition, a CSA General Council member must attend a minimum of 8 meetings, with exceptions for compassionate or extenuating circumstances being granted only by CSA Executive Council.

7.03 Student Action Group (STAG) Committee Meetings

- (a) Members who may attend the STAG Committee Meetings shall include:
 - (i) The VPI.
 - (ii) The President and Vice President of each STAG or an appointed proxy from the executive of the STAG.
 - (iii) CSA Executive Assistant.
 - (iv) The CSA President.
 - (v) Other attendees as necessary or as invited by the VPI.
- (b) The VPI of the CSA shall call a STAG meeting not less than twice during each summer, fall, and winter term for the purpose of receiving updates and resolving issues.
- (c) Minutes of STAG meetings shall be recorded by the Executive Assistant.
- (d) If the VPI is unable to attend the meeting, the President will attend in his/her place.

Article VIII. Election

8.01 Election Procedure

- (a) The CSA holds elections for the following positions: President, VPI, University of Manitoba Student's Union Representatives (2 positions), University of Manitoba Student Senators (2 positions), and First Year Representatives (2 positions).
- (b) The elections are facilitated by a Chief Returning Officer ("**CRO**"), a Deputy Returning Officer ("**DRO**"), and the CSA Elections Committee. The CSA's current VPI and Human Resources Coordinators may also be involved with the coordination and marketing of the election to CSA Members provided they are not candidates in the election.

8.02 Appointing the Chief Returning Officer

- (a) The CRO position shall be filled by the hired representative from UMSU who serves as the CRO for UMSU elections.
- (b) In the case that UMSU does not hire a representative or this representative is unable to serve as the CRO for the CSA election, the CSA Executive Council shall appoint a CRO, which shall only be considered final when affirmed by the majority of the CSA General Council. The vote to appoint a CRO may be conducted via online electronic voting facilitated by the President.
- (c) The President shall communicate the appointment of the CRO to the members of the CSA within twenty-four (24) hours of the appointment.

8.03 Duties of the Chief Returning Officer and Deputy Returning Officer

- (a) The Chief Returning Officer shall appoint a Deputy Returning Officer ("**DRO**") at his or her own discretion.
- (b) The CRO and DRO shall be responsible for facilitating and monitoring all elections for positions within the CSA during an academic school year, including but not limited to the election of the CSA President, VPI, UMSU Representatives, University of Manitoba Student Senators, and First Year Representatives (2 positions).
- (c) The CRO and DRO shall be responsible for all election documents, including nomination forms, and all such forms shall be handed in to the CRO or DRO.
 - (i) The CRO or DRO shall approve or reject any campaign material.
 - (ii) The CRO and DRO will verify accurate results for each respective election.
 - (iii) The CRO shall determine the specific timelines for each election within the parameters set forth in section 8.06 of this constitution.

8.04 **Suspension or Amendment of Rules**

- (a) The CRO may add, remove, or change all or part of the Election Rules temporarily for a given election, provided such a motion is:
 - (i) Adopted in a 2/3 vote of CSA General Council at a duly convened CSA General Council Meeting.
 - (ii) Adopted at least two weeks prior to the opening of nominations for the election it would affect.
 - (iii) Provided to council for notice at least one week prior to being adopted by CSA General Council.
 - (iv) Reasonable, made in good faith, and does not unnecessarily inhibit the democratic nature of the election.

8.05 **CSA Elections Committee**

- (a) The CSA Elections Committee shall consist of the President, VPI, and Faculty Advisor(s).
- (b) The CSA Elections Committee will be present at all meetings related to the election.
- (c) A representative from the CSA Elections Committee will send out all information to the CSA General Council, STAGs, and other mailing lists with regard to the election information.
- (d) The CSA Elections Committee will handle all appeals from candidates.
- (e) The CSA Elections Committee will be present during the election result review and confirmation. If the Faculty Advisor(s) cannot be present, he or she may designate another faculty member as a substitute.
- (f) A Representative from the CSA Elections Committee will inform the CSA Executive Council, CSA General Council, STAGs, and all other CSA Members of the election results within 24 hours of confirmation of results by the CRO.
- (g) If any of the members of the CSA Elections Committee are candidates in the current election, they will be replaced by a different member of the current CSA Executive Council as determined by the remaining members of the CSA Elections Committee.

8.06 **Scheduling**

- (a) The following is the schedule used for all CSA Elections:
 - (i) Week 1 (14 days prior to first voting day): Nominations open at 9:00 am on a weekday, either Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday. Nominations will remain open until 4:00 pm on the 7th day.
 - (ii) Week 2 (7 days prior to first voting day): Campaigning period begins at 9:00 am on a weekday, either Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday.

- (iii) Week 3 (immediately following campaigning period): Election period begins at 9:00 am on the day immediately following the end of the campaigning period. Voting remains open until 4:00 pm on the following day.
- (b) The CSA Elections for President, VPI, UMSU Representatives, and University of Manitoba Senators must be completed prior to the first Friday in February.

8.07 Notice

- (a) The CRO and DRO are responsible, with the assistance of the VPI and Human Resources Coordinators, as well as the VPM:
 - (i) For proper advertising of the election on relevant sources, including on the CSA digital signage, CSA website, and CSA social media platforms.
 - (ii) For proper advertising of the nomination period, voting period and any relevant documentation.

8.08 Nominations

- (a) Prior to advertising for nominations, the CRO shall prepare a package of written information which will be available to any CSA Member at least one week prior to the opening of the Nomination Period, and will include:
 - (i) Current copies of the CSA Constitution.
 - (ii) Nomination forms for candidates.
 - (iii) A list of nomination requirements and deadlines, including instructions for obtaining a copy of the nominee's most recent academic transcript confirming their academic standing.
 - (iv) Any other forms required of the nominees, including an acknowledgement and acceptance of nomination form.
 - (v) Current contact information for the CRO and DRO.
 - (vi) A statement of rules regarding keys and use of offices as described in section 8.13 of this constitution.
- (b) The academic transcript is used only for confirmation of meeting the minimum cumulative GPA requirement of 2.5. This information may not be used for any other purpose and will be kept strictly confidential.

8.09 Nomination Requirements

- (a) In order to be nominated as a candidate, a person must:
 - (i) Be in good academic standing with the Asper School of Business.
 - (ii) Be a current Member of the CSA.
 - (iii) Register for courses as a full time or part time student in the Asper School of Business during the upcoming fall and winter semesters.

- (iv) Be registered in at least one class during the term of nomination, and register for at least one class in each term of their tenure. Candidates who are employed on a co-op term confirmed through the Asper Co-Operative Education Program or currently studying out of the country through the Asper Exchange Program are also eligible.
- (v) Be nominated under their legal name or a reasonable derivative thereof.
- (vi) Have provided a completed nomination package to the CRO prior to the end of the nomination period, which shall include:
 - 1) Basic information about the candidate, including their name and contact information.
 - 2) First and last names, signatures, years, and student identification numbers of at least 20 nominators who are Members of the CSA.
 - 3) A signed acknowledgment of acceptance of the nomination by each nominee.
 - 4) A copy of the nominee's academic transcript confirming their status as an Undergraduate I.H. Asper school of Business Student, and cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher.
 - 5) A signed document indicating the name which each candidate wishes to appear on the ballot, and an indication of whether he or she considers this name to be a reasonable derivative of his or her legal name.
- (b) Completed nominations, containing all material required by the Constitution and the CRO must be received no later than the deadline set out in the advertisement by the CRO.
- (c) Nominations may be collected by individuals on behalf of the nominees, provided the individual collecting the nominations is also a CSA Member.
- (d) It is the sole responsibility of nominees to ensure the completeness and accuracy of their nominations. Any nomination that fails to comply with any part of the rules shall be summarily rejected.
- (e) Within 24 hours of the closing of nominations, a member of the CSA Elections Committee will inform the CSA Executive Council, CSA General Council, STAG's, and all other CSA Members of the list of eligible candidates.
- (f) Members of the CSA Executive Council may run as candidates in the CSA Election, provided they meet all other criteria required of any other nominated candidate.
- (g) Candidates for the elected position of First Year Representative (2 Positions) shall be considered eligible if they meet the following qualifications at the time of nomination:
 - (i) Recognized as a First Year Asper School of Business Student, and
 - (ii) Enrolled in classes during the current fall and upcoming winter semesters as a full time or part time student.

8.10 **Nomination Vacancies**

- (a) If an open position receives no nominations by the deadline for nominations, the position will not be elected in the current round of elections.
- (b) At a later date to be determined by the CSA Elections Committee, a second round of elections will be held to attempt to nominate and elect a candidate for the vacant position. The election timeline may be compressed at the joint discretion of the CSA President and CRO.
- (c) Should a position receive no nominations in the second round of elections, the Elections Committee may determine the best course of action to elect the position in the future.
- (d) If after the call for a second round of voting there are no nominations submitted, the CSA President and/or VPI shall appoint the position in consultation with the remaining CSA Executive Council Members and CSA Faculty Advisor(s).

8.11 **Slates**

- (a) No candidates may run in slates. All candidates must run individually and cannot coordinate campaigns or marketing material.
- (b) Candidates found to be collaborating on their campaigns will be disqualified from the election.

8.12 **Candidate Meetings**

- (a) All candidates and their campaign managers, if applicable, must be present at any and all meetings called by the CRO.
- (b) Candidates who are unable to attend a meeting scheduled by the CRO are deemed ineligible unless they submit written notice within three hours of the start of the meeting and provide a proxy to attend in their place.
- (c) Candidates who send a proxy representative are deemed to have been in attendance for informational purposes, and as such, no special consideration will be given for violations of rules discussed at meetings which a candidate did not themselves attend.
- (d) Immediately following the close of the nomination period, the CRO shall call an informational meeting (the “**All Candidates Meeting**”) which all candidates must attend to:
 - (i) Review the relevant governing documents, and respond to questions about the same.
 - (ii) Announce any methods that shall be regularly used to communicate with campaigns.
 - (iii) Deal with any other topics deemed necessary by the CRO.
- (e) Attendance must be taken at the All Candidates Meeting.

8.13 **Office Space and Resources**

- (a) The CSA will not provide office or storage space to any candidates. No campaign shall have an office on campus which is not approved by the CRO.

- (b) At no time during the Election Period may campaign supplies or materials be present or stored in the CSA Office.
- (c) Campaigning may not be conducted within the CSA Office by any candidate, nor a representative of that candidate at any time during the election period.
- (d) Candidates may not use any CSA resources for campaign purposes, including printing resources, marketing software, or other items as determined by the CRO.
- (e) Candidates, including current CSA General Council or CSA Executive Council Members, may access the CSA Office space at any time during the election period, provided no campaigning is carried out within the space, and all campaign materials are left outside.
- (f) Notwithstanding 8.13 (e), candidates who are current CSA Executive Council Members may have additional privileges or access to CSA property restricted in order to ensure a fair and democratic election at the sole discretion of the CRO.

8.14 Voter Eligibility

- (a) Undergraduate Asper School of Business Students who are enrolled in one or more classes during the time of voting, and those working on a work term through the Asper Co-op Program, or currently studying out of the country through the Asper Exchange Program are eligible to vote.
- (b) A listing of currently enrolled students and student numbers will be obtained from the undergraduate program office. This information must not be used for any other purpose and should be destroyed once all positions have been elected and destruction is approved by the CRO.

8.15 Campaign Materials

- (a) No candidate may distribute or use, and the CRO cannot approve, campaign materials which:
 - (i) Have more than a nominal value when distributed.
 - (ii) Contain libel or slander (based on consultation with legal counsel if necessary).
 - (iii) Are factually incorrect.
 - (iv) Violate any federal or provincial statute, or any University rule, regulation, policy, or procedure.
 - (v) Are discriminatory or derogatory towards any person(s) based on the characteristics listed in section 9 (2) of the Manitoba Human Rights Code.
 - (vi) Bear any logo representing any student group or organization including but not limited to UMSU, the Asper School of Business, the CSA, or any STAG.
 - (vii) Notwithstanding section 8.15 (a) (i)-(vi), all campaign materials must be presented in a manner befitting the Asper School of Business. If any of the CRO, DRO, Elections Committee, or Faculty Advisor(s) feel that any piece of material is found to be questionable (inappropriate), it can be referred to the CRO, who may remove it without warning. The candidate will not be allowed to replace it with new material.

- (b) Campaign materials may include, but are not limited to: posters, banners, pamphlets, leaflets, brochures, and cards. The material may convey a candidate's name, image and/or platform.
- (c) All campaign material must also clearly indicate the date and time of the voting period as well as the electronic voting web address, if applicable, in legible format.
- (d) Each candidate is permitted to post the following posters:
 - (i) No more than two (2) large posters, whose size may not exceed thirty-four inches by twenty-seven inches (34" x 27"), and
 - (ii) No more than three (3) posters whose size may not exceed twenty-six inches by nineteen inches (26" x 19"), and
 - (iii) Any quantity of posters whose size does not exceed eight and one half inches by eleven inches (8.5" x 11").
- (e) Posters are permitted only on the 100 level of the Drake Centre. No campaign material may be affixed to parts of the building other than the specified cork boards or strips located on the 100 level of the Drake Centre. No posters are permitted on glass, doors, stairwells, in classrooms (including writing on chalkboards or whiteboards), or in tunnels connected to the Drake Centre.
- (f) No candidate may occupy an entire wall with campaign material.
- (g) The CRO may determine a maximum number of posters to occupy each cork location to ensure equal placement of posters.
- (h) Any quantity of handheld materials such as pamphlets, leaflets, brochures, and cards may be produced. Such materials cannot be left on tables or other similar locations throughout the school; they must be distributed directly to individuals.
- (i) The CRO or DRO must approve all campaign materials. The CRO may establish a method for seeking approval of printed content in advance of the All Candidates Meeting to allow sufficient time for production of the materials with the affixed approval watermark. If a candidate has new material that he or she would like to distribute at a later date, it must be reviewed and approved by the CRO or DRO before it may be distributed. If seeking approval on printed material, a candidate may photocopy the approved piece of material once signed by the CRO or DRO.
- (j) Under no circumstances will stickers / adhesives be allowed for use as campaign material.
- (k) Distribution of campaign material into lockers is strictly prohibited.
- (l) Notwithstanding section 8.15 (a) – (m), campaign material may only be posted in public spaces, specifically excluding bathrooms, classrooms, windows, student booths, and other places where the CSA specifically does not have permission to display posters and election materials,
- (m) No person(s) other than the CRO, DRO, or the respective candidates themselves may remove a candidate's poster(s) from any affixed place during campaigning.

- (n) No campaigning is permitted through internal University / Faculty / CSA / STAG mailing lists.
- (o) Social media (including but not limited to Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat, etc.) may be used; however, all social media profiles must be made public and no private group on any form of social media may be used (including but not limited to a private Facebook group or event, for example). If a candidate's personal social media profile is used for campaigning purposes, they are also required to be made public for the duration of the campaign and election period.
- (p) All campaign materials, both print, digital and on social media must be removed from public view within 24 hours of the conclusion of voting.

8.16 Campaign Expenses

- (a) A campaign Expense is defined as a cost incurred to create campaigning material for the purpose of the respective election.
- (b) Campaign materials may not exceed the campaign budget specified by the CRO, who will determine the budget on a year by year basis. The budget shall be no less than \$200 per candidate.
- (c) The CSA will reimburse all candidates for campaign expenses up to \$50, with receipts. Any additional expenses within the budget are the personal responsibility of the candidate.
- (d) Receipts must be obtained by candidates before campaign materials are distributed.
- (e) All receipts must be submitted to the CRO at or prior to the Election Results Meeting.
- (f) All materials used in the making and distribution of campaign material must be assessed a value. This includes, but is not limited to: paper, printing, markers, pens, tape, etc.
- (g) If no receipts are available, a value will be placed on the materials used based on the best judgment of the CRO and DRO.

8.17 Campaigning Rules

- (a) Campaigning whereby candidates or volunteers on their behalf approach individuals in-person to market themselves or remind others about an election in any way ("**In-Person Campaigning**"), may only be conducted within the Drake Centre.
- (b) In-Person Campaigning may not be conducted within the Albert D. Cohen Management Library located on the 200 level of the Drake Centre or the Sony Study Centre located on the 300 level of the Drake Centre.
- (c) In-Person Campaigning may only be conducted during the established Campaign Period which ends at 9:00 am on the first day of voting. Online campaigning using social media and other online methods may continue through until close of the Voting Period.
- (d) Candidates may receive volunteer assistance from any other persons, so long as there is no exchange of money or other benefits offered. Volunteers may not actively campaign for more than one candidate in any combination of portfolios.

- (e) Volunteers who are campaigning on behalf of a candidate are subject to the same rules as the candidate. Violations of any of the election rules outlined in this constitution or implemented for a specific election by a candidate's volunteer will have the same effect as if the candidate violated the rule themselves. These violations by a volunteer can result in action being taken by the CRO against the candidate, up to and including disqualification of the candidate.
- (f) Candidates are permitted to introduce themselves to classrooms / academic sessions during class time based on the following:
 - (i) The professor or instructor approves the introduction.
 - (ii) The introduction is no longer than two (2) minutes in length.
 - (iii) Candidates do not directly solicit votes during classroom talks; rather, they may only encourage students to vote.
- (g) Campaign speeches will occur during the campaign period only for the President and VPI positions.
- (h) The CRO and/or DRO shall preside over the speeches, and question period following the speeches.
- (i) If the candidate is not present, his or her speech can be read aloud by the CRO.
- (j) Speeches may be no longer than five (5) minutes and will be followed by an open Question and Answer period for each position, each capped at twenty minutes in length.
- (k) Questions can be taken from the floor during the question period or can be submitted anonymously to the CRO, to be read aloud by the CRO.

8.18 **Voting Process**

- (a) All CSA Elections will be conducted by electronic voting method. Only the CRO and DRO may have access to set up and monitor the electronic voting system during the course of an election.
- (b) The CRO must use the electronic voting platform provided by UMSU unless it is not available or not suitable. A successful vote brought by motion at a duly convened CSA General Council Meeting at least two weeks prior to the voting period will allow a different platform to be used for a given election.
- (c) President, VPI, and UMSU Representative candidates running uncontested shall be elected by a "yes"/"no" vote. Successful candidates must receive at least one hundred (100) "yes" votes and at least three (3) times as many "yes" votes as "no" votes.
- (d) Senator candidates running uncontested shall be elected by a "yes"/"no" vote. Successful candidates must receive at least 50% "yes" votes.
- (e) Voting for contested positions shall be conducted using instant-runoff voting. For each position, voters will rank their choices in order of preference.
- (f) Vote counting for contested positions will be conducted electronically as follows:

- (i) Ballots are initially counted for each elector's top choice.
 - (ii) If a candidate secures more than half of the votes in the first round, the candidate wins.
 - (iii) If a candidate does not secure more than half of the votes in the first round, the candidate in last place is eliminated and removed from consideration.
 - (iv) The highest ranking remaining choices are then counted again.
 - (v) The process repeats itself until one candidate receives more than half of the votes in a particular round.
- (g) Candidates may designate one (1) scrutineer by submitting a written document signed by the candidate and the scrutineer to the CRO twenty-four (24) hours before the start of the voting period. The scrutineer may be present at the polling station during voting hours but may not in any way discuss the election of his or her candidate while doing so.
 - (h) The CRO shall call a meeting with the CSA Elections Committee at 4:30 pm on the day of conclusion of voting to review and confirm campaign expenses and the election results with the CSA Elections Committee ("**Election Results Meeting**"). Once confirmed, all candidates must be invited into the Election Results Meeting to announce the results. Detailed vote counts for each round of counting may be disclosed, however this information must remain confidential with the CRO, DRO, Faculty Advisor(s), and candidates, indefinitely.
 - (i) The election results shall be communicated to all CSA Members within twenty-four (24) hours of the closing of voting period. The information must be communicated as deemed appropriate by the CRO before the candidates are allowed to disclose the results to others outside of the room.
 - (j) Candidates may designate one (1) individual to attend the Election Results Meeting on their behalf by submitting a written document signed by the candidate and the individual to the CRO twenty-four (24) hours before the start of the close of the voting period.
 - (k) Election results must remain secret until close of the election period. No person, including the CRO is permitted to view the results prior to the close of the voting period.

8.19 **Grievances and Complaints**

- (a) All grievances and complaints shall be directed in writing to the CRO. Upon receipt of a complaint, the CRO shall determine the appropriate procedure for investigating the merits of the grievance or complaint.
- (b) Where the CRO determines that the rules established by the CRO or the rules outlined herein have been violated, the CRO shall, using the demerit system found in section 8.20 of this constitution, determine the appropriate remedy, including disqualifying the candidate responsible for the violation.
- (c) Complaints regarding the CRO or the fulfillment of their duties shall be directed to the CSA Elections Committee. The CSA Elections Committee shall then review the complaint and determine the appropriate remedy (if necessary).

8.20 Demerit System

- (a) The following demerit system may be used to assess penalties against candidates who violate rules outlined in this constitution. For offences committed by a volunteer(s) resulting penalties will be given, in full, to each candidate. The following values are merely guidelines. The CRO retains full discretion to substitute other values or penalties as they see fit.
- (i) Candidates who receive 50 or more demerits are disqualified.
 - (ii) "DQ" means disqualified.

Violation	Penalty
Willful abuse of Election Rules	5 - DQ
<i>Pre-Campaigning</i>	
1st Offence	5
2nd Offence	10
3rd Offence	15
Any Further Offence	DQ
<i>Campaign Materials</i>	
Posting unapproved campaign materials	10
Failure to comply with CSA Protocol of Supplementary Rules for hanging and location of posters and materials	5 - 15
Negative campaigning	10
<i>Campaigning</i>	
Failure to attend All Candidates' Meeting without CRO approval	DQ
Failure to attend other meetings called by CRO	20
In-Person campaigning on voting days	15
Direct interaction with an individual voting	15 - DQ
Campaigning in prohibited location	10
Campaigning aggressively or threatening	15
Damage to university property	10 - DQ

8.21 Disqualification

- (a) If a candidate is disqualified under any of the Elections rules in this article, they will be unable to run for any elected position for a one year period (up to and including the General Elections in the next year). They may still apply for appointed positions and may run for an elected position after the one year period expires.

8.22 Additional Rules

- (a) For any rule not listed in this constitution that is being implemented or changed, approval of the CSA General Council is required.

Article IX. Council Recruitment

9.01 All candidates for CSA General Council or CSA Executive Council positions must be currently registered I.H. Asper School of Business students.

9.02 CSA Executive Council Recruitment

- (a) An applications committee shall be formed consisting of the incoming President, incoming VPI, outgoing President, outgoing VPI, and the Faculty Advisor(s) or their designate(s) for the selection of all members of the CSA Executive Council ("**Executive Applications Committee**").
- (b) All Executive Application Committee members must be present to interview applicants unless there is a pressing reason approved by the committee.
- (c) The respective outgoing Executive Member may attend the interview if availability permits and if invited to do so by the incoming President.
- (d) Applications for the positions of VPF, VPCR, VPM, VPP, VPA and VPS must be called for and publicized immediately following the annual elections, with all applications being received within ten (10) calendar days of these elections.
- (e) The Executive Applications Committee shall choose all Vice Presidents within fourteen (14) calendar days of the close of Applications.
- (f) All students who apply for the Executive Council must be students in Good Standing with the Asper School of Business, who will not graduate before April the following year.

9.03 CSA General Council Recruitment

- (a) An applications committee shall be formed consisting of all members of the Executive Council and the Faculty Advisor(s), who serve as a non-voting member to appoint candidates for all appointed positions on the CSA General Council ("**General Council Recruitment Committee**").
- (b) The Faculty Advisor(s) may appoint a designee to serve on the General Council Recruitment Committee on their behalf if they are unavailable to do so.
- (c) All members of the General Council Applications Committee must be present at each interview unless approved by the committee.
- (d) Applications for the appointed positions of the CSA General Council shall be called for and publicized by the incoming President with the assistance of the outgoing Human Resources Manager.
- (e) If a vote is required to select an appointed member of the CSA General Council, each member of the General Council Applications Committee, except for the faculty advisor, shall have one vote. If after failing to reach a consensus in the event of a tie, the President shall have the deciding vote.
- (f) The General Council Applications Committee shall have filled all appointed positions and notified all Members of the appointments prior to the end of the third week in March except in the case of exceptional circumstances.

- (g) Applications shall be called for again for any position which is unfilled at the end of the recruitment period, within three weeks of returning to the university in the fall. The call for applications may take place during the summer.

Article X. Tenure of Office

- 10.01 Each elected member shall hold office from April 1st of their incoming year to March 31st of the following year.
- 10.02 Members not on council at the time of the first meeting of the new council shall hold office from the time of their appointment or and acceptance to the council until the following March 31st.
- 10.03 Tenure of any appointed CSA Executive Council or CSA General Council Member may be temporarily suspended at any time as deemed necessary by the President.
- 10.04 Tenure may be terminated by resignation or removal as set out in section 11 of the Constitution.

Article XI. Resignation and Vacancies

- 11.01 Any resignation or removal from office of a member of the CSA Executive Council or CSA General Council shall be submitted to the President, who shall present the resignation to the CSA Executive Council. In the case of the resignation of the CSA President, the resignation shall be submitted to the Faculty Advisor and VPI.
- 11.02 The CSA Executive Council shall report to the CSA General Council and shall select a replacement for an appointed position through a method deemed appropriate by the CSA Executive Council, or shall call a by-election if the position, other than President and VPI, is an elected position.
- 11.03 If any elected CSA General Council member does not return for the fall term for any reason, the CRO shall, within 3 weeks of the start of the Fall term, conduct a new election.
- 11.04 In the event of the resignation of the President, the VPI shall assume the office of the President. The remaining CSA Executive Council will appoint a new VPI.
- 11.05 In the event of the resignation of the VPI, the remaining CSA Executive Council will appoint a new VPI.
- 11.06 In the case of the temporary absence of the President, the VPI shall assume the responsibilities of the President. Should the VPI be unable to assume the position, it shall pass to the VPF.

Article XII. Suspension and Removal

12.01 Removal of President or Vice President Internal

- (a) A formal motion for the removal of the President or VPI can be brought if the President or VPI has failed to perform the duties of their office and a petition is brought forward to the CSA General Council containing the signatures and student numbers of at least two hundred fifty (250) CSA Members.
- (b) A three quarters vote of all CSA General Council is required to pass a motion for the removal of the CSA President or VPI.
- (c) A successful motion to remove the President or VPI shall trigger a by-election for the election of a new President or VPI (depending on the position that was removed). The respective member who was removed is not barred from running in the by-election.
- (d) If the President or VPI is removed under section 12.01 of this Constitution, they are ineligible to run for any elected position of the CSA for a one year period (up to and including the General Elections in the next year). They may still apply for appointed positions, and may run for an elected position after the one year period expires.
- (e) Section 12.01 (d) shall not apply if the member is successfully re-elected to the position they were removed from in the by-election following their removal.

12.02 Removal of any CSA Executive Council Member or CSA General Council Member (Excluding the President, VPI, Senator(s) and First Year Representatives)

- (a) The CSA Executive Council may, by motion at a duly convened Executive Council meeting, remove any CSA Executive Council Member or CSA General Council Member who has:
 - (i) Failed to perform the duties of their office, or
 - (ii) Misstated their good academic standing and/or registration status within the I.H. Asper School of Business.
- (b) Two thirds of the vote of the CSA Executive Council is required to pass a motion for the removal of any CSA Executive Council Member or CSA General Council Member (excluding the President, VPI, and First Year Representatives).
- (c) If a CSA General Council Member is removed from the CSA General Council under any procedure in this section 12.02 they are ineligible to run for any elected position for a one year period (up to and including the General Elections in the next year). They may still apply for appointed positions and may run for an elected position after the one year period expires.

12.03 Removal of Senators

- (a) Removal of Senator(s) is governed by the 'Provision of the University of Manitoba Act Respecting Education of Students'.

12.04 Removal of First Year Representatives

- (a) A motion can be brought to the Executive Council to initiate the removal of a First Year Representative if the First Year Representative in question has failed to perform the duties of their office.
- (b) Prior to the motion being presented, the CSA Executive Council should offer a thirty (30) day probationary period to the First Year Representative. The CSA Executive Council must provide support to the individual during this period.
- (c) Three quarters of the vote of all members of the First Year Committee and a majority vote of the CSA General Council at a duly convened CSA General Council meeting is required to pass a motion to initiate removal proceedings of a First Year Representative.
- (d) The successful removal of a First Year Representative shall trigger the appointment of a new First Year Representative, appointed by the remaining members of the First Year Council and the CSA President.
- (e) If a First Year Representative is removed from the CSA General Council under any procedure in section 12.04 (a)-(c) he or she will be unable to run for any elected position for a one year period (up to and including the General Elections in the next year). They may still apply for appointed positions and may run for an elected position after the one year period expires.

12.05 Removal Based on a Violation of the Code of Conduct

- (a) Upon a violation of the CSA Code of Conduct by a CSA General Council Member other than a Senator, the CSA Executive Council shall have the authority to suspend the CSA General Council Member in question. Section 12.03 outlines the removal process for a Senator.
- (b) Upon violation of the CSA Code of Conduct by a CSA Executive Council member other than the President and VPI, the other members of the CSA Executive Council as a group shall have the authority to continue the removal process. Section 12.01 outlines the removal process for the President and VPI.
- (c) The remaining CSA Executive Council Members shall have the power to use their discretion on the handling of the Code of Conduct violation, including a formal warning, reduction in responsibilities, or removal from the CSA Executive Council.
- (d) The Executive Council may, by motion at a duly convened CSA Executive Council meeting, remove any CSA General Council Member who refuses to sign the CSA Code of Conduct. The CSA General Council Member has an obligation to sign and submit the Code of Conduct within one (1) week of receiving it.
- (e) Upon the decision to remove a CSA General Council Member, the President and/or the VPI shall meet with the respective member and inform him or her of the decision.
- (f) Upon the removal of a CSA General Council Member based on a Code of Conduct violation, the CSA Executive Council shall notify CSA General Council of this decision within 24 hours after any appeal has been rejected.

12.06 Appeal of a Removal based on a Violation of the Code of Conduct

- (a) Appeals may be submitted by any CSA Executive Council Member or CSA General Council Member who has been removed based on violation of the CSA Code of Conduct within 24 hours of notice of removal.
- (b) The removed member shall notify the CSA Executive Council that they wish to appeal their removal by submitting written positions to the CSA Faculty Advisor(s) in favour of their positions within seven (7) days of the notification to the CSA Executive Council.
- (c) The Faculty Advisor(s) shall then meet with the removed member and the CSA Executive Council separately to hear arguments in favour of both parties' positions.
- (d) The final decision shall then lie with the CSA Faculty Advisor(s), who shall submit written decisions for their reasons to uphold the decision of the CSA Executive Council, or to return the removed member to the CSA General Council or CSA Executive Council.

12.07 Disqualification

- (a) Any member who is removed from the CSA General Council or CSA Executive Council under sections 12.05 and 12.06 of this Constitution is ineligible to run for any elected position for a one (1) year period (up to and including the General Elections in the next year). They may still apply for appointed positions and may run for an elected position after the one year period expires.
- (b) Section 12.07 (a) of this Constitution shall not apply if the member successfully wins their appeal and is not removed from the CSA General Council or CSA Executive Council as per section 12.06 (d) of this Constitution.

Article XIII. Transitions

- 13.01 For the purpose of continuity of Council and to aid CSA Executive Council and CSA General Council members in the performance of their duties, upon entering and continuing through his or her term of office, each member of the CSA Executive and CSA General Council shall maintain an accurate and detailed set of files, which shall be submitted at the end of the year and stored in the CSA Office. These files may be referred to by successors for the purposes of maintaining continuity.
- 13.02 The files for each member to record include, but are not limited to, all budgets pertaining to the member's activities during the term in office, all programs and schedules pertaining to the member's activities during the term in office, all materials created during the term in office and any additional relevant information to decisions made by the member during their tenure.
- 13.03 At the end of each CSA Executive Council and CSA General Council Member's tenure, a transition report must be prepared and provided to the incoming members of their respective position no more than two (2) weeks after the transition has occurred. The report shall include a description of duties and how these duties were accomplished, an analysis of problem areas or difficulties encountered in the performance of duties, and recommendations and suggestions containing any other information that may guide or assist the successor in the performance of their duties.
- 13.04 Each Committee (standing or ad-hoc) of the council shall keep records which shall include minutes of all meetings, and any additional information relevant to the committee's performance of duties on behalf of the council. This includes items such as promotional material and any other files.

Article XIV. Standing Committees

14.01 CSA General Council includes standing committees that are listed below. In addition to these standing committees, additional standing committees can be approved by a majority vote at a normal CSA General Council Meeting with quorum. Standing committees may also be removed by a majority vote at a normal CSA General Council Meeting with quorum.

14.02 Shinerama Committee

- (a) The Shinerama Co-Chairs shall be the Co-Chairs of the Shinerama Committee.
- (b) The Shinerama Co-Chairs shall have the authority to appoint University of Manitoba students from any faculty to the committee and assign them duties and responsibilities.
- (c) The Shinerama Committee is responsible for conducting the annual Shinerama Campaign.
- (d) The Shinerama Committee shall be responsible for the recruitment of volunteers for the campaign.

14.03 Business Banquet Committee

- (a) The Business Banquet Co-Chairs shall chair the Business Banquet Committee.
- (b) The Business Banquet Committee Co-Chairs shall have the authority to appoint CSA Members to the committee and assign them duties and responsibilities. University of Manitoba students from other faculties may also be appointed to the Committee, but CSA Members must be given priority.
- (c) The Business Banquet Committee is responsible for conducting the annual Business Banquet event.

14.04 National Business School Conference (NBSC) Committee

- (a) The National Business School Conference Co-Chairs shall chair the NBSC Committee.
- (b) The NBSC Committee Co-Chairs shall have the authority to appoint CSA Members to the committee and assign them duties and responsibilities. University of Manitoba students from other faculties may also be appointed to the committee, but CSA Members must be given priority.
- (c) The NBSC Committee is responsible for conducting and making arrangements for the National Business School Conference.
- (d) The National Business School Conference (NBSC) Logistics Committee is a sub-committee of the National Business Conference Committee. The Co-Chairs of the NBSC Committee shall also be the Co-Chairs of the NBSC Logistics Committee.
- (e) The Co-Chairs shall have the authority to appoint CSA Members to the Logistics Committee.
- (f) The NBSC Logistics Committee is mainly responsible for logistics throughout the National Business School Conference.

14.05 Five Days for the Homeless Committee

- (a) The Five Days for the Homeless Co-Chairs shall be the Co-Chairs of the Five Days for the Homeless Committee.
- (b) The Five Days for the Homeless Co-Chairs shall have the authority to appoint University of Manitoba students from any faculty to the committee and assign them duties and responsibilities.
- (c) The Five Days for the Homeless Committee shall be responsible for organizing and conducting the Five Days for the Homeless Campaign.
- (d) The Five Days for the Homeless Committee shall be responsible for the recruitment of volunteers for the campaign.

14.06 Commerce Socials Committee

- (a) The Commerce Socials Co-Chairs shall be the Co-Chairs of the Socials Committee.
- (b) The Socials Committee Co-Chairs have the authority to appoint CSA Members to the Socials Committee and assign them duties and responsibilities. University of Manitoba students from other faculties may also be appointed to the Committee, but CSA members must be given priority.
- (c) The Committee shall be responsible for supporting the Commerce Socials Co-Chairs to ensure the successful completion of all Commerce Socials.

14.07 Lunar New Year Festival and Dinner Committee

- (a) The International Communications Co-Chairs shall co-chair the Lunar New Year Festival and Dinner Committee.
- (b) The Lunar New Year Festival and Dinner Committee Co-Chairs have the authority to appoint CSA Members to the Lunar New Year Festival and Dinner Committee and assign them duties and responsibilities. University of Manitoba students from other faculties may also be appointed to the Committee, but CSA members must be given priority.
- (c) The Committee shall be responsible for the successful completion of the Lunar New Year Festival and Dinner Event.

14.08 First Year Committee

- (a) The First Year Representatives shall co-chair the First Year Committee.
- (b) The First Year Committee Co-Chairs have the authority to appoint CSA Members to the First Year Committee and assign them duties and responsibilities. University of Manitoba students from other faculties may also be appointed to the Committee, but CSA Members must be given priority.
- (c) The First Year Committee is responsible for events and initiatives pertaining to first year students.

14.09 **Fashion Show Committee**

- (a) The Special Events Co-Chairs shall co-chair the Fashion Show Committee.
- (b) The Fashion Show Co-Chairs have the authority to appoint CSA Members to the Fashion Show Committee and assign them duties and responsibilities. University of Manitoba students from other faculties may also be appointed to the Committee, but CSA Members must be given priority.
- (c) The Fashion Show Committee is responsible for conducting and organizing the Fashion Show.

14.10 **Sports Committee**

- (a) The Sports Co-Chairs shall co-chair the Sports Committee.
- (b) The Sports Committee Co-Chairs have the authority to appoint CSA Members to the Sports Committee and assign them duties and responsibilities. University of Manitoba students from other faculties may also be appointed to the Committee, but CSA Members must be given priority.
- (c) The Sports Committee is responsible for the conducting and organizing various sports events throughout the year.

14.11 **Graduation Committee**

- (a) The Graduation Co-Chairs shall co-chair the Graduation Committee.
- (b) The Graduation Co-Chairs have the authority to appoint CSA Members to the Graduation Committee and assign them duties and responsibilities. University of Manitoba students from other faculties can also be appointed to the Committee, but CSA Members must be given priority.
- (c) The Graduation Committee is responsible for the planning and execution of all graduation-related services and events.

14.12 **The Commerce Week (TCW) Committee**

- (a) The TCW Co-Chairs shall co-chair the TCW Committee.
- (b) The TCW Co-Chairs have the authority to appoint CSA Members to the TCW Committee and assign them duties and responsibilities. University of Manitoba students may also be appointed to the Committee, but CSA Members must be given priority.
- (c) The TCW Committee is responsible for the planning and execution of TCW-related events.

14.13 **Student Action Group (STAG) Committee**

- (a) The VPI is the Chair of the STAG Committee.
- (b) All Presidents and Vice Presidents' of STAG's which are recognized by the CSA are members of the STAG Committee.

- (c) The STAG Committee meets for the purpose of updating all parties with relevant information. The VPI updates the STAG Committee on current activities and vice versa.

14.14 CSA Elections Committee

- (a) The CSA President shall chair the CSA Elections Committee.
- (b) The CSA Elections Committee is responsible for overseeing CSA Elections. See 8.05 additional information about the CSA Elections Committee.

14.15 Applications Committee(s)

- (a) See Article IX for details in regard to the formation and mandate of the respective Applications Committee(s).

Article XV. Ad Hoc Committees

15.01 By a motion of the CSA Executive Council, the CSA General Council may appoint ad hoc committees at any time for any purpose as considered necessary by council.

15.02 Any appointment of an ad hoc committee shall include:

- (a) The mandate of the ad hoc committee,
- (b) The date the ad hoc committee shall begin,
- (c) The date the ad hoc committee shall be dissolved unless it is deemed to exist indefinitely. The date may be when a particular condition or decision has been reached, as opposed to a specific date,
- (d) The ad hoc committee members or the method by which the ad hoc committee members shall be selected,
- (e) The Chair of the ad hoc committee, or the method by which the ad hoc committee shall select a chair,
- (f) The quorum for the ad hoc committee meetings,

15.03 All ad hoc committees shall consist of at least five (5) CSA General Council members.

Article XVI. Student Action Groups

16.01 Creation of a New Student Action Group (STAG)

- (a) The CSA requires that an organized Student Action Group must submit an application to the CSA Executive Council prior to being considered for recognized status. The application shall consist of a letter stating the name of the STAG, the purpose of the student group, a statement of intent and projected goals for the opening year and for two years following, and a membership list containing at least twenty members, with names, signatures and student numbers.
- (b) The CSA Executive Council shall then decide on approving or denying the creation of the new STAG, and shall send a letter to the proposed STAG confirming such. Upon receipt of a letter of approval from the CSA Executive Council, the proposed STAG is considered to be recognized as an official STAG by the CSA.

16.02 Funding of Student Action Groups

- (a) Funding will be provided to STAGs based on need.
- (b) STAGs must submit a budget for all events and initiatives for the coming year to the CSA VPF by a date determined by the VPF.
- (c) Using the budgets provided, the VPF will allocate funding to each STAG.
- (d) STAG Funding must be approved by the CSA Executive Council.
- (e) STAG Funding may be withheld until the successful completion of a STAG's CPP event at the discretion of the VPF and VPCR.
- (f) If a STAG is requesting funding for a new event or initiative, it shall submit to the VPF a letter stating its proposed plans, the cost of these new initiatives, how these initiatives will benefit CSA Members, and a proposed budget.

Article XVII. Finances

17.01 Budgets

- (a) The VPF shall prepare, in consultation with the CSA General Council Member or CSA Executive Council who requires funds for the purpose of executing their prescribed role, a budget for the implementation of the programs which they intend to carry out during their term in office.
- (b) All expenses outside of the prepared budget must be approved by the VPF prior to the expense being incurred. If the additional expense is not approved, The CSA General Council Member or CSA Executive Council may not be reimbursed.

17.02 Budget Procedure

- (a) The main budget process shall take place by the end of May.
- (b) The budget procedure shall be as follows:
 - (i) The VPF shall meet with the President and VPI to discuss any financial strategies or plans for the upcoming year.
 - (ii) The VPF shall prepare the annual budget, including a preliminary budget for each individual event and service.
 - (iii) The VPF shall then meet with the CSA General Council member(s) or CSA Executive Council member to review the preliminary budget for events and/or services which they are responsible for. Feedback from the CSA General Council member or CSA Executive Council member responsible for the event(s) and/or service(s) should be considered, and changes may be made as deemed appropriate by the VPF. (Individuals have the right to appeal to the CSA Executive Council).
 - (iv) The final proposed budgets for the coming year and actual income statement from previous year will be distributed to the CSA Executive Council for consideration.
 - (v) The proposed budget must then be ratified by a successful vote of the CSA Executive Council.

17.03 Additional Budget Details

- (a) There will be a limit of \$300 per event that a member of the CSA Executive Council can approve without consensus when the entire CSA Executive Council is not available for consultation (these specific transactions must be outside the normal course of business).
- (b) The budget shall be made available to any CSA Member upon request. The CSA Member must make an appointment with the VPF to review the budget, as opposed to budget being sent, circulated, and reproduced.
- (c) All accounting records must be kept up to seven years in the event of a Federal Audit.
- (d) All funds to be distributed to other student organizations shall be administered by the CSA Executive Council.

- (e) Any charitable donations made by the CSA must be from revenue generated from council activities, not from student fees, as approved by the CSA Executive Council.
- (f) All expenses incurred by CSA General Council members or volunteers under their direction must be approved by CSA Executive Council Member who leads the portfolio to which they relate. Expenses incurred by CSA Executive Council members must be approved by the President. Expenses incurred by the President must be approved by the VPI. Expenses which are outside of the budget must be communicated to the VPF prior to approval by any other CSA Executive Council Member as per section 17.01 (b) of this Constitution.

17.04 **Bank Account**

- (a) For the purpose of handling funds, a bank account shall be maintained each year in the name of the CSA. The VPF, President, and VPI shall be the joint signing officers, with two out of three signatures being required.
- (b) Cheques made payable to one of the three signatories must be signed by the remaining two signatories.

Article XVIII. Accountability and Contracts

- 18.01 The legal signing authority for contracts of the CSA is the President. All CSA contracts must be signed by and approved by the President. The positions that the contract applies to still have input and can make recommendations; however, the contract must be approved and signed by the CSA President.
- 18.02 Any permits, including liquor or other, which are required for an event, must be signed by the President. Where additional signatures are required, the CSA Executive Council member whose portfolio the event falls under must sign. In the case of additional signatures being required, the CSA General Council Members who are responsible for the event should also sign the permits. If there are any personal issues that make any of these unable to sign the permit, they may be excused from this duty by approval of the CSA Executive Council. The President must sign; the additional CSA Executive Council Member and CSA General Council Member(s) may be excused. Other CSA Executive Council Members must sign in the place of the excused signatory or signatories.

Article XIX. Referendums

19.01 Mandate of Referendums

- (a) By way of motion, the council may from time to time refer matters relating to the CSA to CSA Members through a referendum, in which a simple majority is necessary for a decision.
- (b) Referendums shall be binding to the Council.

19.02 Referendum Procedure

- (a) Arguments for both sides of the referendum shall be publicized for at least fourteen (14) days prior to the vote. This shall be in the form of posters and any other methods deemed appropriate by the CRO.
- (b) The referendum will be conducted by electronic voting method. Only the CRO may have access to set up and monitor the electronic voting system during the course of a referendum.
- (c) The CRO must use the electronic voting platform provided by UMSU unless it is not available or not suitable. A vote brought by motion at a duly convened CSA General Council Meeting may allow a different platform to be used for a given referendum.
- (d) The CRO shall obtain a list of current CSA Members to be included as eligible voters.
- (e) Each CSA Member is entitled to one vote.
- (f) The referendum polls shall be open from 9:00 am on the first of two (2) consecutive days of voting and close at 4:00 pm on the second of two (2) consecutive days of voting.
- (g) The CSA must provide at least one polling station equipped with an electronic device for voting, to be located on the 200 level of the Drake Centre. The booth must be open from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm on both voting days.
- (h) Any CSA Member who is currently enrolled in one or more classes, including students who are employed on a co-op term confirmed through the Asper Co-Operative Education Program or are currently studying out of the country through the Asper Exchange Program are eligible to vote.
- (i) Each side of the referendum may designate one (1) scrutineer by submitting a written document signed by the candidate and the scrutineer to the CRO twenty-four (24) hours before the start of the voting period. The scrutineer may be present at the polling station during voting hours but may not in any way discuss either side of the referendum while doing so.
- (j) The CRO shall call a meeting with the President, VPI, and CSA Faculty Advisor(s) at 4:30 pm on the day of conclusion of voting to review and confirm the results. Once confirmed, a representative from both sides of the referendum must be invited into the room to announce the results.

- (k) The referendum results shall be communicated to all CSA Members within twenty-four (24) hours of the closing of voting period. The information must be communicated as deemed appropriate by the CRO before the results can be disclosed outside of the room.

Article XX. Amendments

20.01 Amendment of the CSA Constitution

- (a) The repeal, amendment, or re-enactment shall be submitted to the CSA Executive Council who shall report to the CSA General Council on wording of the proposed change.
- (b) A Motion of Amendment for the CSA Constitution must be passed by a 60% majority vote of the CSA General Council. No such repeal, amendment, or re-enactment shall be accepted if it is contradictory to the intent of the council.

20.02 Notice of Motion for Amendment to the CSA Constitution

- (a) A Notice of Motion for Amendment to the CSA Constitution must be given to the CSA General Council one meeting in advance of any vote on the proposed motion of amendment. The actual motion does not need to be presented to the council; however, information in regard to the content of the amendment(s) must be provided, as well as notice of intention to bring a motion to amend the CSA Constitution.

20.03 Constitutional Review

- (a) At least once every year, Constitutional Review will be a topic on the CSA General Council Meeting Agenda. This can occur at any meeting of the year and shall be used to discuss the Constitution and any need for change in the Constitution. This does not necessitate any amendment, but a discussion on review must occur.