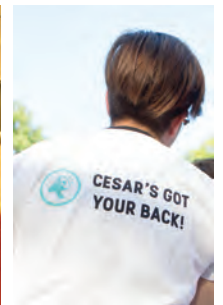




CESAR'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MARCH 14, 2019



CESAR

Continuing Education Students'
Association of Ryerson

Local 105 of the Canadian Federation of Students

DEAR CESAR MEMBER,

Your students' union continues to grow! In the last year, we've curated amazing events like the Winter Orientation where we welcomed back new and returning students to campus with a lot of free food and activities. We've worked to change the narratives of continuing education students to ensure that our inclusion and participation was being felt throughout the university. And together, we have continued to organize and mobilize students to take action for free education.

This year is particularly important because of the announcements that the Ford government has been releasing on post-secondary education. The announcements included changes to the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP), cuts to funding for university and colleges, and changes to the ancillary fee framework. All of these changes are an attack on students and workers on our campus.

To date, students have won tuition freezes, women's and trans only gym time, the Gould Street closure, and a split in tuition fee payments between each semester. All of these campaigns were organized by students through student unions. However, our work at CESAR and as students does not stop until education is made accessible, affordable, and inclusive to all.

Students created student unions through fair, democratic processes that are representative of what we as students deem as important on our campus. The Ford government's strategy targets all students, however, the changes will attack marginalized students the most. Student unions are essential, and need to be protected. We are working to fight for all students, and we want to thank you for supporting the work of YOUR students' union. The board works to make sure all voices are heard when seeking direction from the members. I thank you for your commitment and dedication to CESAR. There are many ways to get involved in CESAR. Here are some opportunities:

- **Join the We the Students Campaign:** Care about keeping education accessible and affordable? If so, join our campaigns!
Email: president@mycesar.ca
- **Volunteer with CESAR:** Talk to students, develop your public speaking skills, and become an expert on student engagement!
Email: outreach@mycesar.ca

We always want to hear from you. Please write us with your ideas, and how we can improve your experience at Ryerson.
Email: board@mycesar.ca.

In solidarity,

The CESAR Board of Directors
Leizl Yance, President
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River-Jordan Allick, Vice President Internal
Phyllis McKenna, Vice President Equity and Campaigns
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CAMPAIGNS

WE THE STUDENTS RU

The We The Students campaign focuses on raising awareness about the state of post-secondary education at Ryerson and across Ontario in light of the Ford governments' announcements.

The We the Students - Ryerson chapter, is a coalition of student organizations, like the Student Campus Centre and the Eyeopener, that have come together to mobilize students, and lobby against the proposed changes to the ancillary fee framework by the government. Hundreds of students signed postcards which were sent to members of provincial parliament to tell the government how damaging these changes will be for all students. We are also continuing to collect petitions for free and accessible education.

On February 19th, the We the Students campaign launched officially throughout Ontario. It was a call to action to all students and workers, that our lives and voices are under attack. For the rest of the semester, Ryerson students and workers host coalition meetings to discuss and plan what the future will mean for our education and livelihoods.

CESAR hopes to continue to build capacity across campus and across our membership to join the fight for accessible and affordable education.

SOLIDARITY WORK

CESAR has supported the Indigenous community by attending the Annual Strawberry Ceremony on February 14. Also, CESAR supported the Wet'suwet'en solidarity rally, supporting land defenders in British Columbia, the rally was held in January 2019 at Nathan Phillips Square.



SERVICES

HEALTH AND DENTAL PLAN

All part-time degree students are automatically enrolled in the CESAR Health and Dental plan. Plan coverage includes 80% coverage for prescription drugs, discounts on eye exams, up to 65% dental coverage and more. This coverage begins in September or January depending on your date of enrollment, and spans through the Spring and Summer terms until August 31.

FALL 2018 OPT-OUT PERIOD

CESAR began distributing opt-out refund cheques on November 7, 2018 to over 600 students who opted out. CESAR will be following up periodically to ensure each student gets their refund this term and measures are currently in place to accommodate distance education learners who cannot pick up their cheque on campus.

More than two thirds of all part-time degree students currently access the CESAR Health and Dental plan service.

TEMPORARY INACTIVE PERIOD ENDED

The black-out or temporary inactive period for first time plan users has ended on November 1. This means new students are able to submit claims online, and access the additional discounts using their Green Shield Canada ID card available online and at the CESAR offices. CESAR continues to offer a free mailing service for students who wish to submit paper claims.

MEMBER SERVICES OFFICE

The Member Services Office is open to all members of CESAR and the regular office hours are currently in effect this Winter 2019:

**Monday to Thursday
from 9a.m. – 7p.m. and**

Fridays from 10a.m. – 6p.m.

The office is located in the Student Centre Lobby at 55 Gould St.

Services provided at the Member Services Office include Cineplex movie passes, Ripley's Aquarium tickets and the Good Food Box program.

The Good Food Centre runs a Good Food Box program, where students can purchase fresh fruits and vegetables through the Member Services Office. There are many options available including organic, chopped vegetables and more. Contact foodcentre@rsuonline.ca for more information.

LEGAL SERVICE

CESAR offers free legal services to its members through our in-house lawyer, Bill Reid.

If you are a CESAR member, you are eligible to meet with the lawyer to discuss any personal legal issue, ranging from: family law matters, landlord and tenant issues, employment or debt problems, criminal charges, accident claims, immigration applications, dealings with the government or corporations, and commercial or intellectual property issues.

CESAR's lawyer will offer you as much advice and assistance as he can with respect to each situation, and the best part is that there is no charge for using this service.

Appointments are available every Tuesday between 2:30p.m. – 6:00p.m. To book an appointment please visit the CESAR website.



BURSARY

CESAR offers a bursary to its members every term. Any CESAR member who is in need of financial assistance can apply. It is a needs-based, non-refundable grant that is paid directly to bursary recipients.

All bursary applications are reviewed anonymously by the bursary committee. Bursary recipients are selected based on financial need and equity criteria.

More information about the CESAR bursary is available on the website at mycesar.ca/bursary.

- In the winter 2018 term, CESAR received 443 applications and 100 bursaries were granted.
- In the spring 2018 term, 261 applications were received, and 75 bursaries were disbursed.
- In the summer 2018 term, CESAR only received 60 applications and awarded 24 bursaries.
- In the fall 2018, CESAR received 546 applications--of which 464 applicants qualified to be considered for the bursary--and disbursed 150 bursaries, due to the fewer number of applications received and bursaries distributed in the spring and summer 2018 terms.
- The CESAR winter 2019 bursary closed on February 15 and we received 312 applications. CESAR is now in the process to nominate the bursary recipients and applicants will receive the results by March 15, 2019

BURSARY SURVEY

CESAR is continuously seeking better ways to communicate with, and update its membership of upcoming campaigns, events, services, and important deadlines.

To this end CESAR, conducts a one-question survey when students pick up their bursary cheque to establish how best to reach members.

The results of the survey showed that most members heard about the bursary through the monthly CESAR newsletter sent to all members, followed by the CESAR website, attending the CESAR orientation in the fall or the winter terms, and through outreach and class talks conducted by CESAR executive.

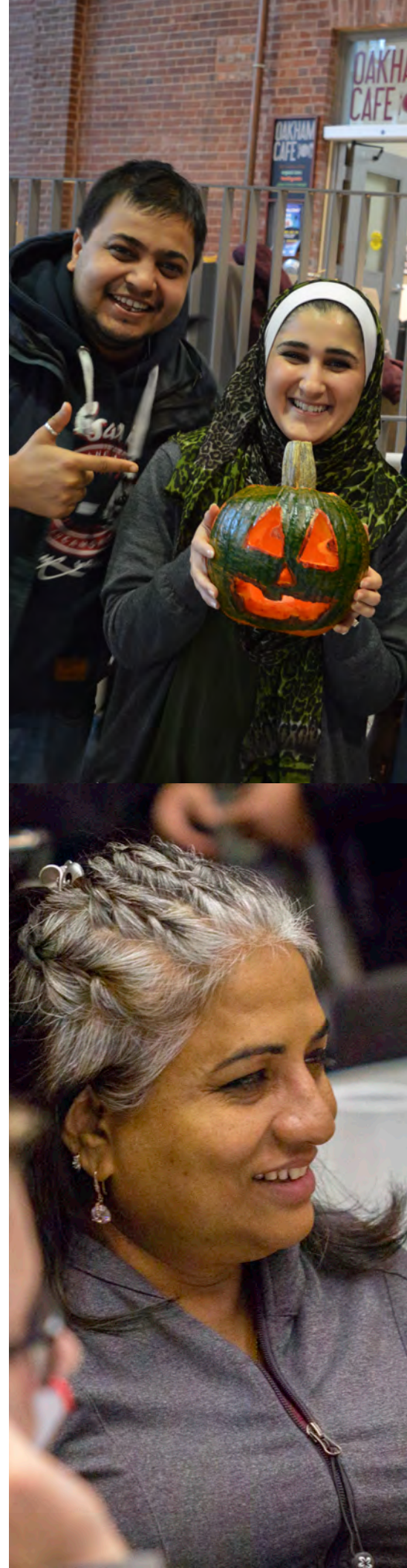
Other sources of information were identified as the Ryerson University and Chang School websites, as well as information provided to students through their respective program administrators and professors.

EMERGENCY GRANT

The Emergency Grant Program aims to assist students facing unexpected emergency financial situations with a non-repayable grant. The grant is awarded for up-to a maximum of \$500 per academic year and available to cover non-academic related emergency situations. The Emergency Grant is only available to current CESAR members who are not also RSU members.

CESAR received a total of 9 emergency grant applications in the period from May 1, 2018 until February 27, 2019.

The Board of Directors approved 8 and granted a total of \$2900. One applicant already received an emergency grant during the academic year they reapplied, so they are not eligible to receive the grant again. One applicant was an RSU member and consequently was not eligible.



STUDENT RIGHTS AND ACADEMIC ADVOCACY

CESAR employs a full-time Student Rights Coordinator to assist CESAR members with all matters related to academic misconduct, grade and standing appeals, as well as any administrative issues with the university.

CESAR's Student Rights Coordinator, Lyndall Musselman, is available by appointment or during drop-in hours which are:

- Tuesdays, 2p.m. – 4p.m.
- Wednesdays, 4:30p.m. – 6:30p.m.
- Thursdays, 3p.m. – 5p.m.



UNIVERSITY POLICY REVIEW

There are many important Ryerson Senate policies that are currently under review. Here is a list of the policies that impact CESAR members (excluding the graduate student policies under review):

- **Policy 45, The Undergraduate Course Management Policy**
- **Policy 134, The Undergraduate Academic Consideration and Appeals Policy**
- **Policy 60, The Academic Integrity Policy**
- **Policy 61, The Non-Academic Code of Conduct**

The Senate established the Ad Hoc Academic Policy Review Committee (APRC) in 2015 to review Policy 45 and policy 134, as well as policy 135, which is now known as the Final Examination Policy. Policy 135 was approved last academic year, but the other two important academic policies are still under review by the APRC. CESAR has two representatives on this Senate committee: the Vice President Internal and the Student Rights Coordinator. Meetings of the APRC happen monthly and there are multiple sub-committees of this committee that are also meeting on a monthly basis which the Student Rights Coordinator attends.

Policy 60's policy review committee does not have any CESAR

representatives on it, nor are either of the Advocates the RSU or CESAR on this committee. We have raised this concern to the Co-Chairs, one of whom is the Vice Provost Academic, Kelly MacKay. Their explanation is that there is student representation from student senators, but none of those students are continuing education students or in a part-time undergraduate program.

The review committee for policy 61, the Non-Academic Code of Conduct, includes the Student Rights Coordinator and recently the Vice President Internal of CESAR. This is the newest policy review committee. Look out for consultations with students about this disciplinary policy to share your feedback.

CESAR is devoted to making sure student input is included and put at the forefront of all decision-making at Ryerson. Thus, we continue to collect feedback from students regarding these policies, which we then compile and relay to the relevant committee. Please contact CESAR's Student Rights Coordinator at studentrights@mycesar.ca if you have any additional questions, or are interested in sharing your experience with these policies.

And as always, CESAR's Student Rights Coordinator is available to assist students with appeals and complaints. The CESAR Student Rights Coordinator prioritizes supporting CESAR members, but is open to assisting any students in need at Ryerson.

ACADEMIC STANDING AND APPEALS WORKSHOPS

Leading up to the deadline to appeal fall 2018 grades and academic standings, (which was January 21 st 2019), the following workshops were offered to assist students:

- "Academic Probation, RTW, PPW: What are my options?"
- "How to Write a Strong Appeal"

In January, these workshops were well attended with about 20 students attending each workshop, which was offered twice. These workshops are offered at the beginning of every semester to help students determine if they should appeal their grades or standing from the previous semester. For example, in May there will be another offering of these workshops ahead of the deadline to appeal Winter 2019 grades and academic standings on May 24th, 2019. Students can also go to mycesar.ca to obtain a comprehensive info package on the grade and standing appeal process and find out the dates for upcoming workshops.



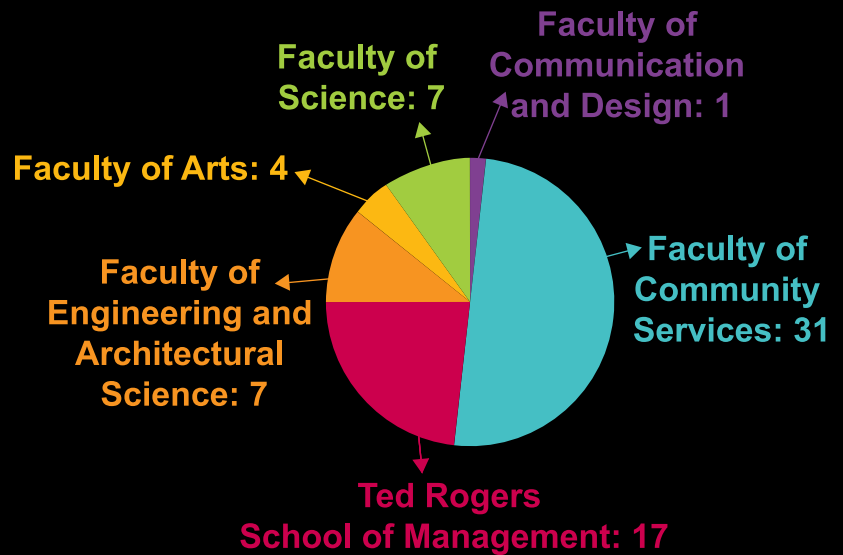
STATISTICAL DATA ON STUDENT APPOINTMENTS FOR ACADEMIC ADVOCACY

In order to track information about the students who seek advice from the Student Rights Coordinator, CESAR (along with the RSU) ask students to fill out an Intake Form for a meeting regarding student advocacy. From the beginning of May 2018, more than 80 students have come in for assistance or booked an appointment with the Student Rights Coordinator. The statistical information below reflects what was indicated by students. Keep in mind that some students chose to identify themselves in certain ways, filling in some fields and not others, and that completing the form is optional and not at all mandatory.

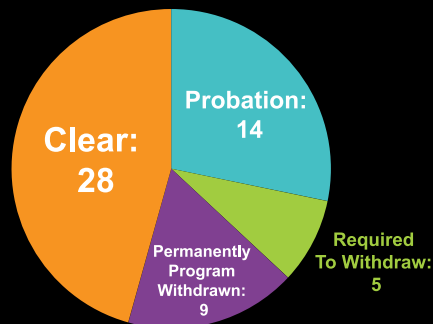
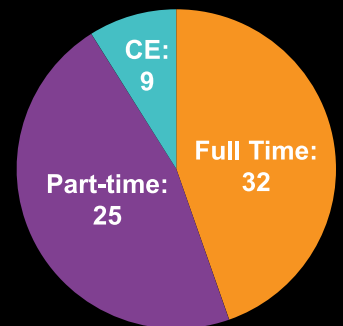
STUDENT IDENTITY DEMOGRAPHICS

It should again be stated that many students opted not to complete this part of the form because it is not mandatory, but 36 of those who did complete the form identified as a woman, while 18 identified as a man while none identified their gender as being pan or spectrum. 44 students identified as being racialized. 29 students identified English as being their first language, while 23 stated that another language was their first language.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

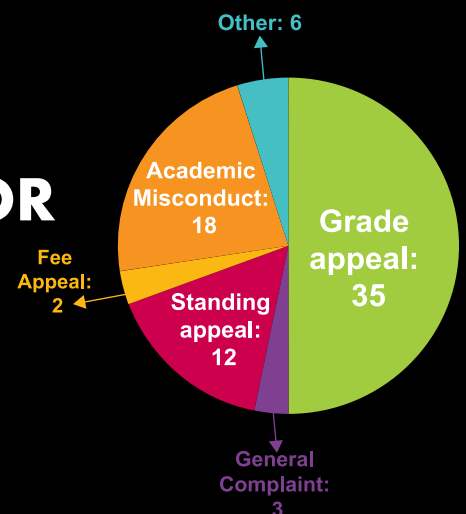


STATUS OF ENROLLMENT



ACADEMIC STANDING

REASON FOR VISIT



INTERNAL RELATIONS

CESAR has been working very hard to increase the events, services and campaigns work of the students' union to benefit its members. The full-time staff and elected representatives are energised and excited about the work we've accomplished. This year we have put a new and improved focus on improving our communications and social media presence.

STAFF RELATIONS

Five of CESAR's full-time staff are unionized with CUPE local 1281. CESAR is currently employing three students through the Career Boost program; which are a Graphics Assistant, a Campaigns and Outreach Assistant, and Events and Programming Assistant. All three students work ten hours per week and are supervised by full-time staff.

Most recently, CESAR was approved for one summer Career Boost position.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

The audit for the 2017-2018 fiscal year was available for presentation and approval at the Semi-Annual General Meeting in November. Unfortunately, that meeting lost quorum during a fire drill, therefore is being presented for approval at this meeting. CESAR's approved budget seeks to make a significant investment in our membership outreach and events programming.

This has allowed CESAR to engage in better strategic communications with our membership, both in order to reach students, and to listen to the

priorities of the student body. After the recent Ford government announcement, CESAR is currently working on a budget that seeks to maintain strong engagement with members.

SPONSORSHIP

This year, CESAR once again sought the official support and sponsorship for programming and initiatives from within the University. A sponsorship package was created that boasted photos and information about previous programming, but more importantly laid out plans and intentions for this year and rough estimates of what those initiatives would cost. Examples include hiring CESAR members, week of welcome expenses and activities, as well as high-profile speakers. CESAR is happy to announce that we successfully secured significant support from the President's Office and are waiting for a response from the Chang School for this year's programming.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

Membership fees are received on a different calendar than CESAR's fiscal operations. We have only recently received the Fall 2018 fees for this fiscal – which were slightly higher than Fall fees for last year. We expect to receive membership fees for the Winter 2019 by the end of March, which is in line with last year's timeline.

MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

CESAR has a system of regular communication with its members, using a variety of mediums. This year, CESAR refined its membership communications to include:

Bi-weekly newsletter:

This is delivered electronically to all students on our mailing list. The newsletters contain information about upcoming events, CESAR's services, and important dates.

Students can sign-up to CESAR's mailing list on the website, by speaking to an outreach representative, or by emailing communications@mycesar.ca.

Communications to all CESAR members

All CESAR members will receive email communications delivered to their Ryerson email accounts four times a year. This email will include information that is essential to all members. Bursary deadlines, academic appeal dates, election information and deadlines will all be included in these quarterly communications.

In addition to email communications, CESAR is focusing on its social media channels, where we've hosted several online contests that have received a high level of engagement and interaction from members

You can follow us at [@RyeCESAR](#) on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram for regular updates.



BY-LAWS AND POLICY

CESAR has ongoing discussions about how we can improve our students' union through updating and reviewing the CESAR by-laws and policies. The By-laws and Policy Committee of CESAR has met numerous times so far this term (since May 1, 2018) on July 17, August 14, September 10, September 24, and October 15. The proposed by-law amendments you see in the appendix of this report were a main point of discussion for the By-law and Policy Committee. The initial drafting of these suggested changes came from this committee and then were recommended to the Board of Directors, who then ultimately recommended these proposed amendments to this membership meeting.

The CESAR policies that the committee worked on are related to the Board of Directors' Honouraria by-law amendment and therefore the same titled policy was updated and sent to the Board of Directors for approval pending the two-thirds approval of these by-law amendments at this membership meeting. There also is a new joint health and safety committee policy that is up for consideration at the next Board of Directors meeting (set for October 31). Also recommended for approval at this next Board meeting is a new policy on reproductive justice that the By-law and Policy Committee has been drafting.

The By-law and Policy Committee is a committee of the whole, which means that it is an open committee for any CESAR member to participate in. If you are interested in attending meetings of this committee, please email vp.internal@mycesar.ca.

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AND OUTREACH

CLASS REP PROGRAM

CESAR would like to congratulate all the students who have stepped up to be Class Representatives this term. We have 25 representatives actively working on promoting CESAR events, campaigns, services and initiatives to their classes.

Class Reps are vital to CESAR's work. They are the link between CESAR and the student union's membership. They build community at Ryerson, through engaging students in events and services. They are the key to making CESAR a vibrant students' Union. The Class Representative Program ensures there is representation across programs, certificates, and areas of study at General Meetings.

As a Class Representative, remember to check your email for information and updates to pass on to your class. Feel free to pass on concerns, suggestions, and feedback to the CESAR Board at board@mycesar.ca. The CESAR Board wants to hear from you!

If you have questions about being a Class Representative please email classrep@mycesar.ca

OUTREACH AND VOLUNTEERS

CESAR's work is made possible by the amazing volunteers who get involved every term. We're very pleased to have many new volunteers getting involved with us this term, and several committed volunteers continuing with us. Since the spring term we have had 94 student sign-up as new volunteers on Track-it-Forward. Of the 87 who signed-up, 10 have actively volunteered and combined have put in 50 volunteer hours.

This term we are looking for more volunteers to join our campaign committees, help with outreach, poster, data entry, crafts and decoration, and more!

We will be doing outreach three days of the week and giving out hot chocolate, coffee and sweet treats. Come join us Monday in the Victoria Building, Tuesday in the Engineering building and Thursdays in the Library bridge!

To start volunteering visit mycesar.ca/volunteer-program. You can also reach out to our Events and Outreach Coordinator at outreach@mycesar.ca





EVENTS

CESAR puts on a variety of events and workshops throughout the year. This year we highlighted two series: Reproductive Justice Series and our End of Year Gala! Thank you to all who were able to come, we really enjoyed your presence!

Here are some of the great events we've put on and participated in so far this year:

- **September 5: Reproductive Justice Training**
- **September 13: CESAR Volunteer Training**
- **September 17: Reproductive Justice Training (continued)**
- **September 17-21: Disorientation**
- **September 18-19: CESAR Orientation**
- **October 4: Reproductive Justice Training**
- **October 15-19: Social Justice Week**
- **October 18: Municipal Election Fair and Movie Screening and Student Centre Open House**
- **October 31: Pumpkin Carving Contest**
- **November 28: End of Semester Dinner**
- **December 10-15: Exam Destressors**
- **January 22-23: CESAR Orientation Fair**
- **January 29: Volunteer Training**
- **February 12-15: Love, Sex and Health Week**
- **March 9: International Women's Day Rally, March and Fair**
- **March 20: Movies for Mental Health**
- **April 2: End of Year Dinner**
- **April 15-22: Exam Destressors**

WANT TO ORGANISE AN EVENT? WE CAN HELP!

Do you have a great event idea? CESAR can help make it a reality! Contact Vice President Events Jo Millier at vp.events@mycesar.ca with your event idea and CESAR may be able to provide support and funding.

Interested in being involved in event planning and programming? Join the Events and Workshops Committee! It's a great way to gain event planning skills, and meet other students on campus.

To get involved, please email vp.events@mycesar.ca.

LEIZL YANCE, PRESIDENT

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POSITION OVERVIEW

The President is the official spokesperson of the student union, who acts on behalf of the Board and the membership. The interests of the part-time degree students and continuing education remains at the forefront of the President's portfolio – to advocate and lobby for the membership. The President works to foster equity practices in creating a safe campus and community for students. Further, the President oversees communication with University administrators, external groups, and membership. The President also communicates with the Chang School to communicate with and ensure that the needs of the membership are heard. Included in the President's role is managing staff relations as well as creating transition plans for new incoming Board members.

COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION

- Labour Management committee: a CESAR committee that works to ensure positive relations between the CESAR Board and CESAR employees.
- Palin Foundation Co-Chair: this Board oversees the operation of the Student Campus Centre
- International Women's Day 2019 Fair Committee coordinates the Annual International Women's Day Fair that takes place after the IWD Toronto rally.
- Canadian Federation of Students - Ontario Executive Committee

MAJOR TASKS

Over the Winter semester, I continued to work with the Executive Director and CESAR executives to continue the work of your students' union. Together, the CESAR team worked tirelessly to ensure another successful winter orientation for new and returning students. In addition, CESAR continues to prioritize outreach initiatives through tabling, We the Students outreach, as well as Love, Sex, and Health outreach in February.

On January 17, 2019, the Ford government released announcements to that would cut funding and services in post-secondary education. The announcements included changes to the Ontario Students Assistance Program (OSAP), cuts to funding for university and colleges, and changes to the ancillary fee framework. All of these changes meant an attack on students and workers throughout our campus, and Ontario. CESAR has joined a coalition of student organizations at Ryerson to develop the We The Students, Ryerson Chapter.

The We The Students campaign, organizes and mobilizes students on campus and Ontario to fight back against the changes to our post-secondary institutions. CESAR has worked tirelessly in talking to members about the campaign and the many issues that students face. I worked with the CESAR team to listen to the needs of the membership, and worked with other student unions across the province for a shared vision of postsecondary education.

Part of my role is to meet with university administrators to bring forth CESAR related issues, provide updates, and to ensure a positive working relationship with the university. On this note, I have been having regular meetings with President Lachemi, and the new Vice-Provost Students, Jen McMillen, to ensure that our student union can be maintained throughout these government changes. I have also been meeting with the Chang School Dean, Marie Bountrogianni, and through these meetings, I am able to centre the narratives of CESAR members.

LEIZL YANCE, PRESIDENT

SEMI-ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERS' MEETING REPORT,

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MEMBER REPRESENTATION

As the President of CESAR, through my work, I strive to centre CESAR members. Through meetings with university administrators and stakeholders, as well as external community meetings, I prioritize CESAR students in all conversations. In addition, through outreach and different events throughout the year, I am able to engage and communicate directly with students. Further, CESAR campaigns aim to advocate for students through different demands in a more inclusive postsecondary education, and overall, communities.

All of the work I do as President of your students' union strives to centre CESAR members in all capacity. Through administrative and external community meetings I continue to place CESAR on the table; to continue the movement and work of your students' union. In addition, I engage with members through outreach, events throughout the year, and class talks. As a student union that prioritizes advocacy and equity, CESAR continues to work on campaigns for a better and more inclusive postsecondary education, and overall community. Thus, members are represented in all facets of the work that I take on as President of a student union that tirelessly works to meet the needs of the membership and community.

PRIORITIES

- Introduce the We the Students campaign
- Improve membership engagement through volunteer opportunities and events
- Review and update CESAR by-laws and policies to strengthen member representation and Board of Director work
- Provide better services to CESAR members to ensure needs are met



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POSITION OVERVIEW

As Vice-President equity, my role is to educate and mobilize CESAR members through outreach, assisting with planning events and workshops and providing external/internal community groups with resources to help build campaigns. Furthermore, my role is to also ensure that all CESAR'S campaigns are equitable and inclusive. I also chair the campaigns and equity committee meetings once a month and encourage CESAR members to be a part of the campaign building process.

MAJOR TASKS

During my time as your Vice- President Equity, I have assisted with events, workshops, winter orientation and continue to engage with communities and CESAR members by launching campaigns such as the Fairness for Students.

I will continue to fight for issues that affect our students and beyond. Outreach will be a priority of mine for the rest of my term. During this time I will educate students about the changes to post-secondary education, and what that means for students and workers.

MEMBER REPRESENTATION

I ensure that Part-time and Continuing Education students' issues are included in all capacities. I help build community and engage Indigenous students across the Country in community events, meetings and attend gatherings.

PRIORITIES

- Advocate for better mental health services
- Educate and mobilize students for the We the Students campaign
- Continue to hold the university accountable to TRC recommendation promises
- Ensure equity is at the forefront of all CESAR'S work

JO-ANNE MILLER, VICE-PRESIDENT EVENTS AND OUTREACH

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Since taking over the position of VP of Events and Outreach at CESAR in July 2018, I have had the opportunity to be part of the planning and outreach for many of our exciting events!

VOLUNTEER TRAINING

We have held two volunteer training sessions one on September 15, 2018 and another on January 29, 2019, both were well attended. The events included informative and interactive anti-oppression workshops. Many of the participants who came to the September training volunteered for the CESAR Orientation event held the following week. Some of the participants from the January training are now volunteering in various capacities at CESAR.

CESARS ANNUAL ORIENTATION EVENT

On September 18th and 19th we held our annual CESAR Orientation Event. This year we had a barbeque, bouncy boxing and basketball set up for our members to enjoy. The event took place at Victoria and Gould Street on the first day and in front of the Student Centre on the second day. Tables set up for our members to learn about CESAR and all the wonderful services we offer. CESAR also took this opportunity to share information about our campaigns which included: Vote Local, 15 and Fairness, as well as Reproductive Justice on campus. Promotional items we gave away this year were water bottles, agendas, buttons and stickers. This year we had great participation.

The Winter Week of welcome was held in the Student Learning Centre on the evenings of January 22 and 23, 2019. We had many students drop by to learn more about CESAR. We included fun games such as duck pond and jeopardy to make the information sharing extra fun.

REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE TRAINING

We held three separate Reproductive Justice training sessions between September and October this year. We had a variety of speakers discussing and sharing information for our members to learn about Reproductive Justice and how it impacts students.

MUNICIPAL EVENTS FAIR AND FILM SCREENING

Throughout the semester CESAR had been campaigning to encourage students to vote local in the October 22, 2018 municipal election. We had over 1000 students who committed to vote local. Our final push in the campaign was during the Student Learning Centre's Annual Open House where we continued sharing information that impacts students. The issues we highlighted included: transit, childcare, housing, road safety and policing. We also had a film screening in the evening entitled "Where Now?" a documentary about place-making in Toronto, hope, home and community.

ANNUAL PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST

On October 31, 2018 we held our Pumpkin Carving Contest. This is always a fun event and well attended. This year close to 40 students showed off their carving talents. It is also an opportunity for students who are new to Canada to learn about Halloween customs.

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SEMI-ANNUAL COMMUNITY DINNER

On November we held our semi-annual student community dinner. The event was a huge success with over 150 students in attendance. In fact, the event surpassed our expectations and needed to order more food to feed our guests. The event included: karaoke and dinner. The first 30 people to RSVP received a free bar drink. We gave out prizes for the best solo, duet and singing group. We also played people bingo and gave out prizes.

HOLIDAY T-SHIRT DECORATING

Holiday T-Shirt Decorating was a new event we tried this year. About 20 students participated and showed off their artistic skills to create a fun holiday t-shirt.

EXAM DE-STRESSOR KITS

Each year CESAR makes up exam de-stressor kits to give away to students on campus. This year was no exception! The kits included: a juice box, candy and rice crispy treats, we also include a tip sheet for good mental health, condoms and CESAR buttons. We gave away 3,500 kits in total. Special thanks to everyone who volunteered to put the kits together.

LOVE, SEX AND HEALTH WEEK

We had planned a Good Mental Health movie with a guest facilitator and panel event. Unfortunately, the event was cancelled due to a snowstorm. However, the event is now scheduled for March 20, 2019. As with the majority of our events lots of yummy food will be available for all that attend.

Upcoming events at CESAR include: Movies for Mental Health on March 20, 2019 from 12:30p.m. - 2:30p.m. and the Tax Clinic from March 18, 2019 to April 4, 2019.



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RIVER- JORDAN ALLICK, VICE-PRESIDENT INTERNAL

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POSITION OVERVIEW

The Vice-President Internal is responsible for ensuring CESAR maintains good governance through updated and accessible policies and by-laws. It is my duty to maintain, create, and expand our policies and by-laws to reflect the CESAR membership. It is also my responsibility to represent CESAR members at varying University decision-making bodies, such as Senate, the Chang School Council, and any other standing committees or task forces that affect the CESAR membership. This past winter term, I have sat on the Academic Policy Review Committee, the International Women's Day Fair Committee, and the Students' Initiative Fund Committee.

MAJOR TASKS

- I am CESAR's voting representative on Ryerson Senate. This is where decisions concerning academics are made, which includes updating University policies and approving new programs.
- I am one of three CESAR voting members on the Chang School Council. This council operates similarly to Senate, but focuses on the governance and administration of Chang School.
- I am the CESAR voting member at the Student Initiative Fund (SIF) committee, which provides funding for students initiatives.

PRIORITIES

My main focus has been to bring forward the unique barriers faced by part-time degree, certificate, and distance-education students. Our issues are often overlooked in a University that often focuses much of its attention on full-time degree students. For the remaining of my term, I want to continue to review CESAR by-laws and policies to pay close attention to recurring issues within the organization, and to improve on issues brought forward by students in our policies.

I want to continue working to ensure that students are aware of the changes that the Ford government has announced. I will continue to support the We The Students: Ryerson University campaign, to ensure that our members have access to post-secondary education, and to address your needs with the changes coming in September 2019.



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AMANDA LIN, VICE-PRESIDENT SERVICES AND FINANCE

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POSITION OVERVIEW

The Vice-President Services is part of CESAR's Board of Directors. The main duties of this position are in the areas of finance and budgeting, services provision, and outreach.

COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION

The Vice-President Services and Finance chairs the meetings of the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee oversees and follows up on CESAR's expenditures and revenues, and adherence to the budget.

MAJOR TASKS

- Enhance the promotion of CESAR services to CESAR members
- Maintain the financial assistance for both continuous financial hardship and emergency situations through the CESAR bursary and emergency grant respectively
- Maintain membership engagement through outreach
- Collaborate with the Canadian Federation of Students, Ontario Office to advocate for the importance of being part of a bigger impactful student movement
- Participate in outreach activities to promote CESAR's main campaigns
- Follow up on the budget with CESAR's President, and Executive Director



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