

University of Toronto Students' Union

**Local 98, Canadian Federation
of Students**

**Board of Directors
Package 5**

Friday, September 27, 2013

RULES OF ORDER AT A GLANCE

To Do This:	You Say This:	May You Interrupt the Speaker?	Must You be Seconded?	Is the Motion Debatable?	Is the Motion Amendable?	What Majority is Required?
Object to incorrect procedure being used	Point of order	Yes	No	No	No	No vote taken, chair rules
Seek clarification from the previous Speaker	Point of information	Yes, if urgent	No	No	No	No vote taken, chair rules
Object to something which prevents your continued participation (eg. excessive noise)	Point of personal privilege.	Yes	No	No	No	No vote taken, chair rules
Object to a motion being considered	I object to consideration of this motion.	Yes	No	No	No	2/3 Majority
Consider something out of its scheduled order	I move the agenda be amended in order to deal with the following item...	No	Yes	No	No	2/3 Majority
Overtake the ruling of the chair	I challenge the chair on...	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Majority
Change a motion	I move that the motion be amended to read ...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
Have a motion studied more before voting on it	I move that the motion be referred to...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
Postpone further discussion on a motion until later in the meeting	I move that the motion be tabled until...	No	Yes	Only to time	Yes	Majority
Postpone consideration of a motion until a future meeting	I move that the motion be postponed until...	No	Yes	Only to time	Yes	Majority
Raise a matter previously tabled	I move that motion...be lifted from the table.	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
Reconsider a motion already voted on earlier in the meeting	I move that motion...be reconsidered.	Yes	Yes	Yes (if original motion was)	No	Majority
End debate on a motion	I call the question.	No	Yes	No	No	2/3 Majority
Ask that everyone's vote on a particular motion be recorded in the minutes	I call for a roll call vote.	No	No	No	No	No vote required, chair rules
Recess the meeting	I move that the meeting recess until...	No	Yes	Only to time	No	Majority
End the meeting	I move that the meeting adjourn.	No	Yes	No	No	Majority

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Board of Directors University of Toronto Students' Union
2013 – 2014

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□ Arif	Nabil	University of Toronto Mississauga
□ Barberousse	Nia-Imara	Faculty of Music
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AGENDA

Board of Directors Meeting 5 of the University of Toronto Students' Union
Friday, September 27, 2013 | 16:00 | Green Room, University of Toronto Mississauga

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION

Moved:

Seconded:

Be it resolved that the agenda for the September 27, 2013 UTSU Board of Directors meeting be approved as presented.

3. EXECUTIVE REPORT

MOTION

Moved:

Seconded:

Be it resolved that the UTSU Board of Directors approve the Executive Report as presented at the September 2013 Board meeting.

4. SUSTAINABILITY REPORT

MOTION

Moved:

Seconded:

Be it resolved that the UTSU Board of Directors approve the Sustainability Report as presented at the September 2013 Board meeting.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION

Moved:

Seconded:

Be it resolved that the September 27, 2013 minutes package including the following documents be approved by the UTSU Board of Directors:

- a. Board of Directors (2013 - 2014), *August 21* (pp.17)
- b. Executive Committee, *September 16* (pp. 24)
- c. Social Justice and Equity Commission, *September 18* (pp. 28)
- d. Sustainability Commission, *September 17* (pp. 32)
- e. Professional Faculty Committee, *August 26* (pp. 37)
- f. Organizational Development and Services, *August 30* (pp. 41)
- g. Budget Committee, *August 30* (pp. 45)
- h. Policy & Procedures Committee, *September 18* (pp. 49)
- i. Elections and Referenda Committee, *August 29, September 23* (pp. 52 & 62)

6. APPROVAL OF CAMPUS LIFE BUDGET PRIORITIES

MOTION

Moved:

Seconded:

Be it resolved that the Campus Life Commission Budget Priorities (2013 - 2014) be approved as presented to the UTSU Board of Directors (pp. 74)

7. FALL BOARD MEETING DATES

AGENDA

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8. FYI- NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

9. OTHER BUSINESS

10. ADJOURNMENT



EXECUTIVE REPORT

SEPTEMBER 27, 2013 | 4:00 PM | GREEN ROOM, UTM

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO STUDENTS' UNION

LOCAL 98, CANADIAN FEDERATION OF STUDENTS

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LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE

Happy September everyone!

We hope that everyone is enjoying the much anticipated beginning of the new academic school year! Your Executive Team has been hard at work over the last month, planning and hosting events and preparing for the upcoming school year, especially Orientation. Our UTSUFest 2013 was a HUGE success, but all our time working on that did not stop us from continuing to meet with individuals and organizations across campus to ensure that we can provide the best advocacy and services to our members this year.

As always, we are looking for volunteers for our events and outreach initiatives. We would also like to see more new faces at our monthly commission meetings. If you are interested in volunteering and/or getting involved in the UTSU please don't hesitate to contact us!

We hope that you enjoy the beginning of the academic school year!

In solidarity,

Munib Sajjad, President

Agnes So, Vice-President University Affairs

Yolen Bollo-Kamara, Vice-President Equity

Cameron Wathey, Vice-President Internal & Services

Onik Khan, Vice-President Campus Life



Ontario General Meeting

From Thursday, August 15 to Sunday, August 18, the UTSU executive team along with Associate Vice-President Equity Jess Leduc-Robert and member Kwame Sarpong attended the 2013 Canadian Federation of Students-Ontario Annual General Meeting in Markham. The meeting included workshops on issues such as the fight against unpaid internships and current issues in post-secondary education. The UTSU executives also had a chance to express concerns regarding flat fees and split tuition fees to Ontario Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities Brad Duguid at the lobby session. In addition, our motions on Access Copyright, ancillary fees, ethical purchasing practices, Bill C-309 and Ontario-wide U-Pass program were all passed at the meeting. For more information, please contact Vice-President University Affairs Agnes So at vpua@utsu.ca.



Professional Faculties Committee Meeting

On Monday, August 26, the Professional Faculties Committee had its first meeting at the UTSU. Vice-President University Affairs Agnes So chaired the meeting. The meeting served as an introduction and discussion about challenges that students are facing in different professional faculties. The Professional Faculties Committee consists of all Division II Directors of the UTSU board, the President and Vice-President University Affairs. This committee focuses on issues affecting professional faculty members and discusses ways to deliver UTSU's services and campaigns to the professional faculties. For more information, please contact Vice-President University Affairs Agnes So at vpua@utsu.ca.

OISE Orientation

On Tuesday, September 3 and Wednesday, September 4, Vice-President University Affairs Agnes So and Health and Dental Plan Coordinator Maria Galvez attended an OISE Orientation event. They talked to incoming B.Ed. students about the UTSU's cost-saving services, events and advocacy work. Students had the opportunity ask questions about the health and dental plan and how to get involved with the UTSU. Items such as agendas and club directories were distributed. For more information, please contact Vice-President University Affairs Agnes So at vpua@utsu.ca.



EXECUTIVE REPORT



Clubs Day

This year the UTSUfest opened up with the annual Clubs' Fair on Wednesday September 4th 2013. The Clubs' Fair has always been the largest display of clubs present on campus. This year, 278 campus clubs and groups signed up. Thousands of first year students were able to 'find their passion' during the clubs' fair. Club participation has increased this year. Vice-President Campus Life Onik Khan emceed the Club's Showcase Stage event with the coordination of New College Director Khalid Khan. Over 20 clubs participated in the clubs performance stage. The different dances and demonstrations helped ensure the crowd was constantly having an interaction, and piqued the attention of students who were interested in joining a club. For more information, please contact Vice-President Campus Life Onik Khan at vpcl@utsu.ca.

Parade

This year the Parade started off on front campus with the Parade mustering. The UTSU's role during the parade has been to help facilitate, coordinate and ensure student safety of over 8,000 students who participated. The UTSU is glad to say that there have been no incident reports with student injuries and executive members were constantly patrolling front campus to ensure cross college mustering was clean yet spirited. There was one minor incident that was solved by the administration immediately. Despite this, UofT students successfully and safely participated in taking over the streets of downtown Toronto. The UTSU worked closely with representatives from the colleges to make the parade a success and hope that this tradition continues in the future. For more information, please contact Vice-President Campus Life Onik Khan at vpcampuslife@utsu.ca.

Concert

This year the UTSU was pleased to have the UTSU Concert at front campus. The large open space gave us the opportunity to be as creative as possible. The concert stage in front of University College provided a great visual for first-year students. Internationally known artist, Lupe Fiasco headlined the concert. Local talents Maylie Todd and Unbuttoned supported him. More students participated in this event than has been seen in recent years. Many upper-year students also attended the concert primarily because of the hype that was generated around the #UTSUfest13 and the concert artist. The UTSU was glad that Lupe Fiasco gave away free UTSU water bottles during the concert. The UTSU also provided food trucks and vendors for a festival-like feel. For more information, please contact Vice-President Campus Life Onik Khan at vpcampuslife@utsu.ca.



STREET FESTIVAL

GAMES, CLUBS & PRIZES

ST.GEORGE STREET

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2013

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

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Street Festival

The second annual UTSU Street Festival is designed to welcome all students back to the campus. An estimated 12,000+ people attended the event throughout the day. The festival is truly a unique experience that the UTSU is glad to host. The Street Festival gives students the opportunity to showcase the entire campus community on St. George Street (College to Harbord) and encourages a greater sense of campus community. For more information, please contact Vice-President Campus Life Onik Khan at vpcampuslife@utsu.ca.

The Varsity

The UTSU was approached by the Varsity editors to insert the first issues of their newspaper into the UTSU Orientation kits that would be delivered to the divisions. The Executive Committee decided this would be an excellent way to build a good relationship with the Varsity.

However, when the issues of the Varsity were delivered to the Union office, the executives noticed that two articles in the issue contained many factual errors that discredit the UTSU. One of those articles made it seem like there was lots of division and controversy with respect to the UTSU's role in Orientation planning. That particular article was on the front cover. Upon reading the article and taking on a personal investigation, the executives decided not to put the issues into the Orientation kits. The executives felt it would be irresponsible as student representatives to be the vessel through which biased and blatantly false information about the organization was delivered. It is worth noting that several divisional Orientation Coordinators expressed concerns to the executives about the skewed nature of the article, and the way that they were approached by the Varsity.

A meeting was immediately requested with the Varsity to discuss the concerns. Recommendations were also provided as to how the Varsity could improve their fact-checking methods. While the Varsity insisted that they could print retractions in the next issue, the UTSU stressed the concern that the damage would have already been done. Some students will be misinformed by the article and develop a negative connotation of the UTSU as a result. The Varsity was subsequently notified that the UTSU would not include their issue in the kits.

The UTSU and the Varsity later discussed ways to collaboratively resolve this issue. The UTSU came very close to agreeing to a very analogous situation for the Varsity: The UTSU would agree to include their papers in the kits, as long as a neutral party from Scarborough Campus was permitted to write an article about whether or not they thought the Varsity's approach in its front-page article was unfair and misleading or fair and balanced, based on their own investigation. This article would be inserted into the centrefold of the Varsity (similar to the Varsity being inserted into our kits). Ultimately, the Varsity expressed anxiety and discomfort and pulled away from this negotiated solution. It was instead agreed that the UTSU would not be responsible for distributing the Varsity to the divisions who accessed the kits. For more information, please contact President Munib Sajjad at president@utsu.ca.

Student Refugee Program Committee

The UTSU sponsors one student each year through the Student Refugee Program organized by World University Service of Canada. This year's student arrived in Toronto from Syria on Thursday, September 12. The UTSU has facilitated his enrollment in courses and a space in residence at New College. The WUSC Committee is also planning a welcome dinner, to which Board members will be invited. For more information on the WUSC program, please contact Vice-President Equity Yolen Bollo-Kamara at vpequity@utsu.ca.

Faith and Philosophical Leaders' Dinner

On Monday, September 16, the Multi-Faith Centre hosted its annual Student Faith and Ethical Leaders Dinner. Representatives from a number of faiths, spiritual and philosophical-based clubs were invited to attend this event to build networks and learn about resources and support, available on campus for their organizations. Vice-President Equity Yolen Bollo-Kamara had the opportunity to speak to student leaders at this event, in addition to Sandra Carnegie-Douglas, the Anti-Racism and Cultural Diversity Officer and Lucy Fromowitz, Assistant Vice-President Student Life. For more information, please contact Vice-President Equity Yolen Bollo-Kamara at vpequity@utsu.ca.

Moving Forward Scavenger Hunt

On Friday, August 30, the UTSU participated in a scavenger hunt organized by the Moving Forward Accessibility Services Program. This was an Orientation event to teach new students about the essential services on campus and where to access them. Vice-President Equity, Yolen Bollo-Kamara and Vice-President University Affairs, Agnes So greeted students outside the UTSU office and spoke about services, events and campaigns about the Union, before conducting a quick tour inside and handing out agendas and other materials. For more information, please contact Vice-President Equity Yolen Bollo-Kamara at vpequity@utsu.ca.

Jolt Training

During the month of August, the UTSU was asked to facilitate training for orientation leaders of each division. As part of the training, attendees were notified of the events that the UTSU facilitated throughout the week as part of UTSUFest 2013. The bulk of the presentation focused on marshal training for the tri-campus UofT Parade facilitated by the UTSU. The executives spoke about rules, responsibilities of leaders during the parade and how to ensure the parade remains a safe and inclusive space for all students participating.

Through the trainings, the UTSU reached over 800 orientation leaders at the University of Toronto. For more information, please contact President Munib Sajjad at president@utsu.ca.



eXpression Against Oppression

XAO is a series of events that occurs twice a year, for the purpose of engaging students in various local and global social justice and equity issues. Planning for XAO in fall semester is well underway, with events scheduled to occur between Monday, October 21 and Wednesday, October 30. To get involved in XAO week planning, please contact Vice-President Equity Yolen Bollo-Kamara at vpequity@utsu.ca, or attend the next Social Justice and Equity Commission.

Queer Orientation

The UTSU has been working with the Sexual and Gender Diversity Office and student groups from all three campuses to organize Queer Orientation, over two weeks of events for queer, trans and allied students. This year's schedule includes a number of different types of events, including campus and community tours, arts and crafts, various workshops and athletic events.

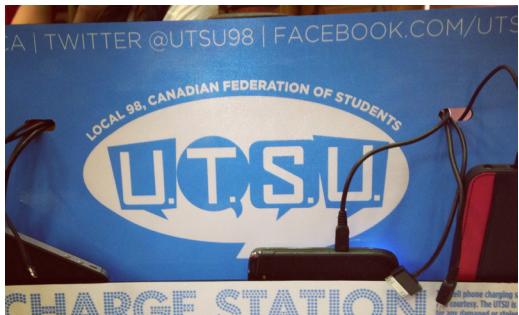


As part of Queer Orientation, the UTSU is organizing a UoT contingent for the AIDS Walk for Life. Students can participate by helping to fundraise, attending the pre-walk brunch and walking with their peers on Sunday, September 22. The Union is also organizing Ally Night for the evening of Tuesday, September 24. This will be a safe, open and casual space for all to come and share ideas about the place of an ally in the LGBTQ community. For more information, please contact Vice-President Equity Yolen Bollo-Kamara at vpequity@utsu.ca.

disOrientation

The UTSU is working with the Ontario Public Interest Research Group and other students and campus groups to organize disOrientation, an alternative Orientation week that aims to engage new and returning students in activism and introduce them to on-campus and community groups that do social justice work. On Monday, September 25, the UTSU is hosting a panel discussion entitled Free Education -- Is it Possible? Speakers will discuss the impact of tuition fees on access to education and the economic feasibility of free post-secondary education, and strategies to mobilize students around tuition fees in Canada. For more information, please contact Vice-President Yolen Bollo-Kamara at vpequity@utsu.ca.





Meet Your Executives Video

On September 19, the executives decided to take a different approach to their annual “meet your executive” video. Instead of shooting the average video in your formal interview manner, the executives focused on showing their funny side. The idea behind the new video is to poke fun at ourselves while also show that the UTSU is a engaging place that members can get involved in. Each section on the executives portrays their humorous side while also emphasizes their portfolio. The offbeat video is a new approach that hopefully will project the UTSU in a positive manner that people will think is funny. For more information about the “Meet Your Executives” Video, contact Cameron Wathey, Vice-President Internal & Services at vpinternal@utsu.ca.

Cell Phone Charging Stations

They have arrived! We now have three charging stations helping students recharge their cellphones while they are out and about on campus. These charging stations are also portable and have been used during outreach and even been borrowed out to other colleges and clubs for their events! They’re a very useful tool and have charging cables for all types of phones. For more information about the charging stations, contact Cameron Wathey, Vice-President Internal & Services at vpinternal@utsu.ca.

The Good Food Box

The Good Food Box reach record numbers! 49 good food boxes were ordered for September 24, 2013. This is the largest single order we have had yet! In the past we have averaged roughly 25-30 boxes every other pickup. Furthermore, we have added another location to pickup your good food box from. Students ordering the good food box may now request that their good food box be dropped off at the Transitional Year Programme building at 49 St. George Street. For more information about the Good Food Box, contact Cameron Wathey, Vice-President Internal & Services at vpinternal@utsu.ca.

Homecoming & Homecoming Committee



We can all agree that school spirit around UofT can sometimes become lost and forgotten. The student representatives from across the three campuses of the university decided we needed to take some action. The student union and the various college and faculty student councils got together to develop a new event that we hope can unite the largest university in the country to support our athletes.



As the first home game of the Varsity Blues football team of the year on September 14, we felt this would be great opportunity to showcase the very energy we instill during Orientation week for the over 10,000 incoming students. The student representatives from the University of Toronto Students' Union, Woodsworth College Students' Association, New College Student Council, Physical Health and Education Undergraduate Association, St. Michaels College Student Union, Scarborough Campus Students' Union, University College Literary and Athletics Society, Innis College Students Society, the University of Toronto Mississauga Students' Union and the Victoria University Students' Administrative Council got together and worked side by side to develop pre-game lunch and pep rally for the game. The staff of Varsity Athletics and Office of Student Life was very supportive of the programming created and provided the student societies with various resources to help bring excitement to the promotion of the home opener and the game day activities.



From 10am to 11:30am we hosted a free BBQ that included a variety of activities from face and body painting, poster making, Cheer Training and our cross-division spirit squad known as the "Blue Crew" hyped up our members and lead them to the stadium in a parade down Philosophers Walk. We believe that our collective membership can be proud of our athletes that represent us abroad. With this first homecoming with such strong representation from the St. George, Mississauga and Scarborough campuses, we hope that this will be an annual tradition where it can be even larger and attract older generations of our alumni to call our university a home away from home. For more information about Homecoming, contact Cameron Wathey, Vice-President Internal & Services at vpinternal@utsu.ca.



SUSTAINABILITY REPORT

VEGAN BARBECUE

On Wednesday, September 18, the Sustainability Commission partnered with the U of T Veg club to hold a Vegan BBQ. Dig In! Campus Agriculture also supported the event by providing some vegetables grown on campus. The event operated smoothly and surpassed all expectations. Approximately 250 people were fed vegan alternatives to hamburgers and hot dogs. Several people displayed interest in the Veg Club as well as the Sustainability Commission. For more information, please contact Sustainability Commissioner Ben Triolo at sustainability@utsu.ca.

SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

On Tuesday, September 17, the Sustainability Commission held its second meeting of the school year. Several new members were ratified and some volunteered to help with upcoming events. Planning of upcoming events was discussed as well as suggestions for sustainability campaigns in the future. The next meeting is tentatively planned for Tuesday, October 8. For more information, please contact Ben Triolo at sustainability@utsu.ca.

GARDENING

On Tuesday, September 24, volunteers from the Sustainability Commission and Dig In! Campus Agriculture will do some gardening at the Equity Garden outside the UTSU Building. This will prepare the garden for the colder months and ensure its success in the foreseeable future. It is important to maintain and ensure the thriving of green spaces on campus, especially when they provide locally grown foods and vegetables. For more information, please contact Ben Triolo at sustainability@utsu.ca.

GROUP CYCLE

On Thursday, September 26, the Sustainability Commission will collaborate with BikeChain to lead a group bicycle ride around campus. This is meant to increase active transportation on campus by teaching new or inexperienced riders safe routes on campus. As an incentive, the Sustainability Commission and BikeChain will provide a free bike light, bell or brake pads to participants. For more information, please contact Ben Triolo at sustainability@utsu.ca.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Other upcoming events include a collaboration with Toronto 350 to host a panel discussion featuring Elizabeth May and Adria Vasil and the screening of a documentary called 'Do the Math.' The Commission is also working with the Veg Club to organize a movie screening and potluck events to promote a vegan/vegetarian lifestyle. For more information, please contact Ben Triolo at sustainability@utsu.ca.

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August 21, 2013

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Board of Directors Meeting of the University of Toronto Students' Union
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IN ATTENDANCE:

Nabil Arif, University of Toronto Mississauga
Nia-Imara Barberousse, Faculty of Music
Yolen Bollo-Kamara, Vice-President Equity
Fatima Zahra Hamaimou, University of
Toronto Mississauga
Aimee Quenneville, University College
Agnes So, Vice-President University Affairs
Melissa Theodore, University of Toronto
Mississauga Designate
Cameron Wathey, Vice-President Internal
and Services
Nadiv Hossain, University College
ZiJian Yang, Woodsworth College
Munib Sajjad, President
Eric Jadidazadeh, Transitional Year
Programme
Frishta Bastan, University of Toronto
Mississauga
Shak Gobert, Victoria College
Katrina Lorn, Professional Faculty at-Large
Mateusz Krawczyk, Professional Faculty at-
Large
Souyoung Aaron Chin, University of Toronto
Mississauga

Onik Khan, Vice-President Campus Life – till
5pm
Ranziba Nehrin, SCSU

BY PROXY:

Ben Coleman, Arts & Science at-Large to
Aimmee Quenneville
Vere-Marie Khan, St. Michael's College to
Cameron, St. Michael's College
Silviu Kondan, New College to Munib Sajjad,
President
Mahaam Malik, University of Toronto
Mississauga to Melissa Theodore, University
of Toronto Mississauga
Tannishtha Pramanick, Woodsworth College
to Onik Khan, Vice-President Campus Life
Helen Phan, Faculty of Pharmacy to Agnes
So, Vice-President University Affairs
Alex Wasserman, Faculty of Medicine to
Cameron Wathey, Vice-president, Internal
and Services
Khalid Khan, New College to Cameron,
Wathey, Vice-President Internal and
Services
Lynn Scherlski, Victoria College to Yolen
Bollo-Kamara, Vice-President Equity

NON-VOTING

Sarah Worku, President, SCSU

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting is called to order at 16:30.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION

Moved: Wathey

Seconded: Sajjad

Be it resolved that the agenda for the August 21, 2013 UTSU Board of Directors meeting
be approved as presented.

CARRIED

3. EXECUTIVE REPORT

MOTION

Moved: Wathey

Seconded: Quenivelle

Be it resolved that the UTSU Board of Directors approve the Executive Report as
presented.

MINUTES

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DISCUSSION

Members of the Executive Committee present the executive report.

Wathey speaks about the Executive Committee's agenda.

Sajjad speaks on the meeting with the chair of the Governing council. Sajjad states that they brought up the priorities to accessibility and how to improve it. He also speaks about the NCSC meeting. He states that they have agreed to work together this year on University endeavours. Sajjad speak about the meeting with Cheryl Regehr.

Agnes So speaks about the July 17 meeting with ASSU and the projects that they can work together on.

Bollo-Kamara speaks about "The Hike Stop Here" campaign.

Khan states that the Homecoming planning committee meetings are taking place and planning is moving forward.

Wathey asks Melissa to speak on the UTM Food Townhall.

Melissa speaks about the UTM Food Townhall. She states that for next year the contract needs to be renegotiated.

Wathey states that the Students Life Director meet and greet took place. He states that new initiatives such as the Mental Heath Committee will be something he wants to take on this year.

Wathey speaks about the UCLIT Board meeting presentation.

Bollo-Kamara states that she has been attending meeting about the Antiracism Cultural Diversity Office meetings.

Wathey states that he has been working on getting the Cellphone charging station. He also states that the exec video is complete.

Bollo-Kamara speaks about the mental health awareness campaign and the issues that have been brought up and how they can go forward.

Triolo states the new sustainability commission projects and events coming up.

Hamaimou ask how do you go about using the cellphone charging station.

Wathey states that there is no lock but there will be a disclaimer that people charge at their own risk and they cannot provide a lock for it.

Khan shows the new posters for the initiatives that will be taking place in September.

4. APPROVAL OF THE EXECUTIVE REPORT

MOTION

Moved: Wathey

Seconded: Quenneville

MINUTES

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Be it resolved that the June 23, 2013 minutes package including the following documents be approved by the UTSU Board of Directors:

MOTION

Moved: Wathey

Seconded: Warnica

Be it resolved that the August 21, 2013 minutes package including the following documents be approved:

- a. Board of Directors, July 26 (pp. 20)
- b. Executive Committee, July 25, July 29, August 12 (pp. 25, 29, 34)
- c. Academic and Student Rights Commission, August 9 (pp. 40)
- d. Social Justice and Equity Commission, July 30 (pp. 45)
- e. Sustainability Commission, July 25, August 12 (pp. 51, 55)
- f. Community Action Commission, August 9 (pp. 59)
- g. Budget Committee, August 12 (pp. 61)
- h. Elections and Referenda Committee, August 13 (pp. 64)

CARRIED

5. APPROVAL OF BUDGET PRIORITIES

MOTION

Moved: Wathey

Seconded: Theodore

Be it resolved that the Budget Priorities (2012-2014) package in the following documents be approved as presented to the UTSU Board of Directors:

- a) Academic and Student Rights Commission Budget Priorities 2013 -- 2014 (pp. 70)
- b) Community Action Commission Budget Priorities 2013 -- 2014 (pp. 76)
- c) Social Justice and Equity Budget Priorities 2013 -- 2014 (pp. 81)
- d) Sustainability Commission Budget Priorities 2013 -- 2014 (pp. 85)

CARRIED

DISCUSSION

Quenneville states that if there is any advocacy the UTSU can do to have female police officers.

Triolo speaks about the water use challenges, fossil fuel usages, sustainable transportation, eco-fest, and discretionary budget to work with the environmental groups.

6. STRIKING OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Budget Committee

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MOTION

Moved: Wathey

Seconded: Quenneville

Whereas the Budget Committee is a standing committee of the University of Toronto Students' Union,

Be it resolved that the one additional director from either Division I, II or III be elected by and from the Board of Directors to serve on the 2013-2014 Budget Committee.

DISCUSSION

Wathey states that according to the by-laws there are seats open to the Board of Directors to join.

Wathey nominates Yang for the budget committee.
Yang accepts.

Yasmin nominates Krawczyk for the budget committee.
Krawczyk rejects.

Be it resolved that Yang be elected from the BOD to serve the 2013-14 budget committee.

CARRIED

Executive Review Committee

MOTION

Moved: Wathey

Seconded: Quenneville

Wathey speaks about the Executive review committee.

So nominates Krawczyk, Chin and Crase.

Be it resolved that Mateusz Krawczyk, Suyoung A. Chin and Ben Crase be elected from the BOD to serve the 2013-14 executive review committee.

CARRIED

Bursary & Grants Committee

MOTION

Moved: Wathey

Seconded: Quenneville

Whereas the Book Bursary Committee is a standing committee of the University of Toronto Students' Union,

Be it resolved that one additional director from either Division I or II be elected by and from the Board of Directors to serve on the 2013--2014 Book Bursary Committee.

DISCUSSION

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Wathey nominates Dalia Hashim

Be it resolved that Hashim be elected from the BOD to serve the 2013-14 Bursary and Grants Committee.

CARRIED

Students Refugee Program Committee

MOTION Moved: Wathey

Seconded: Bastan

DISCUSSION

Bollo-Kamara states that the student has been selected and will be arriving from Syria.

Bollo-kamara nominates Malik.

Division explained by chair.

So nominates Nia-Imara Barberoussa

Barberoussa accepts

Be it resolved that Nia-Imara Bar be elected from the BOD to serve the 2013-14 Students Refugee Program Committee.

CARRIED

7. FALL BOARD MEETING DATES

Wathey states the suggested dates Board meetings:

September 24
October 25
November 15
December 13

He states that they are all Fridays and asks if Board Directors can let them know if dates are acceptable.

8. FYI - NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Wathey states that the next meeting is tentatively set for September 27, 2013 at 15:00.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

MOTION Moved: Sajjad Seconded: Wathey

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Be it resolved that the UTSU Board of Directors accept the following emergency commission minutes.

Hart House Investment Club

Sajjad states for a resolution for the minutes. He states that there was a typographical error and it be tabled for next meeting.

CARRIED

DISCUSSION

Wathey states that there will be a board social to Wonderland on August 23 and asks for all to attend. He asks if there is anyone else who is interested.

Wathey states that many board members have not yet signed up for any commissions. He asks if there are other board members if they know which commissions they are a part of and which they would like to be a part of.

Sajjad states that he is hoping to organize another Board retreat in end of November.

Wathey thanks everyone for coming to the meeting. He states the Architecture Building will be a the future UTSU space so the board meeting

Sajjad states that the space is available for a walking tour.

Hudson explains how the architecture building space will be allocated between other clubs and the UTSU office.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

Moved: Bollo-Kamara

Seconded: Warnica

CARRIED

The meeting adjourns at 17:24.

MINUTES

University of Toronto Students' Union Executive Committee

September 16, 2013

MINUTES

Executive Committee of the University of Toronto Students' Union
Monday, September 16, 2013 | 10:30 | University of Toronto Students' Union Office

IN ATTENDANCE:

Cameron Wathey, Vice-President Internal and Services
Agnes So, Vice-President University Affairs
Munib Sajjad, President
Yolen Bollo-Kamara, Vice-President Equity
Sandra Hudson, Executive Director (non-voting)

1. FALL CAREER FAIR

So states that we need to reschedule a meeting date with Career Centre and the Faculty of Kinesiology and Physical Education, and Varsity administration. She further states that we need to complete our section of the event plan.

2. ACADEMIC APPEALS GUIDE

Hudson states that we should aim to complete this project by January.

So states that she has already had a discussion with her about priorities.

3. RESIDENCE COUNCIL ALLIANCE

So states that she had difficulty contacting residence councils over the summer.

Hudson states that items for discussion could include food quality in campus cafeterias and the Montreal Reading Week Trip.

Wathey states that residence councils should be easier to contact at this time of year. He further states that So should contact the president of each residence council and request speaking rights at their next monthly meeting.

4. DROP CREDIT

Hudson states that the Policy and Student Rights Coordinator will begin working on this immediately.

5. ANCILLARY FEES

So states that the current document needs further detail regarding the process for opting out of various ancillary fees.

6. PER-COURSE FEES

So states that the graphic designer has been working on some amazing designs for this campaign.

7. WORK-STUDY POSITIONS CAMPAIGN

Sajjad states that he is working with the graphic designer to come up with some materials for this campaign.

8. FAIR COPYRIGHT

Hudson states that there may not be many updates from the University until Access Copyright negotiations end in December,

Sajjad states that three representatives must be appointed by the Union to sit on the Library Committee.

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9. TRANSITIONAL YEAR PROGRAM

Bollo-Kamara states that the Transitional Year Program will be having an Open House on Friday, September 20. She further states that she will be attending and encourages other members of the executive to do so as well.

So states that she is able to attend with Bollo-Kamara.

Hudson states that the Union provided the Transitional Year Program with materials for their Orientation Day. She further states that they have requested that we attend the Open House with agendas and more materials.

10. STUDY SPACES

So states that she will contact Robarts Library regarding a related questionnaire that they have been circulating.

11. UTM/UTSC SHUTTLE BUSES

Sajjad states that we should contact the Scarborough Campus Students' Union, who may be interested in conducting a plebiscite on the question of implementing a shuttle bus system from the Scarborough campus to the St. George campus.

So states that this should be brought up at the Council on Student Services if students are interested in this service. She further states that the UTSU should work with the University of Toronto Mississauga Students' Union to lobby the University to allow St. George students to opt in to the UTM shuttle bus program.

12. INTERNATIONAL STUDENT REPRESENTATION

Hudson states that during second semester, research on the history of international student representation on Governing Council should be completed.

13. COUNCIL ON STUDENT SERVICES

So states that four UTSU executives must be appointed to sit on the Council on Student Services.

Hudson gives a background of the history of COSS.

14. MENTAL HEALTH

Bollo-Kamara states that the Committee on Mental Health will be meeting on Friday, September 20. She further states that she will be attending a meeting of the Health and Wellness Advisory Committee on Wednesday, September 18. She further states that the UTSU will be hosting a Hart House \$5 lunch in collaboration with the Student Life division of Health and Wellness, with a focus on mental health.

15. EXPRESSION AGAINST OPPRESSION

Bollo-Kamara states that the schedule for eXpression Against Oppression Week will be finalized at the Social Justice and Equity Commission meeting on Wednesday, September 18. She further states that

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late October is likely to be the timeline for XAO. She further states that the Social Justice and Equity Commission will be working with several campus groups to host this semester's XAO.

Wathey states that executives from different college councils may be interested in collaborating.

16. EQUITY POLICIES

Bollo-Kamara states that the university's equity policies are not sufficient to ensure a safe, inclusive environment for students. She further states that she will be working with the Policy and Student Rights

18. WUSC

Bollo-Kamara states that the UTSU-sponsored student refugee arrived in Canada on Thursday, September 12. She further states that she will be working with the WUSC committee to schedule a welcome dinner for him.

15. MEETING WITH VICE-PROVOST

Sajjad states that he will be creating an agenda for the next meeting with Jill Matus, Vice-Provost, Students. He further states that members of the executive should send him a list of items they would like to discuss at this meeting.

Hudson states that we should follow up on the Fall Reading Week item and storage space.

Wathey states that he would like to talk about the success of Homecoming.

Bollo-Kamara states that she would like to follow up regarding the creation of a policy around double-sided printing, and to discuss the University's equity policies.

16. POLICY TOWNHALL

Wathey states that the Policy Committee will discuss this at its meeting on Tuesday, September 20.

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University of Toronto Students' Union Social Justice and Equity Commission

September 18, 2013

MINUTES

Social Justice and Equity Commission Meeting #3 of the University of Toronto Students' Union
Wednesday, September 18, 2013 | 18:00 | Hart House Bickersteth Room

IN ATTENDANCE:

Voting Members:

Agnes So, Vice-President University Affairs
Yolen Bollo-Kamara, Vice-President Equity
Silvius Kondan, New College Director
Cameron Wathey, Vice-President Internal & Services
Nzube Ekpunobi, Associate to the President

Non-Voting Members:

Laura Lynch
Zachary Biech
Amit Singh
Mahsima Tavoosi-Monfared
Bob Parry
Housam Silim

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting calls to order at 18:15.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION Moved: Wathey Seconded: Kondan

Be it resolved that the September 18, 2013 Social Justice and Equity Commission meeting agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

3. INTRODUCTIONS

Attendees introduce themselves.

4. RATIFICATION OF NEW MEMBERS

MOTION Moved: Bollo-Kamara Seconded: Ekpunobi

Be it resolved that Laura Lynch, Zachary Biech, Mahsima Tavoosi, Amit Singh, Mahsima Tavoosi-Monfared, Housam Silim and Bob Parry be ratified as members of the Social Justice and Equity Commission for the 2013-2014 year.

CARRIED

5. REVIEW OF COMMISSION BUDGET PRIORITIES

DISCUSSION

Bollo-Kamara gives an overview of the budget priorities that were approved at the last Commission meeting.

6. QUEER ORIENTATION

DISCUSSION

Bollo-Kamara gives an overview of the events planned for the Queer Orientation and encourages members to attend and invite their friends,

Kondan asks about the locations of the events.

Bollo-Kamara responds that locations and further descriptions of events are available online.

7. XAO

DISCUSSION

Bollo-Kamara gives an overview of eXpression Against Oppression week and shares some ideas from previous meetings. She asks members for suggestions for eXpression Against Oppression Week events.

Tavoosi-Monfared suggests that the Commission collaborate with the campus group Powerful Minds at UofT to host a body-positive fashion show. She further states that there should be an emphasis on including models of all genders, abilities, and body types.

Kondan asks about the structure of XAO.

Bollo-Kamara states that XAO includes a series of events that focus on a variety of different social justice and equity issues. She further states that the Commission wants to collaborate with a number of different groups to organize this week. She further states that October is Mental Health Month, so members should consider incorporating that theme into XAO.

Tavoosi-Monfared states that there are different movie screenings on mental health related topics.

Kondan suggests that the Commission invite speakers who are known for working on mental health issues to come speak. He further states that students should also have the opportunity to talk about their own experiences.

Tavoosi-Monfared states that events should incorporate the principles of positive psychology.

Wathey suggests that the Commission look into creating a resource binder for students that includes information about dealing with a variety of issues.

Tavoosi-Monfared suggests that a pamphlet be created to acknowledge students and their rights when dealing with mental health issues on campus.

Silim suggests creating an anonymous environment in which students can share their own experiences at the event.

Ekpunobi enters the meeting at 18:55.

Tavoosi-Monfared suggests that we provide information to students about how to be an ally in relation to mental health issues.

Kondan suggests that XAO Week should focus on a different issue per day, so that a diversity of topics can be covered.

Bollo-Kamara states that she has also explored other events to be included in XAO such as capoeira and the Five Buck Lunch at Hart House. She states that the capoeira class should include a discussion about the history of capoeira, to tie it into the theme of eXpression Against Oppression. She further states that the Five Buck Lunch is an opportunity to engage students in mental health issues, and that the UTSU will be collaborating with Health and Wellness to host this event.

Parry states that he knows a capoeira instructor at the Athletic Centre who is also involved in equity programs at New College. He further states that he is willing to contact him to ask if he is available to teach a class as part of XAO.

Tavoosi-Monfared suggests that XAO should also focus on issues that international students face, such as extremely high tuition fees. She further states that tuition fees are also an issue that disproportionately affect mature students, who are also not eligible for the provincial government's "30 Off" grant. She further states that the Commission should run a campaign on the structural inequity of tuition fees.

Bollo-Kamara states that another issue that international students face is not having access to the Ontario Health Insurance Plan. She further states that this is an issue that the Academic and Student Rights Commission is working on, but there is definitely an intersection between these issues and social justice and equity.

Kondan suggests that the Commission look into hosting an event around race versus ethnicity.

Tavoosi-Monfared that this event look at pressure to change identity when entering a new environment. She further states that the name of this event should incorporate the problematic term FOB,” or “fresh off the boat,” which is a pejorative term used against new immigrants.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION Moved: Ekpunobi Seconded: Wathey

The meeting adjourns at 19:31.

CARRIED

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University of Toronto Students' Union

Sustainability Commission

September 18, 2013

MINUTES

Sustainability Commission of the University of Toronto Students' Union
Tuesday, September 17, 2013 | 17:00 | Hart House Bickersteth Room

IN ATTENDANCE:

VOTING MEMBERS:

Lesley Flores
Yolen Bollo-Kamara
Nzube Ekpunobi
Benvenuto Triolo
Will Warnica
Nimalan Ulaganathan

NON-VOTING MEMBERS:

Danielle Marcoux
Monica Resendes
Mindy Kwak
Sarah Berger
Tegan Hansen-Hoedeman
Reggie McDonald
Emma Harris
Clara Thaysen

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting is called to order at 17:12 pm.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION

Moved: Triolo

Seconded: Ekpunobi

Be it resolved that the agenda for the September 17 Sustainability Commission meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED

3. RATIFICATION OF NEW MEMBERS

MOTION

Moved: Triolo

Seconded: Bollo-Kamara

Be it resolved that the following be ratified as voting members of the Sustainability Commission for the 2012-2013 year:

Danielle Marcoux
Monica Resendes
Mindy Kwak
Sarah Berger
Tegan Hansen-Hoedeman
Reggie McDonald
Emma Harris
Clara Thaysen

CARRIED

4. TORONTO 350

Resendes states that she is from Toronto 350, a new club at the University of Toronto. She further states that its biggest priority is pressuring the University to divest from fossil fuels. She further states that Toronto 350 has put together a detailed briefing to be presented to Governing Council with the submission of 300 petition signatures. She further states that it is

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important for the University to lead the push for responsible investment. She further states that Toronto 350 is planning a large event featuring Elizabeth May and she is hoping to get members of the Sustainability Commission involved.

Triolo states that members should be aware that this is a free event but members should reserve their seats. He further states that Toronto 350 is also hosting a film screening tonight.

5. UTSU GARDEN

Triolo states that members of the Sustainability Commission will be doing work in the UTSU Equity Garden next Tuesday.

6. COMMUNITY BIKE RIDE

Triolo states that the Sustainability Commission will be collaborating with BikeChain to host a community bike ride on Thursday, September 26.

7. MOVIE NIGHT AND POTLUCK WITH VEG CLUB

Triolo states that the Veg Club is interested in collaborating with the Sustainability Commision to host a vegan dinner and screening of the film Forks to Knives.

Bergman suggests hosting the screening at the Cat's Eye, and states that she can assist with booking the space.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

Bollo-Kamara states that the UTSU has been speaking with the Office of the Vice-Provost, Students, regarding the creation of a policy encouraging the use and acceptance of double-sided printing for assignments. She further states that the University central administration has agreed to make this a priority, and will be working with the Centre for Teaching Support and Innovation to include information about this in training for new teaching staff.

Triolo states that he has been in several courses where professors have refused to accept assignments that are printed double-sided.

Marcoux states that she has had similar experiences.

Triolo states that he was able to convince one of his professors who used excessive paper for class handouts to distribute the same information online.

Berger states that it does not make sense for professors to not accept assignments printed double-sided, which reduce paper usage. She further states that the Sustainability Commission should run a "Go Paperless" campaign.

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Resendes states that there is also an issue with finding open source articles online. She states that students are often forced to purchase expensive course packs due to an agreement that the University has with Access Copyright.

Bollo-Kamara states that the University's current agreement with Access Copyright expires in December 2013, but that the University is currently in negotiations with Access Copyright, which may result in the creation of a new contract. She further states that she has taken several courses in which most or all of the material in course packs was available for free online.

Ekpunobi states that the Commission should encourage the Arts and Science Students' Union to digitize its past test library.

Triolo states that a campaign to Styrofoam was another idea discussed last year to make the University of Toronto more sustainable.

Hansen-Hoedeman states that more campus groups should use Greenshift, which produces compostable dishes and cutlery.

Bollo-Kamara states that the UTSU uses Greenshift materials, but has had difficulty obtaining a green bin for the office. She further states that this is an issue elsewhere on campus.

Marcoux states that she has noticed that there are not many green bins on campus.

Kwak states that this may be a contractual issue. She further states that it was difficult to implement green bin usage at her high school, as caretaking staff were only contractually obligated to collect garbage and recycling.

Berger states that this issue must be addressed specifically at colleges. She further states that only specific college cafeterias and food trucks use Styrofoam.

Flores states that there should be a campaign to encourage students to use reusable containers for their food.

Berger states that most dining halls provide reusable containers called ecotrays. She further states there should be discounts offered for students who use ecotrays.

MOTION TO ADOPT THE CAMPAIGN TO REDUCE PAPER USE

MOTION

Moved: Lomax

Seconded: Ulaganathan

Be it resolved that the Sustainability Commission adopt the Campaign to Reduce Paper Use for the 2012-2013 year.

CARRIED

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Warnica states that the PowerShift environmental conference is coming up and that any interested Commission members should send him an email. He further states that the conference will provide a stepping stone for organizing an inter-university climate change fax-off event later on in the year.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

Moved: Warnica

Seconded: Ulaganathan

The meeting is adjourned at 6:25 pm.

MINUTES

University of Toronto Students' Union

Professional Faculties Committee

August 26, 2013

MINUTES

Professional Faculties Committee Meeting 1 of the University of Toronto Students' Union
Monday, August 26, 2013 | 18:00 | UTSU

IN ATTENDANCE:

Voting Members:

Agnes So
Munib Sajjad
Suyoung Aaron Chin
Alexander Wasserman
Helen Phan

Guest:

Yasmeen Emadi

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 18:24.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION

Moved: So

Seconded: Chin

Be it resolved that the August 26, 2013 Professional Faculties Committee meeting agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

3. INTRODUCTIONS

Attendees introduce themselves.

Phan enters at 18:26.

So describes the nature of the committee.

4. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

DISCUSSION

So opens the floor for discussion and concerns in each constituency.

Phan introduces the topic of tuition fee hikes and mentions a meeting that occurred last year with former President Shaun Shepherd and the former Faculty of Law Director.

Sajjad states that he heard about this meeting, and points out that Shepherd would be a great person to contact regarding further information.

So mentions a concern proposed by Professional Faculty At-Large Director Mathew Krawczyk, regarding the lack of unity within professional faculties and he suggests having a big group event within all the professional faculties. She further opens the floor for discussions regarding potential events.

Phan mentions a boat cruise amongst the professional faculties. She mentions that the health faculties tend to hold their socials together.

So states that Krawczyk has also suggested having a large networking or informative conference for students. She suggests speaking to the students within each individual faculty, and bringing further discussions to the committee throughout the year.

Sajjad asks the roundtable what they think should be the central focus of the UTSU in relation to professional faculties throughout the year.

Wasserman states that in his faculty, he found it very hard to gain contacts and information regarding entering professional faculties.

Phan states that it would be a great to organize an event to initiate conversations amongst students in their undergraduate degree and students currently in their desired professional faculties.

Sajjad suggests speaking to course unions as well and inviting them to speak to students.

Wasserman states that it is a lot more helpful speaking to students versus administration, regarding conversations with fellow students.

5. LUNCH N' LEARNS

DISCUSSION

So states that educational Lunch n' Learn events will be taking place in early October. She states that Lunch n' Learns will touch on campaigns that the UTSU is working on throughout the year and services that UTSU provides for students. She further asks the roundtable what potential days and times are best to reach out to each faculty.

Wasserman states that third and fourth year students in the Faculty of Medicine are rarely on campus and that first and second year students should be a central focus for Lunch n' Learns.

So states that she will ask each director for the respective timetable in order to coordinate times and days for each faculty.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

DISCUSSION

So thanks everyone for coming out to the meeting and for their input.

7. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

Moved: Phan

Seconded: Chin

The meeting adjourns at 19:10.

CARRIED

MINUTES

University of Toronto Student's Union

Organizational Development & Services Committee

August 26, 2013

MINUTES

Organizational Development & Services Committee Meeting 1 of the University of Toronto Students' Union • Friday August 30, 2013 • 11:00 • UTSU Office

IN ATTENDANCE:

Munib Sajid, President
Yolen Bollo-Kamara, Vice-President Equity
Agnes So, Vice-President University Affairs
Cameron Wathey, Vice-President Internal and Services
Fatima Zahra Hamaimou, University of Toronto Mississauga representative
Jesse Leduc-Robert, Associate to Vice President Equity

PROXIES:

Alex Khalil to Agnes So
Onik Khan, Vice-President Campus Life to Agnes So

1. CALL TO ORDER

This meeting was called to order at 11:21.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

3. INTRODUCTIONS

4. INTRODUCTION TO SERVICES

Wathey states the services that the Union offers including the Book Bursary, TTC Metropass sales, Dollars for Daycare, the Food and Clothing Bank, the Good Food Box, the Income Tax Clinic program, the Health and Dental Plan, Cineplex ticket sales, Wonderland tickets, the American Football trip to see the Buffalo Bills on September 29, the ISIC Card, and so forth.

Hamaimou asks if ISIC card will be joined with Green Shield card.

Wathey states that a member's green shield number is located on the ISIC Card at the top. He states that the card also offers discounts and is internationally recognized.

Fatimah asks what the difference is between the ISIC card and the Student Saver card.

So states that the ISIC card is not offered to part-time students.

Bollo-Kamara states that reconsideration funding is funding from money that's leftover, and clubs can apply if they need extra funding for extra events or unexpected situations.

Fatimah asks if clubs are still active during the summer.

So states that some clubs are still active and do events during the summer.

5. ADOPTION OF SERVICES BUDGET

MOTION

Moved: Wathey

Seconded: Hamaimou

Be it resolved that the preliminary budget for the 2013-2014 year be approved.

CARRIED

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6. NEW SERVICES UPDATE

Wathey summarizes the services kiosk and presents the new design, which has been approved by the executives and brings forth to show this committee. He states that a parking spot is secured at the graduate garage. He states that the executive committee has recommended that we get volunteers for the kiosk. He further states that he wants to push the Board of Directors to be involved as well.

Wathey states that the new website was launched and that he would like everyone in the office to eventually meet for a brainstorming session. He states that once the full OSD committee is back, another session will be scheduled, which he hopes to have done by the end of October, but will realistically happen in November or December. He further states that this is also being developed through Wordpress, so there's more flexibility to change things around.

Wathey summarizes the new recharge stations and that they have been ordered.

Wathey then summarizes what the Volunteer Ambassador Program does. He states that they really want to push for the Services Kiosk, the Volunteer Ambassador Program, as he would like to have a strong push for ways to get involved with the Union. He states that he will work with the administration around the co-curricular record, which will also help to give more incentive and recognition for volunteers' work. He states that he hopes to also have outreach surveys presented at Services Kiosk.

Wathey states that the Union will be working on communication strategies, and that they may be doing some rebranding for the Union's image, and help to make it seem more fun and engaging. He emphasizes getting more people engaged and creating a stronger online presence.

Wathey states that for the Food & Clothing Bank, he will meet with the Director of the Multi-Faith Centre. He states that they are looking at maybe having a winter clothing drive. Wathey further states that New College also wants to work with us, and that they'd need to brainstorm on how UTSU can collaborate with them.

Wathey states that we would like to send an overview to the Budget Committee.

Hamaimou asks who does social networking and online work.

Wathey states that he is the main person, but all of the execs do it as well.

Fatimah asks what priorities needed to be thought out and brainstormed.

Wathey states that the focus should be on the Services Kiosk, the website, what services to include in the kiosk, how to promote the Food and Clothing Bank, how we want to promote the Volunteer Ambassador Program, getting more outreach surveys, the promotion of our services, and finally how to have a better online presence.

7. SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING

Wathey states that he would like to schedule the next meeting before the next Board of Directors meeting. He states that he would look to have the whole Board there as well. He further states that he will put a doodle poll online and that folks should look out for mid-September.

8. ADJOURNMENT

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MOTION

Moved: Hamaimou

Seconded: Sajjad

Be it resolved that meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 11:51.

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Budget Committee 2 of the University of Toronto Students' Union
Friday, August 30, 2013 | 17:00 | University of Toronto Students' Union Office

IN ATTENDANCE:

Cameron Wathey, Vice-President Internal & Services
Munib Sajjad, President
Sandra Hudson, Executive Director (non-voting)

Zijiang Yang, Woodsworth Director
Nadiv Hossain, University College Director
proxies to Agnes So, Vice-President University Affairs

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting is called to order at 17:49.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION

Moved: Yang

Seconded: Hossain

Be it resolved that the August 30, 2013 Budget Committee agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

3. REVIEW OF THE BUDGETING PLANNING FRAMEWORK

Wathey explains to the committee the Union Budgeting Framework and goes through the required eight steps of the framework. He further states that the union is currently at step four of the framework process.

4. REVIEW OF PRELIMINARY BUDGET

Wathey reviews the preliminary budget of the union to the committee. He invites committee members to inquire about line items that need clarification or further explanation. He further explains how the preliminary budget functions and how the preliminary budget is constructed.

5. REVIEW OF BUDGET PROPOSALS

DISCUSSION

Wathey presents the budget proposals received from commissions and approved by the Board of Directors. He states that each of the commissions has submitted in-depth proposals. He asks committee members to ask questions and be critical of each proposal. He begins to the first budget proposal, the Academic & Student Rights Commission, to the committee. He states that this commission follows the budget that was allocated to them according to the preliminary budget, which is \$9000.

Yang states that these proposals were already discussed in their respective commission meeting with the members and were approved by the Board of Directors and states he trusts everyone's proposals and that the committee should solely focus on whether the proposals follow what was provided to them according to the preliminary budget. He further states that both Community Action Commission and Sustainability Commission are asking for less than what they were allocated.

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Wathey states that Social Justice & Equity Commission asked for \$2000 more than what was allocated to that commission according to the preliminary budget. He further states that the committee has to decide how we can accommodate this by re-distributing funds from another budget item. He further states that the Sustainability Commission asked for \$1,000 less than they were given according to the preliminary budget. He suggests to redistribute \$1000 from the Sustainability Commission to the Social Justice and Equity Commission.

Sajjad suggests to redistribute \$900 from the Community Action Commission to Social Justice and Equity to provide the funds requested by the Social Justice and Equity Commission.

Yang states that the Social Justice and Equity Commission still requires \$100 more to receive the complete funding requested.

Sajjad suggests decreasing \$50 from four priorities in the Social Justice & Equity Commission's budget proposal to balance out the commission's proposal.

The committee all agrees on all the commission proposals.

6. RECOMMENDATION OF LARGE ALLOCATIONS

MOTION

Moved: Wathey

Seconded: Yang

Be it resolved that the following items be recommended for large allocations:

Academic and Student Rights Commission: \$9,000
Campus Life Commission: \$25,000
Community Action Commission: \$8,100
Social Justice and Equity Commission: \$10,900
Sustainability Commission: \$3,500
Start Up Funding: \$12,000
Short Term Funding: \$10,000
Long Term Funding: \$140,000

DISCUSSION

Yang asked if there is any amount left over from last year's Long Term Funding.

Sajjad explains that it is essentially not decreasing the funding for long term funding but instead the fund is reallocated to start up funding.

Wathey states that he promised to increase clubs funding when he ran for his position and he wants to fulfill his promise. He further states that \$3000 can be pulled from the website under Schedule 1-Communications to add this amount to Long Term Funding. He explains that he has been working on the website and it should cost less than \$18,000 which is the amount that was previously allocated to this line item in the preliminary budget. He further states that it is reasonable to follow last year's revised budget for Short Term Funding.

MOTION TO AMEND

Moved: Wathey

Seconded: Yang

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Be it resolved that long term funding be given \$143,000.

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7. NEXT MEETING

Wathey refers back to the Union Budget Framework to decide the date for next meeting.
He further states that the next meeting can be scheduled after the next board meeting.
He further states that the next Budget Committee Meeting will be scheduled in October.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

Moved: Yang

Seconded: Wathey

The meeting adjourns at 18:42.

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Policy & Procedures Committee

September 18, 2013

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Policy and Procedures Committee Meeting of the University of Toronto Students' Union
Wednesday, September 18, 2013 | 13:15 | UTSU Office

IN ATTENDANCE:

Khalid Khan
Mateusz Krawczyk
Cameron Wathey
Munib Sajjad, proxying to Yolen Bollo-Kamara
Maaham Malik
Sandra Hudson (non-voting)

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting is called to order at 13:18.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION	Moved: Krawczyk	Seconded: Khan
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Be it resolved that the September 18, 2013 Policy & Procedures Committee be approved as presented.

3. OVERVIEW OF POLICY AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE

Wathey states that this first meeting is an introductory one and begins to give an overview of the purpose and structure of the Policy and Procedures Committee according to the Union's bylaws and polices. He further reads through the committee's mandate. Wathey provides members with copies of the minutes of previous Policy and Procedures Committee meetings.

Khan brings up an example of previous policy improvements that made the elections process clearer and more equitable for engineering students. He further states that it is important to remember that bylaws, policies and rules are meant to work in the best interests of students and the Union as well as the Committee should do its best to ensure that they do so.

Hudson states that this is an opportunity for members of the Committee to consider how improvements could be made, and what the structure of the students' union should look like, ideally.

4. POLICY TOWNHALL

Wathey states that a Policy Town Hall is an opportunity to allow members to help directly shape the policies and bylaws of the UTSU before the Annual General Meeting. He further states that this will also make it easier for students who are unfamiliar with UTSU

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procedures to get engaged in processes to amend bylaws and policies. He further states that this meeting should happen in mid to early October.

Hudson explains the process to set date of the meeting of the Policy Committee to consider bylaw and policy amendments to be brought forward at the Annual General Meeting.

MOTION

Moved: Malik

Seconded: Khan

Be it resolved that the Policy Townhall be scheduled for Monday, October 14.

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5. OTHER BUSINESS

Hudson explains that the UTSU is incorporated under the Canada Corporations Act, which is being overhauled and will affect the UTSU bylaws and policies. She further states that the UTSU's lawyers have recommended that the UTSU change its bylaws to mirror the new Canada Non-Profit Corporations Act. She further states that the UTSU's lawyers may recommend that the UTSU switch to the Ontario Corporations Act, after expected changes have come into effect.

6. NEXT MEETING

MOTION

Moved: Malik

Seconded: Khan

Be it resolved that the next meeting be scheduled for Wednesday October 2 from 12-2.

CARRIED

7. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

Moved: Malik

Seconded: Krawczyk

The meeting adjourns at 13:59.

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**Elections & Referenda
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IN ATTENDANCE:

Yolen Bollo-Kamara, Vice-President Equity
Ben Coleman, Arts & Science at-Large Representative (Sky
Sandra Hudson, Executive Director (non-voting)
Munib Sajjad, President
Helen Phan, Professional Faculty at-Large Representative
Cameron Wathey, Vice-President Internal & Services
William Warnica, Innis College Representative

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 17:31.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION

Moved: Phan

Seconded: Warnica

Be it resolved that the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

3. RECAP OF PREVIOUS MEETING

DISCUSSION

Wathey provided a summary of the discussion at the previous meeting.

4. ONLINE VOTING FEEDBACK

Wathey provides a summary of the issues that the online voting company has addressed.

Bollo-Kamara states that she likes that there is a printable receipt which voters receive after they vote.

Hudson states that this is fairly standard in online elections.

Wathey states that the Union is waiting for the University's feedback.

5. COLEMAN'S ELECTION REFORM PACKAGE

DISCUSSION

INSTANT RUNOFF VOTING

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Coleman states that the board needs to approve any changes. He asks when the next board meeting is.

Wathey states September 27, 2013.

Warnica asks what time the next board meeting will be.

Wathey states that the time is tentatively 17:00 - 19:00.

Coleman states that we should discuss the issues today, and vote on any items at the next meeting.

Coleman explains instant runoff voting. He states that this change should not be implemented for the fall. He states that preferential voting will solve problems with first past the post voting. He suggests consulting the membership through a referendum. He cites other students' unions who use the system. He states that this should be a topic at a election policy townhall to be held in the fall.

Bollo-Kamara states that she has been researching instant runoff voting. She states that there are some problems with the system. She states that any discussion should address the pros and cons. She states that St. Michael's college used instant runoff voting once, and was never used again. She states that the system was confusing and SMCSU received complaints. She states that there are higher incidents of spoiled ballots with this system. She states that the system can also disenfranchise members who do not understand the system or only vote for one individual. She also states that some people may randomly choose how to rank after indicating their preferred candidate. She further states that there are some mathematical issues with the system. She states that candidates can strategically flood the amount of people who run and affect the outcome of the election. She describes a mathematical scenario where instant runoff voting results in the election of a candidate that the majority of the electorate does not prefer over another candidate. She further explains that there are other scenarios where this voting system creates unexpected outcomes that may not reflect the will of the electorate. She states that there is a trend of organizations moving away from instant runoff voting when they have used it before.

Coleman asks whether or not it should be a topic of discussion at a townhall for elections policies.

Sajjad states that this would be a good idea.

Coleman states that he is less keen on implementing the system given its complexity.

Bollo-Kamara states that she agrees and that any change should not be rushed in to.

DECREASING THE VOTE PERCENTAGE REQUIRED FOR REIMBURSEMENTS

Coleman states that the reimbursement schedule is to disincentivise a lack of effort from candidates. Coleman suggests reducing the percentage of the vote a candidate should receive in order to receive a reimbursement. He states that York and Ryerson reimburse

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any Executive candidate, but have a lower threshold for how much a student can spend. Coleman states that this provision is necessary. He states that the percentage is too high, and may result in students who do make a significant effort being ineligible for reimbursement. He suggests giving the Chief Returning Officer more power to dismiss receipts that seem as though a candidate was abusing the system by asking for reimbursements for items that were clearly for personal benefit. Bollo-Kamara states the figures of how much each threshold would be in finite numbers if the voter turnout was ten per cent. She states that it is difficult to settle on a specific percentage. She states that either way, the policy should accomplish the goal of disincentivising fraudulent claims and encouraging a significant amount of effort from campaigners.

Sajjad asks if this has been an issue in the recent past.

Coleman states that it has not been a large issue, but that this may be because there have not been many candidates in the past few years.

Wathey states that he understands why a decrease in the voting percentage is being suggested. He states that candidates should take the election seriously.

Sajjad states that the current threshold exists to deter from fraud. He states that he is unsure how often this is a concern. He states that he is concerned about lowering it due to exploitation.

Bollo-Kamara states that the current required percentage for reimbursement may be too high. She states that our election should be as accessible as possible.

Warnica asks whether or not there is documentation about how often this situation comes up.

Bollo-Kamara states that Coleman has outlined some cases.

Hudson states that she can pull one up during the recess, if necessary.

Phan suggests that the amount previous candidates can be reimbursed should be reviewed as well.

Coleman states that in previous years, candidates have elected to reduce the quality of their election materials because they were nervous that they would not be reimbursed. He states that the current thresholds could disincentivise some students from spending the amount that they want to. He further states that instead, consideration could be given to reducing the allowed spending amount.

Bollo-Kamara states that she supports reducing the highest threshold required to receive the highest amount of reimbursement. She further states that consideration should be given to keeping the lowest threshold the same.

Warnica states that the statistics over the last few years should still be considered.

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Wathey states that Western, Laurier, York and Ryerson should also be investigated.

Hudson states that these schools are not comparable in terms of the size of the campuses.

Bollo-Kamara states that looking at past years would be helpful for a specific UofT context.

Hudson states that an extensive investigation was done in the previous academic year by a legal team of the UTSU election code in comparison to various other students' union elections procedures. She states that she will circulate it to the committee in the event that it contains information useful to this discussion.

DEFINE FINANCIAL NEED IN THE PROCEDURE CODE

Coleman states that currently financial need is determined on an honour system. He states that students receive reimbursement upon request. He states that this should be clearly articulated within the code.

Wathey reads the current language in the Election Procedure Code.

Coleman states that financial need should be placed in the definition section or that the way to demonstrate financial need should be clarified.

Warnica states that the use of the word "demonstrate" in the Election Procedure Code deters students from seeking financial need.

Bollo-Kamara states that she does not think that the language should be changed to state that anyone who asks for it will receive reimbursement, because every candidate would then do that.

Wathey asks if campus registrars would be able to verify need for the Chief Returning Officer.

Bollo-Kamara states that the way registrars determine financial need is sometimes problematic. She states that this may be another hoop that would deter students from participating.

Sajjad states that he prefers the ambiguous language that provides a more open procedure to candidates and power to the Chief Returning officer to decide.

Bollo-Kamara suggest that the Chief Returning Officer should make it clear in the all-candidate's meeting that financial assistance is an option.

Coleman suggests that the Chief Returning Officer should start the conversation about financial need with the candidates. He states that the Chief Returning Officer should then determine financial need on a case-by-case basis. He states that this would prevent students who are too nervous to request financial need from failing to have the discussion.

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Warnica asks if Coleman's suggestion is for the all-candidate's meeting or for individual discussions.

Phan states that the Chief Returning Officer asked her if she needed financial assistance when she returned her package in a previous year.

Wathey suggests that the Chief Returning Officer should be instructed to ask candidates if they require financial assistance when they return their nomination package.

Bollo-Kamara states that the Chief Returning Officer is already required to provide a number of instructions to candidates when they sign out a nomination package. She states that it would be good if the Chief Returning Officer also asked about financial need at this time.

Coleman asks if this procedure would require a change to the Elections Procedure Code.

Hudson states that this could go into a Best Practices Guide, which was suggested during the legal review of the elections that happened in the previous academic year.

Coleman states that this is a good idea.

Hudson states that she will contact the previous Chief Returning Officer to see if he would be interested in working on a Best Practices Guide.

DEFINE PROCEDURES FOR REPAYMENT OF ANY DEBT TO THE CHIEF RETURNING OFFICER

Coleman states that students who received fines should be able to repay their debt either by volunteering or through a payment plan. He states that it may be difficult to pay an exorbitant debt and students should not face undue hardship due to fines received during the elections.

Wathey states that the union does not currently force students to repay their debt.

Sajjad states that if a student loses an election and is forced to pay a debt due to fines through volunteering may refuse to do so.

Warnica states that volunteering would just be an option.

Bollo-Kamara asks whether or not this provision would include a deduction of reimbursements.

Coleman states that he is unsure if this is a good idea. He asks Hudson if this has been an issue in the past.

Hudson states that she cannot recollect a time when this has been an issue. She further states that it would be difficult to force candidates to pay debts. She states that the union has no authority to enforce this besides deducting fines from their reimbursements. She states that if the union wanted this authority, candidates would have to sign contracts.

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She also states that in order to enforce such a contract, the union would be forced to sue members. She states that this may not be a good idea.

Warnica states that there should still be an option to pay back in monthly installments after being reimbursed their full amount.

Bollo-Kamara states that there is no incentive to pay back the debt if the candidate has already been fully reimbursed.

Coleman states that this suggestion should be scrapped.

USE OF A SCHEDULE OF FAIR MARKET PRICES FOR CALCULATION OF EXPENSES

Coleman states that the Chief Returning Officer should publish a schedule of the maximum amount students would be reimbursed for what they spend based on an average of quotes received by an investigation undertaken by the Chief Returning Officer. He states that this could also promote sustainability, if there is a provision that allows candidates to be reimbursed if they use sustainable materials. He states that perhaps candidates should be reimbursed up to 120 per cent of fair market value for any of their materials, or another comparable percentage.

Bollo-Kamara agrees that the expense limits suggestion makes sense.

Coleman states that the expense limit should be clearly delineated for common items. He states that the Chief Returning Officer should be mandated to publish a schedule of maximum reimbursements that is updated each year. He states he will circulate a motion for the next Elections and Referenda Committee meeting.

ENDORSEMENTS

Coleman states that clubs should be forbidden from endorsing candidates. He states that this would prevent conflict of interest situations. He states that this would prevent clubs from receiving benefits from their endorsements. He states that large clubs should not be able to speak on behalf of all of their members to endorse a candidate.

Wathey states that clubs who endorse typically consult their board and make a decision collectively. He states that this is a good process for groups to be involved. He states that clubs may have particular reasons for endorsing or choosing not to endorse a candidate based on their purpose and the platform of any particular candidate.

Sajjad states that he is against this suggestion. He states that clubs should have a stake in the development of their students' union and they should have the freedom to share an opinion about the electoral process. He states that clubs should definitely have the ability to share a collective voice about candidates.

Wathey states that the procedure for clubs funding prevents bribery or conflicts of interest. He states that the Clubs Committee also contains community members to prevent this type of issue.

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Bollo-Kamara states that it would be difficult for a bribery to happen given the way that the Clubs Committee works. She states that the Committee reviews detailed budgets and has discussions about the merits of funding specific initiatives. She states that clubs have a stake in what the union does. If a candidate proposes something that has a detrimental effect on a particular club, they should be able to state that.

Coleman states that candidates generally do not intend to bribe clubs. He states that a more likely situation is that elected candidates may inadvertently favour candidates who endorsed them. He states that clubs members should individually state their preferences on a personal level instead of using their position.

Wathey states that if the executives of a club agree to endorse a club, they should be able to do so.

Bollo-Kamara states that conflict of interest should be defined and deterred through clubs committee candidates. She states that an endorsement does not mean that a club in its entirety will vote as a block for a particular candidate.

Hudson states that the Committee should consider how they would enforce a ban on endorsements.

Coleman states that perhaps only clubs' leaders or executives should be permitted to endorse candidates. He states that this is perhaps unenforceable. He states that it should be strongly suggested to clubs that the leaders of a club should be the only ones endorsing a candidate.

Sajjad states that clubs have their own procedure and that messages sent to their membership must be reviewed by the Chief Returning Officer.

Bollo-Kamara states that this is largely implied. She asks how this would be enforced. She asks what the purpose of this provision is. She asks who this would help. She asks if this would be confusing or will mislead clubs. She asks if this would have an impact on what happens in reality.

Wathey states that he thinks this provision would limit the freedom of what clubs could do. He states that clubs should be allowed to act as they wish.

Sajjad states that this would be difficult to enforce to clubs.

Warnica states that it may not be worth it to bring this issue to the clubs in order implement this rule as it is more of a semantic change.

Coleman states that he thinks the concerns brought forth are valid. He says he will think about this further.

WARNINGS GIVEN BEFORE DEMERIT POINTS

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Coleman states that candidates who commit a violation should be warned prior to receiving demerit points.

Bollo-Kamara states that the system of accumulating demerit points acts as a warning. She states that candidates are allowed to receive up to ten demerit points before being fined for their behaviour. She states that there should still be demerit points levied for unintentional behaviour if it unfairly benefits or hinders a candidate.

Warnica states that a warning system could encourage strategic breaking of the rules amongst candidates if they know that they will receive a warning first any way.

Bollo-Kamara states that especially for pre-campaigning, this would be an issue. She states that a candidate could pre-campaign until they got caught, knowing there would be no consequences for their actions.

Phan states that she agrees.

Sajjad states that he agrees.

Warnica states that he agrees.

Coleman states that he will consider these concerns and the suggestion itself further.

NON-ARMS-LENGTH PARTY

Coleman states that the non-arms-length party should be more clearly defined. He states that at this point, the interpretation of a non-arms-length party is far too broad.

Wathey suggests that the remainder of items be addressed due to time.

ONLINE VOTING

Wathey states that it would be difficult to enforce a rule that forbids campaigners from being near a voting student.

Coleman states that perhaps the rule should state that candidates cannot approach or communicate with a candidate who is currently voting.

Bollo-Kamara states that this would be difficult to enforce.

Wathey states that the Committee should do what it can to prevent the electorate from being coerced into voting in a particular way.

Bollo-Kamara states that it is difficult to translate the equivalent of the current requirement of candidates to be 6-metres away from a poll to an online voting situation.

Coleman states that perhaps the rule should simply state that candidates are forbidden from attempting to influence a member who is currently voting.

Warnica states that perhaps the rule should only consider intentional violations.

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Bollo-Kamara states that Committee members should carefully consider changes to the Elections Procedure Code that would reflect the reality of online voting altogether. She suggests that Committee members come up with various solutions for the next meeting.

HACKING

Wathey states that any candidate that hacks or tampers with the electoral process should be immediately disqualified.

Bollo-Kamara states that Coleman's suggestion accomplishes this.

Coleman states that this was his intention.

Hudson states that the Committee should discuss in their next meeting what would happen if hacking was to occur from someone who was not a candidate. She states that the research that the previous Elections and Referenda Committee undertook revealed that in cases where students' union's elections were discovered to be hacked where the perpetrator was caught, the perpetrator was typically not a candidate.

PRECAMPAINING

Coleman states that collecting contact information from members during the nomination period is tantamount to pre-campaigning. He further states that slate names should be on the ballot.

6. NEXT MEETING

Wathey states that the tentative date for the next meeting is September 20 from 15:00 - 17:00.

7. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

Moved: Phan

Seconded: Bollo-Kamara

The meeting was adjourned at 19:45.

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University of Toronto Students' Union

Elections & Referenda Committee

September 23, 2013

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Elections and Referenda Committee Meeting 3 of the University of Toronto Students' Union
Monday, September 23, 2013 | 12:30 | UTSU Office

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:47.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION

Moved: Warnica

Seconded: Sajjad

Be it resolved that the Monday, September 23, 2013 Elections and Referenda Committee agenda be approved as presented.

3. ONLINE VOTING FEEDBACK

Hudson gives an update on online voting implementation. She states that a meeting between Simply Voting, the University and the UTSU will be happening tomorrow.

Coleman asks whether or not Hudson will give an update following the meeting.

Hudson states she will do so via email.

Wathey states that he is nervous about how late the online voting system is being implemented.

4. MOTION TO DECREASE VOTE PERCENTAGES REQUIRED FOR REIMBURSEMENTS

MOTION

Moved: Coleman

Seconded: Bollo-Kamara

Whereas the purpose of requiring candidates to obtain a minimum portion of the vote is to ensure that reimbursements go to candidates who actively participate in the election, and

Whereas the current schedule of vote percentages and reimbursements, as per EPC Article VI-2-d is too high, and may cause candidates who actively participate in the election to receive less-than-full refunds; therefore

Be it resolved that the current refund schedule, as per EPC Article VI-2-d (Page 13),

% of Total Vote	Maximum Reimbursement
25% to 100%	\$1200
10% to 24.9%	\$900
5% to 9.9%	\$500
0% to 4.9%	\$0

be replaced with the following schedule:

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% of Total Vote	Maximum Reimbursement
15% to 100%	\$1200
10% to 14.9%	\$900
5% to 9.9%	\$500
0% to 4.9%	\$0

DISCUSSION

Wathey distributes results tallies for past elections.

Coleman states that the elections in the past support lowering the percentages for reimbursing candidates.

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5. MOTION TO REQUIRE CRO TO INFORM CANDIDATES OF AVAILABLE FINANCIAL RESOURCES

MOTION

Moved: Coleman

Seconded: Warnica

Whereas financial aid and loans are central to the accessibility of the elections for director/division candidates, and

Whereas it is desirable to make sure that the CRO proactively ensures that candidate's financial needs are met, and that candidates understand all of the resources available to them; therefore

Be it resolved that the following be added to EPC Article IV-2
(Page 6: Administration of Elections, "The Chief Returning Officer shall:")

- i. *Attempt to obtain a statement from all director/division candidates describing their financial need, done verbally at the time of taking out a nomination package, and in writing prior to the close of the nominations period. The CRO must inform candidates of all financial resources available that could relate to the candidate's stated needs, and all financial resources generally available, if requested.*

DISCUSSION

Coleman states that these changes will ensure that candidates will receive the assistance they need.

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6. MOTION TO USE SCHEDULE OF COMMON ITEM PRICES FOR CALCULATION OF EXPENSES

MOTION

Moved: Coleman

Seconded: Sajjad

Whereas it is preferable to use pre-set costs for common campaign items to ease planning and to ensure a fairer election with regards to candidate expenditures, and

Whereas pre-set costs can be used to allow candidates to purchase more ethical or sustainable items without contributing a greater cost to their expense limits; therefore

Be it resolved that EPC Article VI-2-c (Page 12), currently:

c. Calculation of Campaign Expenses

The calculation of candidates' expenses where there is no receipt shall be made according to the Fair Market Value of all purchases, services, donations and items, which are deemed by the ERC to be used for the purposes of the campaign.

be replaced with the following:

c. Schedule of Costs for Common Items

For each election period, the CRO shall create a schedule of costs for common items used in campaigning. The determination of which items to include is up to the discretion of the CRO. For each item, the CRO must list the supplier from where the cost was obtained.

To determine the value of common items, the CRO shall contact no less than three (3) major suppliers in the Toronto area and shall adopt the median-or-higher price quoted as the value of that item. The CRO may not use any non-regular-price quotes, such as those that are based on a sale price or exclusive discount, and may only apply volume discounts up to what a single candidate could purchase with 10% of their applicable spending limit. The CRO may designate a value for an item to be the same as a cheaper type of the same item if the more expensive item is produced or distributed in a more ethical or sustainable way.

d. Calculation of Campaign Expenditures

If an item is included on the schedule of costs for common items, the schedule cost shall be counted towards a candidate's spending limit, based on the quantity listed on the receipt, and not the actual cost of the item.

If an item is not on the schedule of costs, then its cost shall be the one listed on the receipt.

The calculation of candidates' expenses where there is no receipt shall be made according to the Fair Market Value of all purchases, services, donations and items, which are deemed by the ERC to be used for the purposes of the campaign.

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Be it further resolved that EPC Article VI-2-d (Page 13), currently:

d. Reimbursements of Campaign Expenditures – Executive Candidates

The Union shall reimburse Executive Candidates for campaign expenses if they submit proof of expenses. ... (etc.)

Have the following added and changed:

e. Reimbursements of Campaign Expenditures – Executive Candidates

The Union shall reimburse Executive Candidates for campaign expenses if they submit proof of expenses. Reimbursements for all items with receipts shall be based on the actual purchase costs listed on the receipts.. ... (etc.)

Be it further resolved that EPC Article VI-2-e (Page 13), currently:

e. Reimbursements of Campaign Expenditures—Director Candidates

The Union shall not reimburse a Director Candidate for campaign expenses incurred. The CRO reimburse (sic) candidates from time to time if that candidate can demonstrate financial need.

Have the following added and changed:

f. Reimbursements of Campaign Expenditures—Director/Division Candidates

The Union shall not reimburse a Director Candidate for campaign expenses incurred. The CRO shall reimburse candidates from time to time if that candidate can demonstrate financial need. Reimbursements for all items with receipts shall be based on the actual purchase costs listed on the receipts.

Be it further resolved that for EPC Article VI-2-g (Page 13), all instances of “expense limit” be changed to “expense and reimbursement limit.”

Be it further resolved that all other lettering be adjusted in accordance with these changes.

DISCUSSION

Coleman states that this would mean that groups who would get a discount over what an individual candidate would get or candidates who have access to significantly discounted items would not have an undue advantage.

Coleman states that there would be a clear reimbursement limit outlined in the elections procedure code.

CARRIED

7. MOTION TO NARROW THE DEFINITION OF “NON-ARM’S LENGTH PARTY”

MOTION

Moved: Coleman

Seconded: Warnica

Whereas “Non-Arm’s-Length Party” rules are intended to hold candidates accountable to the actions of their volunteers, and

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Whereas the current definition of a "Non-Arm's-Length Party" is too broad, and has resulted in holding candidates accountable for the actions of non-volunteers; therefore

Be it resolved that EPC Article I – “Non-Arm’s-Length Party,” currently:

Non-Arm's-Length Party means an individual or group that a Candidate knew, or reasonably ought to have known, would assist that candidate in their campaign.

Be replaced with the following:

Non-Arm's-Length Party means an individual or group that can be shown to have:

- publicly campaigned with a candidate*
- campaigned using a candidate's approved physical materials*
- performed campaign-related tasks that are not campaigning on behalf of the candidate*
- had their actions which are deemed in violation of the code publicly defended by the candidate*

This does not apply if the candidate has publicly stated that they do not desire or condone the party performing such tasks.

DISCUSSION

Wathey asks how the CRO will determine whether or not a claim that a party is arms-length will be verified? He states that this could be used to intentionally deceive the CRO.

Hudson gives an example of how this could occur.

Warnica states that "campaign-related tasks" are not clear.

Coleman states that the CRO should have a fairly good idea of what a campaign-related task is.

Wathey asks whether or not there is a list that exists.

Coleman provides a list.

Wathey suggests that the list be included.

Coleman states that parties who campaign with a lack of integrity for a particular candidate are not necessarily an non-arm's length party.

Hudson states that perhaps the CRO should have some discretion to investigate any particular situation to determine whether or not a violation under this rule is happening.

Bollo-Kamara states that she agrees with a discretionary clause.

Coleman states that she agrees.

MOTION TO AMEND

Moved: Coleman

Seconded: Warnica

Be it resolved that the clause be amended to add:

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The CRO reserves the right to investigate and make rulings on exceptional cases.

CARRIED

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8. MOTION TO CLARIFY RULINGS AND EVIDENCE PROCEDURES

MOTION

Moved: Coleman

Seconded: Sajjad

Whereas the code does not specify that evidence is needed to justify rulings, that candidates should be able to see evidence used against them, and that personal testimony should be in writing, and non-anonymous to the CRO at least, and

Whereas implementing these things would ensure that rulings are properly and fairly made; therefore

Be it resolved that the following be added after EPC – Article VI – Rules for Elections 3-c (Page 14)

Evidence for Rulings

- i. For a ruling to find a candidate in violation of the code, there must be evidence which gives due cause to believe that the violation has occurred.*
- ii. If this evidence is personal testimony, then it must be submitted to the CRO in writing, and the CRO must know the identity of the person giving the testimony. The CRO may withhold the identity of the person giving testimony from any other party, including the ERC and the ERAC, and must withhold that person's identity if requested.*
- iii. Evidence that is used in making a ruling must be made available to any candidate that a ruling finds in violation of the code, within twenty-four (24) hours of the ruling being made.*

DISCUSSION

Coleman summarizes the provisions that this would change and gives examples as to why these changes are needed. He states that this would show members how seriously violations are taken.

CARRIED

9. MOTION TO CLARIFY RULINGS AND EVIDENCE PROCEDURES

MOTION

Moved: Coleman

Seconded: Bollo-Kamara

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Whereas the current rules surrounding information candidates that rulings have been made do not incorporate email or websites; therefore

Be it resolved that EPC – Article VI – Rules for Elections 3-e-iv (Page 14), currently:

iv. An individual is deemed to be informed of an ERC decision six (6) hours after the decision is posted on the designated elections space in the Union office(s). Any decisions shall indicate the time posted.

be replaced with the following:

iv. Candidates are deemed to be informed of an ERC decision six (6) hours after the decision is posted on the designated elections space in the Union office(s) and the union website, or six (6) hours after being sent notice of the decision to their preferred email address, whichever is later. Any decisions shall indicate the time posted.

Be it further resolved that EPC – Article VI – Rules for Elections 3-g (Page 14), currently:

Publication of Violation

Where the CRO or ERC finds there has been a violation of the Code, the CRO or ERC Chair must publish the details of the violation in a designated elections space in the Union office.

be replaced with the following:

Publication of Violation

Where the CRO or ERC finds there has been a violation of the Code, the CRO or ERC Chair must publish the details of the violation in a designated elections space in the Union office and on the Union website.

MOTION TO AMEND

Moved: Coleman

Seconded: Warnica

Be it resolved that motion include the following clause:

Be it further resolved that every reference to “individuals” in Article VI – Rules for Elections 3-e be replaced with “candidate”.

CARRIED

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10. MOTION TO FORBID ANY PERSON FROM CAMPAIGNING TO VOTING STUDENT

MOTION

Moved: Coleman

Seconded:

Whereas it is undesirable for any person to interfere with a student voting online by campaigning to them while they are voting online; therefore

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Be it resolved that the following be added to EPC Article VI (Rules for elections) 3-j-ii
(Violation of campaign rules-demerit points-campaigning, page 15)

Violation: Personally campaigning to a student while they are voting online
Demerit Points: 10

Be it further resolved that the following be added to EPC Article VI (Rules for elections) 1-s
(Restrictions on campaigning during the voting period, page 12)

ii. Candidates are not permitted to personally campaign to a student while they are voting online.

DISCUSSION

Wathey asks the reason behind giving a candidate ten demerit points for campaigning to a student while they are voting online.

Coleman states that ten demerit points is the same as the demerit points currently allocated to a candidate who campaigns within six metres of a polling station.

CARRIED

11. MOTION TO FORBID ANY CAMPAIGNER FROM PROVIDING A COMPUTER/DEVICE

MOTION

Moved: Coleman Seconded: Sajjad

Whereas it is undesirable for the integrity of the elections and the secrecy of voting for any candidate to provide a device for a student to vote with online, or to attempt to collect credentials that are used in the process of online voting; therefore

Be it resolved that the following be added to EPC Article VI (Rules for Elections) 1.
(Campaigning) (Page 12)

t. Prohibitions on Candidate-Provided Devices

Candidates are not permitted to provide a device to a student for the purpose of online voting, or where it may be reasonably expected that the student would use the device to vote online.

DISCUSSION

Coleman states those who have access to the most devices would have an unfair advantage without this rule. He further states that supplied devices could be rigged with data-mining software.

CARRIED

12. MOTION TO FORBID COLLECTION OF CREDENTIALS THAT MAY BE USED FOR ONLINE VOTING

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MOTION

Moved: Coleman

Seconded: Bollo-Kamara

Whereas it is undesirable for any candidate or non-arm's length party to attempt to collect UTorIDs and Passwords, or any equivalent online voting sign in credential; therefore

Be it resolved that the following be added to EPC article VI (Rules for Elections) 1. (Campaigning) (Page 12)

u. Prohibitions on collecting online voting credentials

Candidates are prohibited from collecting any credential from students that is used to verify a student's identity when they vote online.

CARRIED

13. MOTION TO SET HOURS FOR ONLINE VOTING

MOTION

Moved: Bollo-Kamara Seconded: Warnica

Whereas polling locations on campus have had specific voting hours in the past; and

Whereas online voting is a new elections procedure that requires additional regulations to ensure a fair and secure elections process; and

Whereas allowing online voting during late evenings and overnight could facilitate campaigning at social events, where voter agency and autonomy may be compromised by intoxication or otherwise undue pressure; and

Whereas allowing online voting during late evenings and overnight could provide an unfair advantage to candidates who live on or nearby campus; therefore

Be it resolved the hours for online voting be the same as those set for voting booths on campus.

DISCUSSION

Coleman states that this rule will reduce convenience of online voting for elections.

Warnica states that an online election would remain accessible. He states that the unfair advantage for residence students is a major concern.

Hudson states that residence students have an unfair advantage as they will have access to hundreds of students who are next to polling stations that commuter students won't have.

Coleman suggests putting a notice on the voting website encouraging students to report instances of campaigning in residence instead.

Bollo-Kamara states that she is unconvinced that this will solve the problem. She states that it would be difficult for the CRO to monitor.

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Sajjad states that in online elections that are currently run on campus, this is already an issue.

Wathey states that if we see that this provision is too restrictive, we can change it for the spring election.

CARRIED

14. MOTION TO ELIMINATE THE ELECTIONS & REFERENDA APPEALS COMMITTEE

MOTION

Moved: Bollo-Kamara Seconded: Sajjad

Whereas the structure of the Elections and Referenda Appeals Committee has been controversial in the past due to its composition of representatives from external student unions; and

Whereas it would be difficult to ensure the neutrality of this Committee if it is composed of members of the UTSU or the larger university community; and

Whereas last year's independent review of UTSU elections demonstrates that three-step electoral appeals processes are uncommon for student union elections in Ontario; therefore

Be it resolved that the Elections and Referenda Appeals Committee be eliminated; and

Be it further resolved that the second and final level of the electoral appeals process be the Elections and Referenda Committee.

DISCUSSION

Bollo-Kamara summarizes the motivation behind this motion.

Coleman states that he agrees.

CARRIED

15. OTHER BUSINESS

MOTION TO SET HOURS FOR VOTING

MOTION

Moved: Bollo-Kamara Seconded: Warnica

Be it resolved the voting hours be set at 9:00 – 18:00.

CARRIED

16. ADJOURNMENT

Moved: Sajjad

Seconded: Warnica

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The meeting was adjourned at 14:52.

CARRIED

BUDGET PRIORITIES

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**Campus Life
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UTSU BUGET PRIORITIES 2013-2014: CAMPUS LIFE COMISSION

Submitted By: Onik Khan, Vice-President Campus Life
Submitted To: UTSU Board of Directors
Submitted On: September 20, 2013

Priority 1: Culture Show

Rationale

The Culture show will be a great opportunity to celebrate diversity across this campus. Last year the event was very successful and had great support from students clubs. This year we are looking into booking Innis Town Hall because of its larger size. This event will be held in mid to late October in a theatre on campus. The primary expenses associated with this event are venue rental, lighting and sound set-up, and mandatory staffing, as required by theatre house rules. Food fair, fashion show, and bazar.

Timeframe: Fall Semester

Budget: \$4500

Priority 2: Unity Through Diversity

Rationale

Unity through Diversity is part of the Union's mandate. This year, the Commission will fulfill this through collaborating with campus groups to mark cultural events throughout the year. The Pride Picnic are examples of events that fall under this umbrella, and were both very successful events this year. Future events will follow a similar model, with the goals of supporting campus groups through collaboration to host events that they are interested in planning, while providing University of Toronto students with the opportunities to participate in events that they may not have had access to otherwise. Ideas for future events include a celebration of Holi, an Iftar/Eid dinner, supporting events around Black History Month, or commemorating Chinese New Year. Primary expenses for Unity through Diversity would vary based on the type of event that campus groups are interested in hosting.

Timeframe: Fall & Winter Semesters

Budget: \$2500

Priority 3: GO Blues GO

Rationale

The goal of the I <3 the Blues Campaign is to expand the Blue and White Spirit Week that the UTSU has hosted in the past, into spirit days that are held throughout the year. This is a great opportunity to build school spirit and a sense of community on campus, recognizing the history of excellence in athletics at the University of Toronto. This campaign will begin with a kick-off during UTSU Fest, with Homecoming on September 14, which is our official home opener. We are going to work with other unions like YFS to promote the Blue and Red Winter Classic as the Womens Ice Hockey game) Major expenses for games would include food, transportation (going to other schools) and promotional material and swag. The UTSU will ensure that all genders and a variety of sports are represented within this campaign.

Timeframe: Fall & Winter Semesters

Budget: \$3000

Priority 4: Winter Week of Welcome

Rationale

The Winter Week of Welcome will be a series of events that take place during the second week after classes resume in January. This will serve as an Orientation for incoming students who begin courses during second semester, and an additional opportunity for all students to participate in accessible, exciting, campus-wide programming. Last year, the Winter Week of Welcome included an indoor Clubs Day, coffeehouse, concert. This year in addition we will have the Blue and Red Winter Classic and a fashion show. Expenses for the Winter Week of Welcome includes venue costs, food for various events and potentially booking an artist or a band/artist to perform. We would also like to introduce a concert this year.

Timeframe: Winter Semester

Budget: \$10000

Priority 5: UTSU's Got YOU

Rationale

UTSU's Got You is a series of exam de-stressors that have been held in December and April, at various libraries on campus. The Union produces free snack bags with healthy food options, providing students with the opportunity to eat and take a break from their studies, during the most stressful time of the year. UTSU's Got You is also a good opportunity for the Union to reach out to students from different colleges and faculties, and give them access to information on services, campaigns and events. This year, the Campus Life Commission will expand UTSU's Got You events to include sessional mid-term periods as well, in October and February. Expenses for UTSU's Got You are primarily food and beverages that are given away, including sandwiches, fruit, juice and coffee. UTSU exam destressors.

Timeframe: Fall & Winter Semesters

Budget: \$5000

Priority 6: Buffalo Bills Game

Rationale

On September 29, 2013 the UTSU will be taking students to the Buffalo Bills Football Game in Buffalo, New York. Instead of using yellow charter buses, which pose accessibility issues to certain students, we are proposing to get buses with accessible services to meet all student needs such as washrooms. The duration of the ride is 2 hour.

Timeframe: Fall Semester

Budget: \$1000

Priority 7: Homecoming

Rationale

This year we put on a Homecoming event to celebrate our Varsity athletes during the first academic game of the season. The event took place in the UC quad and included 9 colleges/divisions. Other programming included a hamburger and hotdog, music, face painting and sign making.

Timeframe: Fall Semester

Budget: \$1000

Priority 8: Montreal Reading Week

Rationale

Last year the Montreal reading week trip was one of the most successful events. In order for us to continue the growth of this event the commissions is requesting a subsidy for \$1,500 that would cover cost of the event. The Montreal Reading Week has been off and on for the past couple years. I had the privilege of attending this year's trip and had a blast. I want to work to securing contracts and logistics early so that promotions can be heavy at Fall exam destressors and the Winter Week of Welcome. Additionally, I would like to host pre and post reading week activities to encourage a strong community feel for those who go on the adventure together. We would like the funds to subsidize and be competitive so this opportunity can reach more students.

Timeframe: Winter Semester

Budget: \$1500

Priority Chart:

Priority	Expense
Culture Show	\$4500
Unity through Diversity	\$2500
GO Blues GO	\$3000
Winter Week of Welcome	\$10000
UTSU's Got YOU	\$5000
Buffalo Bills Game	\$1000
Homecoming	\$1000
Montreal Reading Week Trip	\$1500
Total	\$28,500