# University of Toronto Students' Union

Local 98, Canadian Federation of Students

# Board of Directors Package 7

November 19, 2013 | 15:00 | OISE 2289

# **RULES OF ORDER AT A GLANCE**

To Do This:	You Say This:	May You Interupt 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	oN	ON	No	No vote taken, chair rules
Seek clarification from the previous speaker	Point of information	Yes, if urgent	oN	oN	No	No vote taken, chair rules
Object to something which prevents your continued participation (eg. excessive noise)	Point of personal privilege.	Yes	oN	No	No	No vote taken, chair rules
Object to a motion being considered	I object to consideration of this motion.	ХөҮ	oN	oN	ON	2/3 Majority
Consider something out of its scheduled order	I move the agenda be amended in order to deal with the following No item	No	Yes	No	No	2/3 Majority
Overturn 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	oN	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
Have a motion studied more before voting on it	I move that the motion be referred to	ON	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
Postpone further discussion on a motion until later in the meeting	I move that the motion be tabled until	oN	ХөҮ	Only to time	Yes	Majority
Postpone consideration of a motion until a future meeting	I move that the motion be postponed until	oN	ХөҮ	Only to time	Yes	Majority
Raise a matter previously tabled	I move that motionbe lifted from the table.	oN	Yes	ON	No	Majority
Reconsider a motion already voted on earlier in the meeting	I move that motionbe 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	oN	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	No	Yes	No	No	Majority

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# **AGENDA**

Board of Directors Meeting of the University of Toronto Students' Union Thursday, November 19, 2013 | 16:00 | OISE 2289

# 1. CALL TO ORDER

# 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Be it resolved that the agenda be approved as presented.

# 3. EXECUTIVE REPORT

Be it resolved that the Executive Report be approved as presented (p. 9).

# 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Be it resolved that the November 19, 2013 minutes package including the following documents be approved:

- i. Board of Directors, October 29 (p. 20)
- ii. Executive Committee, November 5, 12 (p. 39)
- iii. Academic & Student Rights Commission, October 31 (p. 54)
- iv. Social Justice & Equity Commission, October 28 (p. 62)
- v. Elections and Referenda Committee, November 12 (p. 66)
- vi. Clubs Committee, November 8, 11, 15 (p. 68)

# 5. STRIKING OF STANDING COMMITTEES

**Budget Committee** 

MOTION Moved: Wathey Seconded:

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

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

# Elections and Referenda Committee

MOTION Moved: Wathey Seconded:

Whereas the Elections and Referenda Committee is a standing committee of the University of Toronto Students' Union,

Be it resolved that one director from Division I, one director from Division II, and one additional directors from the Board of Directors to serve on the 2013-2014 Elections and Referenda Committee.

Policy and Procedures Committee

MOTION Moved: Wathey Seconded:

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Whereas the Policy and Procedures Committee is a standing committee of the University of Toronto Students' Union.

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

# Student Accessibility Committee

MOTION Moved: Wathey Seconded:

Whereas the Student Accessibility Committee is a standing committee of the University of Toronto Students' Union.

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

# **Executive Review Committee**

**MOTION** Moved: Wathey Seconded:

Whereas the Executive Review Committee is a standing committee of the University of Toronto Students' Union.

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

# St. George Clubs Committee

**MOTION** Moved: Wathey Seconded:

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

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

Be it further resolved that three non-Director members of UTSU be appointed to the Club's Committee from the applications recommended by the Vice-President, Campus Life.

### Organizational Development and Services Committee

MOTION Moved: Wathey Seconded:

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Whereas the Organizational Development and Services Committee is a standing committee of the University of Toronto Students' Union,

Be it resolved that one director from Division I, one director from Division II, one director from III, and 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 Organizational Development and Services Committee.

# Student Refugee Program Committee

MOTION Moved: Wathey Seconded:

Whereas the Student Refugee Program Committee is a standing committee of the University of Toronto Students' Union,

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

# **Bursary and Grants Committee**

MOTION Moved: Wathey Seconded:

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

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

- 6. BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORTS
- 7. OTHER BUSINESS
- 8. ADJOURNMENT

# EXECUTIVE REPORT 2013/2014

NOVEMBER 19, 2013 | 14:00 | OISE 2289



# UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO STUDENTS' UNION

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# Letter from the Executive Committee

Happy November everyone!

Only a few more weeks left in this semester before exams arrive. We wish everyone the best of luck for the final few weeks ahead.

The UTSU executive committee has been hard at work for the past month and is excited to finish the semester. In this package, you will see some of the exciting developments across the university and the UTSU's work to improve the university and community at large.

Our services have been ever popular and the UTSU hosted its first UTSU's Got You for the midterm season this past year. We have welcomed two executives to their portfolios as well as new board members that have joined the organization!

We have also kicked off our Stop Flat Fees campaign and have collected thousands of signatures.

We look forward to students joining us at our next Annual General Meeting on November 27th and encourage our membership to join us to get more involved and informed in their students union.

As always, please feel free to contact us or stop by our office to speak to our executives, associates, staff and volunteers any time!

All the best,

University of Toronto Students' Union Executive Committe

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

# **UTSU'S GOT YOU**

Decmber 2, 3, 11, 12 | 12am - 1am | Robarts library & other libraries

UTSU's very own exam destresser for students studying who are working on studying for their midterms late at night. We will be offering free snacks, hot drinks, ramen noodles to help keep you going while you study into the night.

# THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

November 27 | 6:00pm- 9:00pm | OISE Auditorium

Every member of the University of Toronto Students; Union (full-time undergraduate students at the St. George and Mississauga campuses) can participate in this meeting.

The AGM Agenda is as follows:

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Welcoming Remarks & Guest Speaker
- 3. President's Address & Question Period
- 4. Approval of Minutes
- 5. Receipt of the 2012-2013 Audited Financial Statements
- 6. Appointment of Auditors for 2013-2014
- 7. Consideration of Motions Duly Served
- 2013 AGM 01: Motion to Amend Bylaws to Comply with the Canada Not-For-Profit Corporations Act Requirements

2013 AGM - 02: Motion to Endorse the Raise the Minimum Wage Campaign

2013 AGM - 03: Motion to Investigate the Board & Commission Structure

2013 AGM - 04: Motion to Create an Online Form for Members to Report Issues & Concerns 2013 AGM - 05: Motion to Reprimand Students Against Israeli Apartheid

8. Adjournment

# **CLUBS TRAINING**

December 5 & January 10 | Time and Location TBD |

Any clubs wishing to apply for funding must attend a UTSU Executive Training Session.

Clubs can register at: http://utsu.ca/section/1171

# MONTERAL READING WEEK TRIP

date: Wed. Feb 19, 2014 to Sat. Feb. 22, 2014

Trip includes:

- Modern, video-equipped highway motor coaches (pick up & drop off 12 Hart House Circle)
- 3 Nights at Downtown Hotel Esspresso
- 3 Nightclub events (No cover + Line bypass)
- Skating @ Park Laforntaine (\$7.00 Skate Rental)
- Free Daily Montreal Tours with stops at Schwarts Eatery & Banquise Poutine
- Ski, Snowboard or Tubing at Mont Avil (tubing is \$25.00 extra)
- Optional: Quebec City (extra \$50.00)

Last day to purchase tickets Wednesday Febuary 14, 2014!

# **NCSC GENERAL MEETING**

November 20 | 6:30pm - 8:30pm | Wilson Hall

From Event page:

Meet with Principal Yves, Office of Residence and Student Life, New College Student Council

- Upcoming NCSC Events
- Updates from Office of Residence and Student Life
- Learn more about leadership and volunteer opportunities around New College
- NEW STUDENT SERVICES at UOFT!

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

# TRANSITION TO EXPANSION: TYP TOWN HALL MEETING

November 18 | 12pm | Galbraith Building, room 248

Town Hall will discuss how to fight for the TYP and its space. In attendance will be Cheryl Regehr, Provost and Vice President, who the TYP directly reports to, will be in attendance to address these concerns.

# SMCSU'S MOVEMBER LEG WAX

November 21 | 1 - 3pm | Brennan Hall

Wax your legs for Movember.

# **SMCSU'S GRAFFITI PARTY**

November 21 | 10:00pm- 2:30am | OHSO Nightclub

\$5 tickets presale in the SMCSU office, \$10 at the door

Proceeds raised for this event will all go directly to the Remix Project; a Toronto-based charitable program who's initiative is to help level the playing field for young people from disadvantaged, marginalized and under served communities through top-notch alternative, creative, educational programs, facilitators and facilities. Their mission is to help refine the raw talents of young people from across the GTA in order to help them find success as participants define it and on their own terms, NOT on anyone else's.

# LET'S TALK HEALTH: TOWN HALL

November 21 | 5:00pm- 8:30pm | OISE 2212

Topics to be covered:

- Training and education
- Curriculum design and pedagogy
- Policy and Procedures
- Services and Programs

# Panel Speakers:

- 1) Janine Robb Executive Director of Health and Wellness
- 2) Kelley Kastle Dean of students at Victoria College
- 3) Bill Ju Professor in the department of Human Biology
- 4) Mark Henick Mental Health Commission Board of

Directors, CMHA

- 5) Kaleem Hawa UTSU Mental Health Committee
- 6) TBD, GSU Mental Health Committee

# KPEUA PRESENTS: WAYBACK/TIGHT 'N BRIGHT CLUB NIGHT

November 21 | 10:00pm | Studio 77

Tight 'n bright attire or old school attire is highly, recommended.

# {WCSA} & ICSS PRESENT MOVEMBER CLUB NIGHT

November 27 | 10:00pm | The Brunswick House

WCSA (Woodsworth College Students' Association) and ICSS (Innis College Students' Society) is pleased to invite all Woodsworth students and friends to our All Ages Movember Club Night at the Brunny. All proceeds from the event will go to supporting male cancer research in Canada, through our donating to Movember Canada.

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# **UTSU 5 BUCK LUNCH**

On October 30, the UTSU hosted a 5 Buck Lunch and mental health resource fair at the Great Hall in Hart House, in collaboration with Health and Wellness. The event was part of eXpression Against Oppression, a series of events organized by the Social Justice and Equity Commission that focuses on various social justice and equity issues that affect our campus and community. A number of student groups that offer support, services, or who work around issues relating to mental health, tabled at the fair. There were also activities encouraging students to reflect on their own health, such as the Happiness Project, an idea that came out of the UTSU Committee on Mental Health. This event provided an opportunity to open up the discussion about mental health on campus and encourage students to seek out resources. For more information, please contact Vice-President Equity, Yolen Bollo-Kamara at vpequity@utsu.ca

# SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EQUI-TY COMMISSION MEETING

On October 28, the UTSU hosted its fourth Social Justice and Equity Commission meeting at the UTSU office. Attendees were able to provide feedback on the events which had already occurred as part of this semester's eXpression Against Oppression Week. There was also an extensive discussion about potential events and collaborations for second semester, which included many great ideas to engage students in social justice and equity issues and increase involvement in the Commission. For more information, please contact Vice President Equity, Yolen Bollo-Kamara at vpequity@utsu.ca.

# COMMITTEE ON MENTAL HEALTH

The Committee on Mental Health has been meeting frequently and is working on various initiatives related to the promotion of mental health at the University of Toronto. During the week of October 28, members of the Committee and other volunteers did outreach on campus around happiness, asking students to visually indicate their current level of happiness and encouraging discussion about personal wellbeing. The Committee is also developing a survey to assess the state of mental health on campus, which will include evaluation of currently available services and support for students, and a broader look at how university policies and the overall academic environment affect students. Members of the Committee have so far met twice with a representative from Counseling and Psychological Services, who is providing assistance in the creation of effective survey questions and will be helping to facilitate distribution once the survey is complete. The Committee will be submitting a report of survey results and ensuing recommendations to the upcoming Provostial Committee on Mental Health. In the meantime, the UTSU will continue to advocate to ensure that a diversity of students are included throughout the process to create a student mental health framework and strategy for the University. For more information, please contact Vice-President Equity, Yolen Bollo-Kamara at vpequity@utsu.ca

# **REMEMBRANCE DAY**

On November 11, the UTSU participated in a Remembrance Day ceremony that was held at Soldiers' Tower. Executives laid a wreath out of respect for the veterans who were University of Toronto students and alumni in the past World Wars. The Union shared the wreath laying with the Graduate Students' Union, as well as the Association of Part Time Undergraduate Students.

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# STOP FLAT FEES OUTREACH

On October 23, Vice-President University Affairs, Agnes So launched a "Stop Flat Fees" campaign, with a focus on lobbying the Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities, Brad Duquid to prohibit the implementation of flat fees at any threshold below 100 per cent of a full course load. In 2009, the Faculty of Arts and Science at the University of Toronto implemented a flat fee structure at a 60 per cent threshold. meaning that students taking three or more courses are forced to pay for five. Several programs at the University of Toronto Mississauga also operate under a flat fee structure. The UTSU has been talking to students across campus about this issue and is well on its way to a goal of 5000 petition signatures to be delivered to Minister Brad Duguid. The UTSU has also created buttons, flyers and other materials to engage students in this campaign. Thank you to all the Board members, associates, and volunteers who have assisted in outreach and collecting petitions! For more information, please contact Vice-President University Affairs, Agnes So at vpua@utsu.ca.

# STOP FLAT FEES

# STUDENTS IN THE FACULTY OF ARTS AND SCIENCE

WHY ARE YOU PAYING FOR A FULL COURSE LOAD
WHEN YOU ARE ONLY TAKING LESS THAN 5.0 CREDITS?
WHY DO YOU HAVE TO PAY FOR A FULL COURSE LOAD
IF YOU TAKE LESS THAN 5.0 CREDITS?



SIGN THE PETITION & SHARE YOUR STORIES AT: WWW.UTSU.CA/STOPFLATFEES

# ACADEMIC AND STUDENT RIGHTS COMMISSION MEET-ING

On October 31, the Academic & Student Rights Commission hosted its fourth meeting at the UTSU office. At this meeting, discussion included the outreach plan for the Stop Flat Fees campaign, academic appeals processes, food options and students' rights awareness. Academic & Student Rights Commission meetings are open to all UTSU members. The Academic and Student Rights Commission provides a platform for members to voice their opinions and provide ideas and direction for UTSU campaigns and projects for the year. For more information, please contact Vice-President University Affairs, Agnes So at vpua@utsu.ca.

# STUDENT LIBRARY ADVISO-RY COMMITTEE

On October 29, Vice-President University Affairs Agnes So attended the first Student Library Advisory Committee meeting at Robarts Library. Librarian Julie Hannaford chaired the meeting. At this meeting, the Chair presented the University of Toronto Libraries' Strategic Plan 2013-2018, which includes priorities like providing and renovating the libraries in order to have more physical space for students, and continuing to encourage all staff to actively engage with the students. Chief Librarian Larry Alford was also able to provide members an update regarding Access Copyright at this meeting. The Student Library Advisory Committee provides an opportunity for students to participate in critical planning and decision-making for the Libraries. UTSU will continue to represent its members in this process. For more information, please contact Vice-President University Affairs Agnes So at vpua@utsu.ca.

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# COUNCIL ON STUDENT SER-VICES RETREAT

On Tuesday, October 29, Vice-President University Affairs Agnes So, President Munib Sajjad and UTMSU Designate Melissa Theodore attended the Council on Student Services (COSS) Retreat at the Multi-Faith Centre. This retreat included several introductory presentations by the Governing Council Secretariat, the Vice-President University Operations, and representatives from the Office of Student Life, Hart House and Athletics and Recreation, which gave an overview of the breadth of governance and student services within the University. In addition, Vice-President University Affairs Agnes So, Finance & University Governance Commissioner Aman Gebru of the Graduate Students' Union (GSU) and Vice-President External Corev Scott of the Association of Part-Time Undergraduate Students (APUS) gave a joint presentation about the structure, services and priorities of each of the central students' unions at the St. George campus. COSS is a body established by the COSS Protocol, an agreement between the University administration, APUS, GSU, and UTSU to comply with the provisions of the Provincial Government's Compulsory Ancillary Fee Policy Guidelines as established in 1994. COSS serves a dual purpose of both ensuring student involvement in decisions to increase non-tuition ancillary fees and serves as a body of oversight and consultation for wider student services within the University. For more information, please contact Vice-President University Affairs, Agnes So at vpua@utsu.ca.

# HART HOUSE BOARD OF STEWARDS MEETING

On Thursday, October 24, Vice-President University Affairs Agnes So attended the Hart House Board of Stewards meeting at the South Dining Room at Hart House. In this meeting, motions on the recommendations of the Co-curricular Record Working Group and the Terms of Reference for the Project Planning Committee on the topic of the Hart House Green Heritage Infrastructure Renewal were passed. There were also presentations on the Hart House Budget, and the Literary Committee, Library Committee and Facilities Department. The Board of Stewards is Hart House's highest governing body and jointly oversees the affairs of the House with the Warden. For more information, please contact Vice-President University Affairs, Agnes So at vpua@utsu.ca.

# TRANSITIONAL YEAR PROGRAMME PRESERVATION ALLIANCE MEETING

On Wednesday, November 6, Vice-Presdient University Affairs Agnes So, President Munib Sajjad, Transitional Year Program Director Htay Tint, and Arts and Science At-Large Director Ben Coleman attended the Transitional Year Programme Preservation Alliance (TYPPA) meeting at the Transitional Year Programme office. In this meeting, members talked about the demands that the TYPPA has been drafting to present to the University as a result of the reallocation of Transitional Year Programe (TYP) from 49 St. George Street to 123 St. George Street. The TYPPA is also organizing a town hall on November 18 to address the concerns of current students and alumni of the TYP, as well as concerned community members. TYP is a full-time University program intended for adults who do not have the formal qualifications for university admission.

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# STUDENT SOCIETIES SUMMIT

On Friday, October 25 and Friday, November 1, Vice-President University Affairs Agnes So and Vice-President Equity Yolen Bollo-Kamara attended the second and third Student Societies Summit meetings, organized by the office of the Provost. Discussion at the October 25 meeting focused on the ideal structure of undergraduate student society governance at the University of Toronto (UofT). The meeting on November 1 began with a general discussion on the potential harms and benefits of a fractionated student governance structure at UofT, before attendees were split into subgroups to discuss how the structure of student governance could be constructed to overcome identified challenges. Common themes of discussion include the relationship between the UTSU and divisional societies, the role of Board members and their relationships with the councils that represent the same constituencies, processes to change bylaws and policies, the importance of clubs and levy groups, and the possibility of a federated structure for UTSU, which seems to be prohibited under the new Canada Not-For-Profit Corporations Act. The Union continues to participate in the Summit in the hopes of achieving better communication and stronger relationships with all represented within this process, and ensuring the progress of important projects such as the Student Commons. However, the UTSU remains concerned about the exclusion of the Association of Part-Time Undergraduate Students, the Scarborough Campus Students' Union, clubs, levy groups, and general members from actually engaging in these discussions in which they are stakeholders. For more information, please contact Vice-President University Affairs, Agnes So at vpua@utsu.ca or Vice-President Equity, Yolen Bollo-Kamara at vpequity@utsu.ca.

# CLUBS COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Over the past several weeks, the Clubs Committee has been meeting frequently to allocate both summer funding, as well as long-term funding for recognized groups on campus. This committee has received more than 150 applications for long-term funding this year! Given the October 18 deadline for clubs to hand in their long-term funding applications, the Committee continues to meet regularly and make allocations. Although each application is given equal consideration, applications are considered in the order in which they were submitted. The Committee is also compiling a list of important reminders for clubs in executive training sessions, based on frequent application errors. The next training session is scheduled for December 5, 2013.

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# WINTER WEEK OF WELCOME

The UTSU is in the midst of planning the third annual Winter Week of Welcome, a series of exciting events to engage students returning to campus after the holiday break or beginning studies in January. The Winter Week of Welcome Committee is planning to host and collaborate on the following events: a Pancake Brunch, the Clubs Fair, a Street Festival as well as a Concert. This year, the UTSU has collaborated with the Career Center and the Faculty of Kinesiology and Physical Education to host a Clubs and Summer Jobs Fair at the Varsity Dome. The Committee is also investigating the possibility of building a rink and offering free outdoor ice-skating and hockey. A performer for the Winter Week of Welcome concert will be solidified very soon. Please contact Vice-President Campus Life Yasmeen Emadi to get involved in planning the Winter Week of Welcome.

# INSTALLATION OF MERIC GERTLER

The UTSU Executive was invited to welcome the new UofT President, Meric Gertler, in a ceremony dedicated to him on November 7, 2013. As UofT's sixteenth President, Professor Meric Gertler has taken office at a time when UofT has already gone through the last recession and has seen great developments at the three campuses. During his first public address as President, Professor Gertler stated that he is looking to the Ontario Government to increase per-capita funding for post-secondary institutions in the province.

# **UTEAU**

The UTSU is a participating member of the University of Toronto Employee Associations and Unions, where the central student unions, as well as kabiyr unions across UofT work together to tackle important issues. The Executive has raised issues such as flat fees and the impacts of unpaid internships on students as items for discussion. The Union will be working with other members of UTEAU on a new campaign called 'Stop Unfair Fees, Stop Unfair Wages' to push back against relevant issues faced by students and workers at the University of Toronto. For more information, please contact Vice-President External Onik Khan.

# OFL YOUTH UN(DER)EMPLOYMENT FORUM

On September 27th, President MunibSajjad presented at the Ontario Federation of Labour's Youth Un(der)employment Forum. He spoke about the practices of illegal unpaid internships and the obvious exploitative practices of corporations, and internships at the academic level within the university. The UTSU has been commended for its work on this issue and have recently joined alongside the Students Against Unpaid Internship Scams, a UofT student-led initiative in a drive to hear from students about their experiences with unpaid work.

# **ENGSOC AGM**

On October 30th, President Munib Sajjad and Vice-President University Affairs Agnes So attended the Engineering Society Annual General Meeting where the Society spoke to its membership about the work it has been doing over the past year. It was a great opportunity to see the work of EngSoc and learn about opportunities to build greater relations and sources of collaboration

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# FOOD ADVISORY COMMITTEE

On October 22, Vice-President University Affairs Agnes So and Vice-President Internal & Services Cameron Wathey attended the first Food Advisory Committee meeting for the academic year. This meeting began with an overview of the purpose of the Food Advisory Committee, which includes receiving feedback from the university community and developing relationships with students and groups across campus. Jaco Lokker, Director of Food Services also provided an update on food services' operation locations on campus, the meal plan program, current renovation to food locations, and upcoming initiatives such as Veggie Mondays and the Local Food Challenge. The meeting ended with questions from committee members. The committee will meet up to six times throughout the year. The minutes for the meeting can be found online at www.food-beverage. utoronto.ca. For more information about the Food Advisory Committee, please contact Vice-President Internal & Services Cameron Wathey at vpinternal@ utsu.ca.

# ELECTIONS AND REFERENDA COMMITTEE

On November 12, the Elections and Referenda Committee met to review the CRO report of the fall by-elections and made recommendations to be considered before the upcoming spring elections. Recommended changes included providing more space for nominations in the nominations package, specifying which types of content should be approved for social media, reexamining the number of nomination signatures required, and revisiting the independent legal review commissioned by the Elections and Referenda Committee. For more information about the Elections and Referenda Committee, please contact Vice-President Internal & Services, Cameron Wathey at vpinternal@utsu.ca.

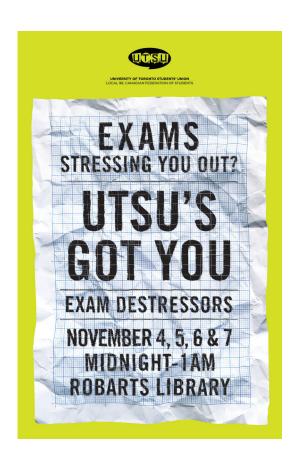
# VICE-PROVOST, STUDENTS MEETING

On October 23, the executive committee met with Vice-Provost, Students Jill Matus and administrative staff in her office, including Lucy Fromowitz, David Newman, Mike Lesage, and Lucy Fromowitz. The agenda included online voting email access, concerns about student society access to UTORids, incidents of hazing and bullying, text books on short-term loan, split tuition fees, food services concerns, Access Copyright, Turnitin.com and the University's response to David Gilmour's comments. If there are recommendations for agenda items, please submit them to President Munib Sajjad. For more information about the meeting with the Vice-Provost, Students, please contact President Munib Sajjad at president@utsu.ca or Vice-President Internal and Services Cameron Wathey.

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# **BOOK BURSARY APPLICATIONS**

The Book Bursary Committee has allocated book bursary grants to 25 students. The Committee carefully chose recipients based on financial need and eligibility, based on the information provided. The applicants each submitted 500 word statements detailing their need for the grant, copies of receipts for purchased textbooks, and proof of full-time enrollment. The individuals selected to receive the bursary will be announced online shortly. For more information about the Book Bursary Applications, please contact Vice-President Internal & Services, Cameron Wathev at vpinternal@utsu.ca.





#### **2013 UTSU BOOK BURSARY APPLICATION**

Your students' union offers a needs-based bursary, every year, to assist students in meeting the high cost of financing their post-secondary education. The bursary is a reimbursement for some of the costs associated with the purchase of books during the 2013-14 academic year. Bursaries come both as reimbursement cheques and gift certificates.

This award is based solely on financial need. The collected information is used to determine eligibility and will remain strictly confidential. Those individuals selected to receive the bursary will be announced on your students' union website (student number only) in late November, 2013.

Please return this form, along with a statement, photocopy of receipts for textbook expenses, and a print-out of your timetable from ROSI during UTSU's office hours: 12 Hart House Circle. Hours: Monday-Friday 9am-6pm

ATTENTION: CAMERON WATHEY, VICE-PRESIDENT INTERNAL & SERVICES 12 HART HOUSE CIRCLE | HOURS: MONDAY-FRIDAY 9AM-6PM

Please submit filled form, with all the supporting documents by October 25, 2013 at 6PM. Late applications will not be considered. For more information visit www.utsucs or email vpinternal@utsucs

Note: You must be a full time undergrandates realment of St. General or a Tall-Time Toomto School of Theology Student to qualify for
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#### PLEASE COMPLETE ALL SECTIONS IN FULL

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Statement (please attach separately):

On a separate sheet, please state in 500 words or less, why you are eligible and need this bursary

Print-out of ROSI timetable or proof of full-time enrollment if ROSI is not used in your faculty (ie. OISE)

# **UTSU'S GOT YOU**

From November 4 to November 7, the Executive worked with Board members and volunteers to make and distribute food to students at Robarts Library. In addition to choosing from a range of food options, students were able to ask questions and learn more about the advocacy and services provided to them by the UTSU. The UTSU hopes to get just as many Board members and volunteers involved in the next session.

# **Events**

# **OCOTBER SERVICES REPORT**

Good Food Box: 41

TTC Token: 375

TTC Student Pass: 723

Photocopies/Printing: 53463

Wonderland Tickets: 86

**CNE Screemers: 7** 

Long Distance Phone Calls: 37

Cineplex Tickets: 694

# TICKET INFO: (ALL PRICES INCLUDE TAXES)



BIXI ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP	\$85.88
CINEPLEX MOVIE TICKET	\$10.25
CINEPLEX NIGHT OUT (COMBO)	\$32.00
SCREEMERS (AT CNE)	\$20.00

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# **University of Toronto Students' Union**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS** 

**October 29, 2013** 

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#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Nia-Imara Baberousse, Faculty of Music Yolen Bollo-Kamara, Vice-President Equity Ben Coleman, Arts & Science At-Large Yasmeen Emadi, Arts & Science At-Large Dalia Hashim, New College Eric Jadidzadeh, Transitional Year Program Alex Khalil, Faculty of Kinesiology and Physical Education Onik Khan, Vice-President Campus Life Silviu Kondan, New College Masteusz Krawczyk, Professional Faculty At-Large Katrina Lorn, Faculty of Architecture, Landscape and Design Maaham Malik, University of Toronto Mississauga Aimee Quenneville, University College Munib Sajjad, President Agnes So, Vice-President University Affairs Melissa Theodore, University of Toronto Mississauga Designate Will Warnica, Innis College Cameron Wathey, Vice-President Internal & Services ZiJian Yang, Woodsworth College Ming Zang, University of Toronto Mississauga Alex Wasserman, Facuilty of Medicine Benjamin Crase, Trinity College Vanessa Bridge, Faculty of Engineering

#### **BY PROXY:**

Khalid Khan, New College to Dalia Hashim, New College

Suyoung Aaron Chin, Faculty of Pharmacy to Yolen Bollo-Kamara, Vice-President

Nadiv Hossain, University College to Yasmeen Emadi, Arts & Science At-Large Fatima Zahra Hamaimou, University of Toronto Mississauga to Melissa Theodore, University of Toronto Mississauga Designate Bilal Durrani, St. Michael's College to to Yolen Bollo-Kamara, Vice-President Equity Tannishtha Pramanick, Woodsworth College to Onik Khan, Vice-President Campus Life Katrina Lorn, Faculty of Architecture, Landscape and Design to Agnes So. Vice-President University Affairs Josephine Petrolo, Woodsworth to Cameron Wathey, Vice-President Internal & Services Frishta Bastan, University of Toronto Mississauga to Munib Sajjad, President Nabil Arif. University of Toronto Mississauga to Melissa Theodore, University of Toronto Mississauga Designate Muhammad Bilal Sandeela, University of Toronto Mississauga to Munib Sajjad,

President

Helen Phan, Faculty of Pharmacy to Cameron Wathey, Vice-President Internal & Services

Lynn Scherloski, Victoria College to Cameron Wathey, Vice-President Internal & Services

Cullen Brown, St. Michael's College to Ben Coleman, Arts & Science At-Large

# **EX-OFFICIOS**

Mary Stefanidis, Innis College Student Society Rhys Smith, Woodsworth College Students' Association Kristina Dokoska, Victoria University Students' Administrative Council

# **GUESTS**

Alexander Verman, The Varsity Nzube Ekpunobi, Associate to the President Umair Qadeer. Associate to the Vice-President Internal & Services Jesse Leduc-Robert, Associate to the Vice-President Equity Pierre Harfouche, Member

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# 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting is called to order at 15:11.

## 2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION Moved: Bollo-Kamara Second: Jadidzadeh

Be it resolved that the agenda be approved as presented.

# **CARRIED**

# 3. EXECUTIVE REPORT

MOTION Moved: Wathey Second: Sajjad

Be it resolved that the Executive Report be approved as presented at the October 2013 Board meeting.

# **DISCUSSION**

Executive Committee members highlight sections of the report.

Wassermen and Crase arrive at 15:25.

Coleman states that the new Executive Report format is more appealing and easier to understand. He inquires into statistics on UTSU services and their usage by members.

Wathey states that he will provide statistics at the next meeting.

Coleman states that the government of Ontario is rumored to be ready to announce a threshold of four courses for flat fees. He asks if this changes UTSU's position. He asks if the UTSU is working on per semester billing for tuition.

O. Khan states that the UTSU's position is that no student should be exploited by flat fees. He states that the UTSU is only in favour of a threshold of 100 per cent. He states that the UTSU has been discussing per semester billing, or split fees, with the administration. He states that the government is also rumoured to be mandating split fees.

Quenneville states that she has heard concerns that the materials for the campaign cost too much money and that students could save money by not making these materials.

So states that there must be a balance between outreaching for this campaign and saving money. She states that the work still needs to be done.

O. Khan states that board members should engage with individual members about this campaign.

Hudson states that cost of printed campaign material is very low.

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Coleman asks for clarification and details on the Student Society Summit.

Bollo-Kamara states that the first meeting of the summit discussed principles, and topics of discussion. She explains that the meeting highlighted issues and differences between councils in attendance.

So states that each meeting outlined goals. She notes that questions for the upcoming meeting have not been released.

Bollo-Kamara states that meetings are very general in nature.

Stefinadis states the general principals that were discussed and that the conversation is narrowing.

#### **CARRIED**

#### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION Moved: Wathey Second: Sajjad

Be it resolved that the October 29, 2013 minutes package including the following documents be approved by the UTSU Board of Directors:

- i. Board of Director Minutes, September 27 (p. 18)
- ii. Academic & Student Rights Commission Minutes, September 26 (p. 24)
- iii. Budget Committee Minutes, October 16 (p. 28)
- iv. Clubs Committee Minutes, October 21, October 25 (p. 32)
- v. Elections and Referenda Committee, October 24 (p. 46)
- vi. Policy and Procedures Committee Minutes, October 02, October 24 (p. 55)

#### **DISCUSION**

Harfouche enters the room at 15:45.

MOTION TO REFER Moved: Wathey Seconded: Sajjad

Be it resolved that the following be referred to the Annual General Meeting as moved by Wathey:

Whereas the University of Toronto Students' Union is incorporated under the Canada Corporations Act; and

Whereas the Government of Canada is in the midst of transitioning organizations like the University of Toronto Students' Union to the new Canada Not-for-Profit Corporations Act (CNCA); and

Whereas to ensure compliance with the CNCA, union bylaws must be updated; and

Whereas the UTSU sought legal advice with respect to necessary Bylaw amendments to comply with the CNCA; and

Whereas the following constitutes the sum of the legal advice received with respect to necessary Bylaw amendments to comply with the CNCA; therefore,

Be It Resolved That Bylaw III.1.i preamble be amended to read:

"The Annual General meeting of the Union shall be held in the Fall session of each year as set by a majority vote of a Board meeting. The meeting shall be held within 15 months of the previous Annual General Meeting and no later than six (6) months after each fiscal year end. The meeting shall discuss the requirements set out and described in the Act and shall include the following:"

Be It Further Resolved That Bylaw III.iii be amended to read:

"Notice shall be provided to members twenty-one (21) days prior to the meeting in a campus publication, on the Union website, and via an email sent to the entirety of the membership. The agenda, a summary of financial position and details of how to vote by proxy shall be published in conjunction with the notice. Financial statements and items pertaining to the agenda will be available at the Union offices and website."

Be It Further Resolved That Bylaw III.4.a be amended to read:

- "4. Absentee Voting
  - a. No person shall act for an absent director at a meeting of directors.
  - b. Directors may participate and cast votes at meetings of the Board of Directors electronically."

Be It Further resolved that this provision take place on May 1, 2014.

Be It Further Resolved That Bylaw X.1 preamble be amended to read:

"A Division I or Division II Director of the Union, as determined by a simple majority vote of the Board, shall be deemed to have delivered their resignation if the Director, subsequent to September 1 of any academic year:"

Be It Further Resolved That Bylaw II.3.b be amended to read:

"A referendum conducted by the Board in the Constituency represented by the Director; such a referendum shall follow upon a simple majority of the Board vote on the resolution."

# **DISCUSSION**

Sajjad states that this motion is a bylaw amendment to ensure compliance with the new Canada Not-for-Profit Corporation Act. He states that a lawyer recommended these changes. He states that the Annual General Meeting in subsequent years must be in October. He also states that the UTSU should find a way for Directors to participate in meetings electronically. He states that the UTSU cannot use proxies at Board of Directors meetings after May 1, 2014, should this motion pass.

# **CARRIED**

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MOTION TO REFER Moved: Sajjad Seconded: Khan

Be it resolved that the following be referred to the Annual General Meeting as moved by Sajjad:

Whereas the University of Toronto Students Union has grown to be one of the largest student unions' in the country with a strong and diverse membership;

Whereas the UTSU represents students that are commuters, on-campus residents, international students, students from marginalized communities and students that study in second-entry programs and students at different campuses;

Whereas there has been interest from students to see other types of board structures implemented at the UTSU;

Be it resolved that different board and commission structures and policies be investigated; and

Be it further resolved that these board structures be considered for implementation at the UTSU; and

Be it further resolved that the membership be encouraged to contribute different ideas; and

Be it further resolved that there be a report on the investigation given to the Board of Directors by April 30, 2014 and that such a report be posted on the union website.

#### **DISCUSSION**

Sajjad gives a brief overview of the motion.

Crase asks if any preliminary research has been done on this.

Sajjad states that nothing official has been done yet.

Harfouche asks who will be on committee to do this review.

Sajjad states that this would be discussed should the motion pass.

Crase asks whether an investigation would be brought back to board or would be simply made a mandate for the Policy & Procedure committee.

Sajjad states that all changes to bylaws must be brought to an Annual General Meeting.

Stefanidis leaves at 15:54.

# **CARRIED**

MOTION TO REFER Moved: Wathey Seconded: Theodore

Be it resolved that the following be referred to the Annual General Meeting as moved by member Pierre Harfouche:

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WHEREAS the University of Toronto is hosting a Student Society Summit to invite student leaders from across recognized undergraduate student societies to consider the following:

"In a Policy environment in which there are currently four representative student governments (UTSU, SCSU, GSU, APUS) recognized by Governing Council and supported by mandatory fee deductions from students in the relevant constituencies, how can the sometimes distinct interests of divisional societies be supported and respected in a democratic manner? What are the implications of these answers on the evolution of the democratic structures of the student governments or on fee support for the activities of the divisional societies?"

WHEREAS the UTSU membership would like the opportunity to shape the opinion of the Union at the Student Summit; and

WHEREAS it falls within the purview of the AGM for members to direct and make statements on the Union's position on certain topics; and

WHEREAS, in similar fashion to proactive statements made on unpaid internships and Idle No More at the 2012-2013 SGM (Part I), the membership would like the Union to submit a letter to the summit to clarify its position on the Student Summit;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the membership of the UTSU endorses the letter (attached) written by the Engineering Society, the Trinity College Meeting and Victoria Student's Administrative Council submitted to the October 7 Student Summit

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the UTSU officially support the position of EngSoc, TCM, and VUSAC (ex- officios) at the Student Society Summit with regards to fee diversion;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT in similar fashion to the Online Voting Campaign in 2013, that the membership strongly recommends that the UTSU Board alters its governing documents to fall in line with the democratic will of the membership to enable fee diversion

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the membership instructs the executive to write a letter supporting the position of these groups;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the membership instructs the Union's representatives at the Summit to take this position when speaking at the summit;

#### **DISCUSSION**

Sajjad states that the Policy Committee ruled the motion out of order. He states that the motion contravenes the bylaws.

Lorne leaves at 15:56.

Hashemi states that he agrees that the motion contravenes the bylaws. He states that the motion asks the Executive Committee to support actions that clearly contravene the bylaws.

Coleman asks if the motion can be amended such that it does not contravene the bylaws.

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Hashimi states that he does not see how it could. He states that a bylaw amendment should have been submitted to the Policy & Procedures committee.

#### MOTION RULED OUT OF ORDER

MOTION TO REFER Moved: Wathey Seconded: Sajjad

Be it resolved that the following be referred to the Annual General Meeting as moved by member Pierre Harfouche:

WHEREAS as of October 21st, the UTSU Membership or Board of Directors has not yet directed the Union to send representatives to the Student Society Summit.

WHEREAS, as a result, the UTSU executives have nominated two members of the executive at their discretion

WHEREAS, for the advancement of the democratic will of Union members, it would be advisable for the Membership to appoint two (2) members to speak on behalf of all members of the UTSU at the summit; and

WHEREAS the current process to appoint these members has not been formalized, the membership can choose to appoint individuals to speak on its behalf; and

WHEREAS the only requirement by the University is that "each of the following societies (UTSU and all the divisional/collegiate societies represented by UTSU) is invited to name up to two members to the Summit"; and

WHEREAS, there is no UTSU bylaw of policy which governs appointments to events or University Affairs and appointment can therefore fall within the scope of the Annual General Meeting;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT two members be formally elected and appointed to speak on behalf of the UTSU at the Student Society Summit

### **DISCUSSION**

Sajjad states that this motion is out of order. He states that the administration has made clear that Student Society Summit representatives cannot change. He states that this is therefore out of the control of the UTSU.

Vanessa Bridge enters the room at 16:03.

Hashemi states that he agrees that the motion is out of order. He states that he encourages those who disagree to appeal his ruling, so that the Board of Directors can decide if the ruling makes sense.

# **MOTION RULED OUT OF ORDER**

Quenneville states that she would like to appeal the ruling of the chair.

# MOTION TO UPHOLD THE RULING OF THE CHAIR

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Moved: Sajjad Seconded: Malik

Be it resolved that the ruling of the chair be upheld.

#### **MOTION**

Hashimi states that if the motion was passed, representatives of the Summit would change. He states that the UTSU has no control over this process. He states that the fact that the motion is impossible to uphold makes it out of order.

Bollo-Kamara states that it has been communicated that each Summit participant that all participants must participate for the duration of the summit.

Harfouche states that it is important to have the choice. He states that there are important decisions being made by the summit and if it is possible to switch representatives then the change should happen.

Crase states that the chair has no evidence that what Bollo-Kamara is saying is true. He states that this is all hearsay.

Malik states that the UTSU representatives to the Summit should be Executive Committee members. She states that she is satisfied with the current representatives.

Theodore speaks in favor of the chair's ruling. She states that other Summit representatives have not been elected.

Hashim states that electing other members to the summit would hinder the progress being made. She states that there is no guarantee that the new representatives would be able to maintain or continue the discussion.

Coleman states that he opposes to the ruling of the chair. He states that as far as the suitability of the executives to representing the members at the Summit, no one knew that the Summit would happen when elected. He states that general members were not voting for Executive Committee members to represent them at the Summit. He states that he had to ask to find out what had occurred at the last two meetings. He states that an external organization should not dictate if something is out of order or not.

Hashimi states that he stands by his ruling. He states that the discussion should be about whether this motion is out of order or not, and not about the motion's merit. He states that this motion proposes something that cannot be done and it puts the UTSU in a contradictory position.

#### **CARRIED**

MOTION TO REFER Moved: Wathey Seconded: Malik

Be it resolved that the following be referred to the Annual General Meeting as moved by member Michael Wainberg:

WHEREAS UTSU was incorporated under the Canada Corporations Act, Part II; and

WHEREAS Canada Corporations Act, Part II corporations are legally required to transition to the Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act by October 17, 2014; and

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WHEREAS Section 163(1) of the Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act states that "A member entitled to vote at an annual meeting of members may (a) submit to the corporation notice of any matter that the member proposes to raise at the meeting [...]"; and

WHEREAS Section 152(6) states that "A member entitled to vote at an annual meeting of members may, in accordance with section 163, make a proposal to make, amend or repeal a by-law"; and

WHEREAS Section 152(2) states that "the members may, by ordinary resolution, confirm, reject or amend the by-law, amendment or repeal"; and

WHEREAS Section 2(1) states that "'ordinary resolution' means a resolution passed by a majority of the votes cast on that resolution"; and

WHEREAS UTSU Bylaw XV—Amendments states that:

"1. Making an Amendment

An Amendment to the Union's Bylaws shall be ratified as follows:

- a. The Union Bylaws shall be reviewed by the Policy and Procedure Committee, and if amended, must be presented to the Board of Directors for approval;
- b. The Board of Directors must vote three-quarters  $(\frac{3}{4})$  in favour of any amendment to be ratified and presented to the members for final approval;
- c. Members must vote two-thirds (2/3) in favour to ratify an amendment"; and WHEREAS this bylaw will become illegal next year under the Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT UTSU Bylaw XV—Amendments be repealed.

#### **DISCUSSION**

Sajjad explains that UTSU has checked with their layers on this and that the motion does not contravene the Not-for-Profit Corporations Act.

So leaves at 16:28.

#### **DEFEATED**

Saeed leaves at 16:28.

MOTION TO REFER Moved: Wathey Seconded: Theodore

Be it resolved that the following be considered as suggested by member Jeffrey Schulman:

Whereas the UTSU policy manual requires a gender parity speaking list

Whereas this speaking list prioritizes gender equality above other sorts of equity

Whereas the UTSU mission statement resolves "To safeguard the individual rights of the student, regardless of race, colour, age, mental or physical ability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, creed, religion, personal or political beliefs, nationality, geographic or ethnic orientation, citizenship, class ancestry or status, including but not limited to marital,

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socio-economic, First Nations, Inuit or Metis"

Whereas dividing time equally among all these parties would be an excessive administrative burden

And whereas the UTSU membership is capable of dividing time in a farvan equitable manner in an *ad hoc* basis

Be it resolved that the Gender Parity Speaking List, adopted December 3 2009, cease to be UTSU operational policy.

#### **DISCUSSION**

Hashimi states that it is a policy amendment and therefore the Directors' decision at this meeting is final.

Coleman states he is favor of keeping the gender parity list. He states that the process for members to submit motions and that discussion among the board is positive. He add the importance of following the process thoroughly to the end, giving full considering of the motion.

Harfouche states that he encourages board members to table the discussion. He states that this should be brought to the General Meeting. He states member investment in submitting motions, and states that it is a good exercise to have members involved in decisions.

Quenneville states that she is against the gender parity list being defeated. She explains that gender is self-identified. She states that gender parity requires the chair to make decisions on an individual's gender identity.

Wathey states that this was discussed at the Policy Townhall in depth.

Sajjad states that he is opposed to the motion. Sajjad explains that equity is not an administrative burden. He states that the system is not perfect, but it still addresses a serious social issue. He notes personal experience of men dominated discussion at meetings.

So enters the room at 16:35.

Bollo-Kamara states the importance issues with the system have been raised in the past. Bollo-Kamara explains that the chair explains gender parity as policy at meetings and allows participants to self-organize.

Theodore states that she agrees that it is not perfect system. She states that ideas for improvements should be brought forward for discussion.

Hashimi states that discussion can occur at a Policy & Procedures Committee meeting.

Quenneville states that the problem is that it relies on an identified gender, yet is problematic for certain students who may not identify as a certain gender. She states that gender parity is two self-identified genders, which is problematic. She states that Directors need to recognize that this does not work and that a new system must be looked into.

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Bollo-Kamara states that it is not the chair that makes the decision and speakers are selforganized with reminders from the chair. She explains that parity means equality and not a "binary" gender system. She states that this discussion has been brought up at women's constituency at the Canadian Federation of Students where self-identified transfolk stated that this system should be kept until a better system is found.

Zhang states that he is in support of a gender parity speaking policy. He states that those who are opposed should bring forward new ideas.

# **DEFEATED**

Malik leaves at 16:44, proxies to Cameron

MOTION TO REFER Moved: Wathey Seconded: Sajjad

Be it resolved that the following be referred to the Annual General Meeting as moved by member Pierre Harfouche:

WHEREAS UTSU referenda are governed by a Charter for Referenda as per Bylaw 1; and

WHEREAS the Charter is not a bylaw of the Corporation, nor a policy of the Union, but a governing document of the Union; and

WHEREAS amendments for the Charter do not fall within the requirements for a Bylaw Change or a policy change and are akin to modifying a statement of the Union on any subject matter; and

WHEREAS the membership would like to alter this document to improve democracy and the student movement on campus; and

WHEREAS Section 1 of the Charter which states "Referenda should only be held under the principle that any given referenda must benefit the entire membership and contribute to the development and growth of student experience on campus and / or student movements on campus." does not allow UTSU members to pursue referenda campaigns which aim at improving the student experience on campus for one individual group or for starting new projects and movements on a smaller scale as a pilot project.

WHEREAS no section of the charter makes provisions to permit individual divisions (for example, UTM, TYP, or the School of Theology) to run a referendum among their individual members, and

WHEREAS it it would be ideal to enable smaller divisions among the Union to host referenda if they so choose, for example increasing a membership fee to receive a service they require; and

WHEREAS there is precedence within the UTSU to permit individual groups to run referenda, notably and most recently when a referendum to permit students at the University of Toronto, Scarborough Campus voted to self govern under the SCSU,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Section 1B of the UTSU - Charter for Referenda which currently reads:

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Referenda should only be held under the principle that any given referenda must benefit the entire membership and contribute to the development and growth of student experience on campus and / or student movements on campus.

#### Now reads:

Referenda should only be held under the principle that any given referenda must accurately depict the will of a particular group to follow through on an action. This action should, according to the group in question, contribute to the development and growth of student experience on campus and / or student movements on campus.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Section 1C of the UTSU - Charter for Referenda which currently reads:

Referenda should reflect the general interest of the membership with the intention to improve the distribution of services by the Union, recognized campus group and / or external organizations.

#### Now reads:

Referenda should reflect the general interest of the voters with the intention to improve the distribution of services by the Union, recognized campus group and / or external organizations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a new schedule D be added which reads as follows

SCHEDULE D Recognized Divisions within the UTSU

Schedule D outlines the referenda for whenever a Board member of the Union would like to determine the opinion of the membership with respect to one or more issues relative to the Union and his specific constituency (Division). The referenda would involve only members which would be eligible for the election of that particular Board member.

- a. To call a referendum under Schedule D, a question must be submitted to the Elections and Referenda Committee by the Board Member whose constituency is under question with the following supporting documentation:
  - i. Complete petitions from the respective Division in question, collecting twenty percent (20%) of the members from the respective (Division).
  - ii. The petition used must conform to the criteria outlined in this charter.
  - iii. Materials for the campaign, ready for approval.
  - iv. List of participants involved in the campaign.
  - v. If a division does not currently have a sitting member on the UTSU Board of Directors, he/she must first elect one before initiating a referendum process.
- b. The Elections and Referenda shall decide whether to recommend the support or opposition of the question to the Board Directors, who must either

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adopt a "yes" or a "no" stance.

- c. The voting constituency must be a recognized Division within the UTSU having one or more members on the Board of Directors of the UTSU.
- d. Only members of the Division(s) in question may vote or participate in the election campaign.

# **DISCUSSION**

Sajjad states that this motion was ruled out of order. He explains that changes to referenda must be brought to Elections & Referenda Committee. He states that this was made clear to members and at the Policy Townhall. He states that it is not prevue of policy committee to make these changes.

Hashemi agrees that the motion is out of order. He encourages Directors to appeal his ruling so it can be discussed further.

# **MOTION RULED OUT OF ORDER**

Coleman appeals chair ruling.

# MOTION TO UPHOLD THE RULING OF THE CHAIR

Moved: Sajjad Seconded: Theodore

Be it resolved that the ruling of the Chair be upheld.

# **DISCUSSION**

Ashkon He states that this motion attempts to contravene UTSU policies.

Coleman states that he understands why the motion is out of order. He asks if this can be sent to the Elections & Referenda Committee rather than ruling it out of order.

Harfouche states that it is not out of order. He states that he interprets the bylaws differently. He states that this should go to a General Meeting.

Hashimi states that the General Meeting does not have purview over elections or referenda of the UTSU.

# **CARRIED**

Coleman ask how order for consideration for clubs funding is determined. He asks why the African Students' Association and the Muslim Students' Association were approved for so much money.

Emadi states that there are four types of funding. She states that UTSU can only fund up to 50 per cent of eligible expenses. She states that the applications are considered in the order that they are received.

Coleman asks if funding is determined based on what clubs ask for.

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Emadi states that funding is determined based on budgets, participants, requests and nature of the events.

Wathey states the process is first come first serve and that budget consultation is encouraged. He states that the UTSU has had eight clubs training sessions, which explain the process of funding to groups.

Coleman asks that future minutes have more information in minutes, highlighting what exactly each club has requested funding for.

Bollo-Kamara states sometimes it can be difficult clerk taking minutes due to the volume of groups being processed.

#### **CARRIED**

# 5. REPORT FROM CHIEF RETURNING OFFICER 2013 FALL ELECTIONS

MOTION Moved: Sajjad Second: Coleman

Be it resolved that the Chief Returning Officer Report be approved as presented.

#### DISCUSSION

Hudson highlights the recommendations. She states that reimbursements will follow later this week.

Wathey explains that efforts will be made to resolve any outstanding issues with online elections for the spring election, as much as possible.

Coleman explains the schedule of common costs. Coleman states he is willing to work on making changes to the schedule to make it work.

Theodore asks if voter turnout increased since last year with online voting.

Coleman states that this is not easy to ascertain because of a lack of a comparable election. He states that voter turnout was low.

Crase asks why there were so many spoiled votes.

Hudson explains that voting company has stated that this often happens when they implement online voting for the first time. She states that students sometimes become confused about whether they are to vote in all the ballots provided. She states that the company has said that this usually is corrected after the campus becomes used to the online vote.

Coleman states that members can intentionally spoil their votes.

Harfouche asks on how the voting system functions, specifically to logging out mid-vote.

Hudson states that she in unsure.

Harfouche asks if it possible to seek clarification on this process.

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Hudson states that she will look into it.

Crase asks for further clarification on spoiled votes. Crase asks if this is a technical issue, and whether a new company should be looked into or if they are just spoiled votes.

Hudson states she cannot make that value judgment and is only offering the information she has been provided to the Directors.

Quenneville states that the UC Lit has had many uncontested elections with many spoiled ballots. She states that students often protest uncontested elections by spoiling their ballot.

Crase asks if this is the case with these elections.

Hudson states that she cannot make a value judgment and that it is impossible to tell.

Harfouche asks if online voting was an administrative burden on Elections & Referenda Committee.

Sajjad states that this will be more clear in the Spring Election.

Hudson states that it may have been more of an administrative burden on the university.

Bollo-Kamara states that the UTSU did receive some complaints to online voting, and concerns about the security. She states that the Fall Elections served as a learning experience.

#### CARRIED

# 6. RATIFICATION OF ELECTIONS RESULTS

MOTION Moved: Sajjad Seconded: Wathey

Be it resolved that the UTSU Fall 2103 election results be ratified.

#### **CARRIED**

#### 7. CAMPUS LIFE RESIGNATION

MOTION Moved: Theodore Seconded: Bollo-Kamara

Be it resolved that the UTSU Board of Directors accept the resignation of Onik Khan as Vice-President Campus Life.

# **DISCUSSION**

Sajjad states that O. Khan is now Vice-President External as election results have been ratified.

#### **CARRIED**

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# 8. CAMPUS LIFE APPOINTMENT

MOTION Moved: Wathey Seconded: Bollo-Kamara

Be it resolved that the UTSU Board of Directors appoint Yasmeen Emadi as the Vice-President Campus Life for the remainder of the 2013-2014 UTSU term.

# **DISCUSSION**

Wathey states that position was posted on the UTSU website. He states that some candidates have pulled out of running. He states that the students who declined to present to the Board of Directors stated that they were concerned about the workload involved.

Khalil leaves at 17:30.

Warnica leaves at 17:30, proxies to Bollo-Kamara.

Emadi provides a presentation on her experience and goals to the Board of Directors.

Krawcyzk leaves at 17:50.

#### **CARRIED**

### 9. APPROVAL OF UTSU 2013-2014 OPERATING BUDGET

MOTION Moved: Wathey Second: Sajjad

Be it resolved that the UTSU 2013-2014 Operating Budget be approved as presented.

# **DISCUSSION**

Wathey presents the budget.

Coleman states schedule eleven should be corrected to represent the change in staff.

Wathey states that the line will be split.

Coleman asks if the budget can be changed such that different staff positions can be noted into one section for clarity.

Hudson responds that that the budget committee should consider it.

Harfouche states that Wathey has noted a fee for online voting. He asks how much the voting system costs.

Wathey states approximately \$10,000.

Coleman asks if orientation revenue and expenses have been finalized.

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Hudson explains that they have not.

Coleman asks if there are numbers on Health and Dental opt-outs.

Hudson states that she will look into it.

Crase asks about the cost of the concert and the artist.

Hudson states that the agreement is confidential.

#### **CARRIED**

#### 10. NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

MOTION Moved: Wathey Second: Sajjad

Be it resolved that the next UTSU Board of directors meeting be held Tuesday November 19 at 15:00.

#### **CARRIED**

#### 11. OTHER BUSINESS

Coleman ask if the Annual General Meeting includes a question period for general members.

Theodore leaves at 18:10.

Kondan states that there should be more community engagement from board members. He states that board members should be talking to their society councils. He states that Directors should have meetings that general members can attend.

Hashim states that New College is in favour of this idea. She states concerns that many students do not know about the UTSU and what it does for its members. Having a forum for individual colleges is important.

Sajjad states that members have expressed interest in this type of initiative. He states that members and student groups want to see more engagement from Directors.

Harfouche asks on how the UTSU plans to implement suggestions and feedback from members.

Bollo-Kamara states that she supports this idea. She states that she supports events for members.

Emadi states that she is concerned that not all Directors are doing what they should. She states that this should be a standing item on the agenda.

Wathey states that he is concerned that Coleman has made a claim in the Varsity that the Executive Committee keeps information from the Directors. He states that he has worked very hard to increase poster distribution, has put more materials online, has put more

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information in the Executive Reports and consistently emails and uses social media to provide information and garner feedback from Directors. He states that he is disappointed in this misinformation and that he would encourage Directors to contact him with concerns, instead of the Varsity.

Coleman states that he believes there is a lack of communication between the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors. He states that the UTSU should explain their position on fee diversion to general members.

Bollo-Kamara states that any Director can come to the office and ask questions and suggest ways that the executives can help with communicating with Directors.

Harfouche states that he is concerned that his motions were ruled out of order. He states that stronger communication would result in stronger engagement from members.

Sajjad congratulates new Directors of the Board. He states that there are committees and procedures to help focus discussions. He states that there will be a session to explain bylaws for new Directors.

Bollo-Kamara states that there is an eXpression Against Oppression event tonight. She encourages members to attend.

Quenneville states that there is a Halloween Club Night event in collaboration with other student groups.

Jadidzadeh states that this is his last board meeting and thanks the board.

Harfouche thanks the board for allowing him to speak.

### 12. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION Moved: Hashim Second: Sajjad

The meeting adjourns at 18:26.

# **University of Toronto Students' Union**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE** 

November 5 & 12, 2013

Executive Committee Meeting of the University of Toronto Students' Union Tuesday, November 5 2013 | UTSU Office

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Cameron Wathey, Vice-President Internal and Services Agnes So, Vice-President University Affairs Yasmeen Emadi, Vice-President Campus Life Onik Khan, Vice-President External Sandra Hudson, Executive Director (non-voting)

#### 1. EXPRESSION AGAINST OPPRESSION

#### **DISCUSSION**

Bollo-Kamara states that all the events had a great turnout. She further states that the Night of Expression was very successful as the room was packed. She further states that the performances varied from music to poetry.

#### 2. REVIEW MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ON CAMPUS

#### **DISCUSSION**

Bollo-Kamara states that she is working on putting together a report of the union's services. She states that she will have volunteers asking people how happy they are on a scal of one to ten. She further states that the idea behind asking people how happy they are is to think about their well-being.

# 3. SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EQUITY COMMISSION

# **DISCUSSION**

She states that there was a commission meeting on October 28. She further states that she gathered a number of ideas for next XAO.

# 4. SERVICES KIOSK

#### DISCUSSION

Wathey states that it will finally be here next week after being long overdue.

#### 5. NEW WEBSITE

#### **DISCUSSION**

Hudson states that a sitemap has been created for the new website She further states that there will be another meeting with the staff and the executive committee to write sections for the website based on the sitemap. She further states that only Wathey, So, and Bollo-Kamara have writing assignments for the website. She further states that she hopes to have the information completed by December. Raj, the in-house graphic designer will start designing on it on late November, early December and hopefully have the website running by early next semester.

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#### 6. FOOD BANK

#### **DISCUSSION**

Wathey states that the Union has organized a winter clothing drive and will contact Woodsworth College, University College, New College, Innis College and Chestnut Residences to see if they are interested in taking part in the drive.

#### 7. GOOD FOOD BOX

#### **DISCUSSION**

Wathey states that there is now a new location at the Transitional Year Programme building. He further states that this program is averaging double the amount from last year.

# 8. VOLUNTEER AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

#### **DISCUSSION**

Wathey states that the numbers for the volunteer program are up to nineteen at the moment and increasing rapidly. He further states that the services Coordinator sent an email to volunteers for UTSU's got You. He further states that the executive committee should contact the volunteers to assist with upcoming outreach as well.

# 9. MEET YOUR EXECS VIDEO

### DISCUSSION

Wathey states the "Meet your Executive Video" for the 2013-2014 year is now online. He further states that he has promoted and requests the executive committee to also promote it on their own Facebook profiles.

#### **10. TELEVISION PROPOSAL**

#### DISCUSSION

Wathey states that this was an idea submitted by a member about displaying UofT news on all the Television across campus in a similar style to CTV news. He further states that this idea can be proposed to faculty of Arts and Science. He further states that this can be proposed from location to location. He further states that this is already done all over the Scarborough campus. He further states that he will contact the faculty of Arts and Science.

#### 11. GTA COALITION

### **DISCUSSION**

Khan states that he will send an email to volunteers about attending the next meeting and will also email the Board of Directors.

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Bollo-Kamara states that it will be difficult for her to attend since this event will take place at the same time as her "5 buck lunch" event

#### 12. DEBATE

#### **DISCUSSION**

Khan states that the by-elecitons are coming up for the Toronto centre. He further states that an email was sent to see about a possible debate between Linda Mcquad and Kristy ..., however Kristy does not want to debate her. He further states that he would like to collaborate with Ryerson University on this event and it could focus on a debate around post-secondary education.

#### 13. SEMINAR HOSTED BY DLS

#### **DISCUSSION**

So states that the service group, Downtown Legal Services would like to co-host a seminar on academic appeals for students because they receive a lot of similar questions about the academic appeals process. So further states that she will work with the Policy & Student Rights Coordinator to schedule a date for the seminar.

#### 14. WINTER WEEK OF WELCOME

#### **DISCUSSION**

Emadi states that as of right now there is nothing to report

## 15. MONTREAL READING WEEK TRIP

# **DISCUSSION**

Hudson states that we can already start promoting for this event as we have received the tickets and pricing. She further states that members can also buy tickets online. She further states that the in-house graphic designer is currently in the process of making advertisements for it.

#### **16.ACADEMIC APPEALS GUIDE**

### **DISCUSSION**

So states that she will host the seminar with Downtown Legal Services first and hear the feedback from the event prior to releasing the guide.

#### 17. RESIDENCE COUNCIL ALLIANCE

#### DISCUSSION

So states that she will contact residences on campus about advocating for flat fees and see if interested in taking part of the winter clothing drive.

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#### **18. FLAT FEES**

#### **DISCUSSION**

So states that the materials for this campaign have arrived. She further states that an outreach schedule has been created and the executive committee will be doing outreach.

Khan states that he will help with pushing for outreach.

Bollo-Kamara states that now that eXpression Against Oppresion is over, she will focus on outreach.

Khan and So state that they will do more outreach than the other executives.

#### 19. WORK STUDY POSITIONS

#### DISCUSSION

Emadi states that this was brought up at the policy town hall and will have more of an update soon.

#### **20. MORE STUDY SPACE IN LIBRARIES**

#### **DISCUSSION**

So states that Robarts Library in particular is actually working on more study space. She further states that the library has organized a library advisory committee to investigate more quiet spaces at Robarts. So further states that she currently sits on the library advisory committee and will update the executive committee after the next library advisory committee meeting.

#### 21. EXPAND COMPOST

#### **DISCUSSION**

Wathey states that this was brought up at the Food Advisory Committee meeting last month in which the chair stated that if there is a compost bin missing in a location where food is served to report it to Food Services who will be able to solve the situation.

#### **22.COSS**

#### DISCUSSION

So states that COSS has a retreat today, November 5. She further states that has worked with with APUS and GSU on a presentation about the different unions and their focuses for the year. She further states that if there is anything that should be included to inform her immediately so it can be added to the agenda.

#### 23. ADJOURNMENT

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The meeting is adjourned at 13:35.

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#### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

Cameron Wathey, Vice-President Internal and Services Agnes So, Vice-President University Affairs Yasmeen Emadi, Vice-President Campus Life Onik Khan, Vice-President External Sandra Hudson, Executive Director (non-voting)

#### 1. GTA COALITION

#### **DISCUSSION**

Khan states that the Vice-President External from the Association of Part-Time Students sent an email about a Canadian Federation of Students-Ontario campaign pertaining to a campaign to raise the minimum wage in Ontario from \$ 10.25 to \$14. Khan further states that on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of every month there will be an action in an effort to raise the minimum wage to \$14. Khan further states that he will organize with Scott from to do outreach on behalf of the upcoming campaigns.

Hudson states that UTEAU is also interested in the campaign to raise the minimum wage. She further that that she received a promotional flyer from the organization that raises awareness about the issues of the current minimum wage in Ontario as well as flat fees at the University of Toronto.

The executive committee examines and discuss flyer sent from UTEAU.

The executives agree that half executive committee will go to the CFS-Ontario campaign on the 14, and other half will go to the University Of Toronto Mississauga for their Annual General Meeting.

# 2. OSAP: SPLIT TUITION FEES/TOWN-HALL IN RESPONSE TO MINISTER BRAD DUGUID'S UPCOMING PROPOSAL

#### **DISCUSSION**

Emadi suggests that the Union should hold a townhall about OSAP to hear the concerns of students surrounding OSAP.

Khan states that he will look further into it.

So states that after the amount of outreach that has been done for the flat fees campaign that the executive committee should count how many flat fees petitions have been signed thus far. So guesses that there will be at least 2000 at this point in time.

# 3. MP ALL CANDIDATE DEBATE COLLABORATION WITH UOFT NDP

#### DISCUSSION

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Khan states that he contacted the NDP executive about organizing a debate, however he has received no response yet and give that the elections are in two weeks he states that it is unlikely that it is possible to be accomplish at this time.

#### 4. TTCRIDERS CITY HALL MEETING

#### **DISCUSSION**

Khan states that if people are interested in deputations please sign them as the TTC is considering increasing fees by 50 cents in the near future.

# 5. 245-251 COLLEGE STREET, AND 39-40 GLASGLOW STREET

#### **DISCUSSION**

Khan states that he has done personal research into this matter and his findings are alarming. He further states that these so-called student housing projects violate zoning laws. He further states that he is personally against these development projects because an outside company whose focus is based on the business model to make a profit will be running the student housing projects. He goes on to state that these student housing projects will also be targeting international students. Khan further asks if there was any work done on this project from the previous year that he can look into.

Hudson states that the previous Vice-President external had a copy of the plans. She further states that is obvious that these student housing projects were built to generate profit off students. She further states that the plans for the building show that there are only rooms, no common rooms, or anything to build a community for students living there. She further states that the community surrounding the building has been against these projects. She further states that last year's stance amongst the executives was that were against these projects.

Khan asks the executives for their stance on this project. The executives decide to continue to go against these projects.

Khan asks where to find minutes for this project.

Hudson suggests Khan should look into the previous Community Action Commission minutes.

# 6. MAPPING A DIVERSE GREEN FUTURE FOR TORONTO: ENVIRO SUMMIT 2013.

#### **DISCUSSION**

So states that she sent request to the sustainability commissioner, Benvenuto Triolo, as to whether he would like to attend this conference. She further states that Triolo will be attending and has also found someone else to attend with him. She further states that Triolo will also donate \$200 to the event as well from the Sustainability Commission budget. So further sates that she sent the information to the executive director of the University of Toronto Mississauga Students' Union, Walied.

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Hudson states that Triolo should submit a cheque requisition, but should submit a motion through the sustainability commission surrounding his donation of \$200 to this event first.

# 7. UTSU'S GOT YOU: NOV/DEC DISCUSSION

Emadi states that the most recent UTSU's Got You was incredibly successful and very glad she was able to take part in as soon as her term began. Emadi further states that the next UTSU's Got You session will take place on December 11 & 12. She further states that she does not know how we will be able to cover the majority of the library in such a short time frame.

Wathey proposes that there should be more sessions added to our list, specifically in the beginning of December.

Emadi agrees and suggests that if we are going to add more sessions than the executives will need to have a car and more volunteers. Emadi proposes to add more sessions on December 2 and 3. She further states that she will follow up with the Internal Coordinator, Esman Calles, to book Robarts on those nights and the Multi-Faith Center kitchen and room as well.

#### 8. RAPTORS TICKETS

#### **DISCUSSION**

Khan states that a chart has been made based on last year's numbers. He further states that within the chart there is a proposal as to which tickets should be ordered. He further states that if everyone can look over the chart again so he can finalize the purchases shortly.

#### 9. CULTURE SHOW

# **DISCUSSION**

Emadi states that she would like to have this event during the Winter Week of Welcome as stated in last week's meeting. She further states that she will look into having the event in either the Great Hall at Hart House since it is already booked during this time.

#### 10. WINTER WEEK OF WELCOME

#### **DISCUSSION**

Emadi states that preparation has been underway. She further states that the next meeting will be held tomorrow, Wednesay November 13 at 3 PM. Emadi further states that she would like to collaborate with KPEUA as well as NCSC for the street hockey event during wilcock's street fair.

#### 11. UNITY BALL

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#### **DISCUSSION**

Emadi states that the date is set for February 28. She proposes that the theme for this year's event be around an Oscar/Hollywood Party.

Wathey states that he agrees with idea given that the Oscars will be held on three days after the Unity Ball, therefore this theme will tie in perfectly.

Emadi states that she will have an online poll for clubs and other to choose which clubs receive specific awards.

Emadi asks how is it decided which club performs throughout the night.

Hudson states that Emadi should contact clubs that perform and she if they would be interested.

# 12. MONTREAL READING WEEK TRIP

#### **DISCUSSION**

Khan states that everything is ready to go with the company, TNT.

Emadi asks about the promotions plan for the Montreal Reading Week Trip.

Husdon hands out current promotional materials.

So suggests that the direction for the promotions should be changed.

The executive committee discusses the design of Montreal reading week trip that was created by the in-house graphic designer.

Wathey states that the promotional material should be ready for early December so it can be promoted at the next UTSU's Got You as well as promote during the Winter Week of Welcome.

So suggests that this is a good idea because then promotional flyers can be inserted inside bags for UTSU's Got You.

# 13. CANADIAN PEACE ALLIANCE 2014 CONVENTION: JANUARY 17 TO 19, 2014

#### **DISCUSSION**

Hudson asks if the executive committee has considered if anyone is going.

So states that she will email the Board of Directors along with others interested to see if they would like to go.

Hudson states that this event will occur at the same time for Canadian Federation of Students-Ontario General Meeting.

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## 14. OOHLALA TEASURE HUNT GAME

#### **DISCUSSION**

Wathey states that the game occurred from November 4 to the 7. He further states that the Communications Coordinator promoted the event online. He further states that the winner has not been announced as of yet, but will be announced shortly.

#### 15. TYP TOWNHALL

#### **DISCUSSION**

So states it is happening on November 18. So further states that execs should go to support them and listen to their concerns.

#### 16. STUDENT SOCIETY SUMMIT

#### **DISCUSSION**

So states that the next one is November 15. She further states that the questions had not been received yet.

#### 17. EXEC RETREAT

## **DISCUSSION**

The executive committee decides to go to Hart House Farm for the retreat given that there are six executives now.

#### 18. NATIONAL GENERAL MEETING

# **DISCUSSION**

Khan states that this meeting is in two weeks. He further states that he has organized a preparation meeting amongst the executive committee on November 18 to discuss the structure and motions that will be presented at the upcoming National General Meeting.

# 19. ASSOCIATE HIRING (CL/EX)

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#### **DISCUSSION**

Emadi states that she will schedule interview for the end of the week.

Khan states that he has hired his associate.

#### 20. NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING

#### **DISCUSSION**

Wathey states that any items to include for next meeting should be sent to the VP Internal immediately as the package has to be sent out by November 15. Items for the executive report were due November 12.

#### 21. COMMUNITY ACTION COMMISSION

#### **DISCUSSION**

Khan states that the next meeting, and his first one, will be held on November 13. He encourages the executive committee to promote the event amongst those who are interested.

#### 22. ELECTIONS AND REFERENDA COMMITTEE

#### **DISCUSSION**

Wathey states that this will be the last committee meeting before the committee is re-struck at the November Board meeting. He further states that the committee will review the fall 2013 elections and recommend any items to the new committee to consider for the spring 2013 elections.

### 23. CLUBS COMMITTEE

# **DISCUSSION**

Emadi states that the most recent committee meeting was very successful as they were able to get through a large amount of long term funding applications. She further states that there will be another committee meeting on November 15, which will hopefully be equally as successful as the previous one.

### 24. BOOK BURSARY

#### **DISCUSSION**

Wathey states that there have been a large amount of applications, but the committee is almost done going through them and will be finalizing the remainder of the applications by the end of the week.

# 25. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

# **DISCUSSION**

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Wathey states that people can now pick up proxies from the UTSU office and the UTMSU office until November 18. The proxy forms are due by 5PM on November 18.

# 26. MANDATORY UTM-UTSU EXEC MEET DISCUSSION

So states that she Sajjad has arranged for this meeting to take place in evening on November 13 at the UTMSU office.

# 27. PROVOST ADVISORY MEETING

#### **DISCUSSION**

So states that this meeting will take place in early December and will have updates shortly.

### 28. UTSU REP ON CIUT BOARD

#### **DISCUSSION**

Wathey states that he will email the board to see if anyone is interested in sitting on this board.

#### 29. SERVICES KIOSK

# **DISCUSSION**

Wathey states it has finally arrived and will be assembling it shortly.

### 30. NEW WEBSITE

#### **DISCUSSION**

Wathey states that is currently being underway. He further states that the task list for items to write about was sent last week and are due on November 15.

# 31. VIDEO PETITION FROM DENTISTRY BOD

#### **DISCUSSION**

So states that the new dentistry representative sent an email about creating a video petition based on the popular YouTube video called "Dear 16 Year Old Me." She further states that the video will be about how expensive flat fees make university for students. She further states that the dentistry representative further states that the video should focus on the faculty of dentistry first then can focus on other departments.

### 32. FOOD ADVISORY COMMITTEE

#### DISCUSSION

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So states that the first meeting was successful. She further states that this meeting will focus on answering student question and talking about the structure of food services at the University of Toronto.

# 33. SITE 10 (TYP) DISCUSSION

So states that there is a TYP Townhall on November 18 and urges the other executives to come and ask others to come as well.

# 34. UNPAID INTERNSHIPS

#### **DISCUSSION**

Hudson states that Andrew Langille will be at the Annual General Meeting discussing Unpaird Internships.

#### 35. REDUCE TUITION FEES

#### **DISCUSSION**

So states that we should do this after flat fees and think of some language in the mean time.

## 36. PEDESTRIANIZE ST. GEORGE STREET

#### **DISCUSSION**

Khan states that he will be discussing this item at the Community Action commission meeting tomorrow, November 13.

#### 37. OHIP FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

#### **DISCUSSION**

So states that we need to ask the Vice-Provosts why UofT only covers 94% of UHIP costs for International students now as opposed to the full 100%.

#### 38. IMPROVE ROOM-BOOKING FOR CLUBS

# **DISCUSSION**

Emadi states that clubs have complained aboutw how expensive room booking is now, especially when booking with the athletic center.

Emadi asks if there a way we can bring this up with Varsity Centre.

#### 39. CLUBS TRAINING

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# **DISCUSSION**

Emadi states that the next clubs training session will take place on December 5.

# 40. NCSC

# **DISCUSSION**

So states that their general meeting is coming up and will take place on November 20.

# 41. WCSA

# **DISCUSSION**

So states that their townhall is this Thursday November 14.

# 42. UTMSU

#### **DISCUSSION**

Wathey states that the executive committee will be attending their annual general meeting on November 14.

# **University of Toronto Students' Union**

# ACADEMIC & STUDENT RIGHTS COMMISSION

**October 31, 2013** 

Academic and Student Rights Commission Meeting 4 of the University of Toronto Students' Union | October 31, 2013 | 16:00 | UTSU

# In Attendance:

**Voting Members:** 

**Non-Voting Members:** 

Agnes So Silviu Kondan Eric Jo Yasmeen Emadi Rowena Symss Nzube Ekpunobi Htay Tent

Mashima Tavoosi-Monfared Hank Ko Jess Leduc-Robert

# 1. CALL TO ORDER

This meeting is called to order at 16:10.

# 2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION Moved: Tavoosi- Monfared Seconded: So

Be it resolved that the Drop Credit Policy be added and be the first item on the October 31, 2013 Academic and Student Rights Commission meeting agenda.

# **DISCUSSION**

Tavoosi-Monfared asks to add the Drop Credit Policy to the beginning of the agenda, as she has to leave the meeting early for class.

# **CARRIED**

MOTION Moved: Kondan Seconded: Emadi

Be it resolved that the October 31, 2013 Academic and Student Rights Commission meeting agenda be approved.

# **CARRIED**

# 3. INTRODUCTIONS

Members introduce themselves.

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### 4. RATIFICATION OF NEW MEMBERS

MOTION Moved: Emadi Seconded: Kondan

Be it resolved that Mashima Tavoosi-Monfared, Hank Ko and Jess Leduc-Robert be ratified as voting members of the Academic and Student Rights Commission for the 2013-2014 year.

#### **CARRIED**

# 5. DISCUSSION OF COMMISSION PRIORITIES

# **Drop Credit**

## **DISCUSSION**

So summarizes how the drop credit policy works.

Tavoosi-Monfared states that currently the first edition of the research made on the drop credit policy is complete She echoes worries about students graduating before the drop credit policy is completely accessible. She would like faculty to continue lobbying for it. She states that if they would be able to create a specific working group around it and that it could be presented for the December Curriculum Council meeting that she is planning on attending. She asks if the proposal has been submitted to anyone yet.

So asks who the attendees of the meeting are.

Tavoosi-Monfared states that it is comprised of the dean, faculty members, staff, and students. She states that the problem is that the dean only meets once a year.

So asks when the meeting is.

Tavoosi-Monfared states that she will be able to tell her the exact date when she finds out.

So states that she will find out if she can get a spot on the council to speak about the Drop Credit Policy and provide further recommendations on the issue.

Tavoosi-Monfared asks if other people in the group would be interested.

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Kondan recommends that the commission could make a sub-committee that focuses on the Drop Credit policy.

Tavoosi-Monfared agrees that a sub-committee would be effective.

So asks if Arts and Science Student Union has a seat in the council.

Tavoosi-Monfared states that the president has a seat for the general council meeting, but she is unsure if he has a seat in the curriculum committee.

# **Students Say No to Flat Fees**

#### **DISCUSSION**

So summarizes the Flat Fees framework and the issues with it. She states that the campaign is proposing that full-time students at the Faculty of Arts and Science should be able to pay according to the number of courses they are taking if they are not taking a full course load. She states that this is something that the university used to have before 2009. So shows the small flat fees pamphlets. She talks about the petition that is addressed to Minister Training, Colleges and Universities Brad Duguid. She states that he is interested in doing something with flat fees, though he has not said what he wants to do with it, so this is a good time to get more student voices heard. She states that UTSU has been doing outreach for it and trying to include some fun activities around this.

Emadi states that as one of her activities, she is going to have a sign asking people to write the number of courses they are taking and how much they are paying.

So states that they are going to do chalking with simple messaging across campus. She states that Onik Khan will be doing banner painting on campus. She states that a video might be prepared to ask students about flat fees. She states that the idea of the campaign is to make it more engaging and fun for people.

Tavoosi-Monfared asks where the stop Flat Fees demonstration will be happening this year.

So states that the goal for the campaign is to get as many petitions as possible, to raise awareness to the Minister before he decides to make any announcements on Flat Fees.

Kondan asks what time she hopes to send the petitions.

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So states that they would like to send them by November 22, and that the goal is 1000 petitions per week, and that they have about 300 to 400 as of current.

Kondan asks if we know how many students are actually taking less than 5 courses.

So states that we could look into getting that information.

Emadi states that we could have a survey.

So states that there is a report on flat fees from the governing council, which may have some specific numbers stating the number of students in respects to the number of courses they are taking.

# **Academic Appeals Process**

## DISCUSSION

So states that she wanted to create an academic appeals guide to help students navigate the appeal system. She states that it is process that has been quite complicated for certain students. She states that a levy group called Downtown Legal Services in which they provide support to students with things like academic offence. She states that they have approached UTSU, saying that they would like to have an information session, but they do not have a date yet. She states that this would also be a good way to find out what kind of misunderstandings students have.

Emadi states that a town hall could also be arranged regarding this issue.

Kondan suggests adding this information to the next years' frosh kits or somewhere within the planner.

So states that this is definitely something the Union could do, especially after collaboration with Downtown Legal Services.

Tavoosi-Monfared suggests having some kind of guide so people know how to format petitions so that they are approved. She states that for more severe cases, sometimes rules are not really interpreted well, and that the administration is not bound by precedent. She asks if there is any way that some kind of policy recommendation could be made.

Kondan asks if students would be able to further their appeals if it is rejected the first time.

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Tavoosi-Monfared states that there is multiple stages of appeal, but that the process is quite time consuming and difficult for students who do not fully understand the way in which the system works.

Kondan asks if the appeals are mostly written by individuals or with specific guidance.

Tavoosi-Monfared states that students often go to the registrar office for help. She states that often, they are told that they could seek legal help, but they are not encouraged to do so. She states that students are often not prepared as they are not given full information about getting legal advice.

Kondan asks if the legal support volunteer has to have a specific qualification. Kondan suggests having some kind of service through the UTSU.

Tavoosi-Monfared states that a lot of the concerns are due to petitions or personal problems. She states that for actual academic offenses, such as plagiarism, legal support is important but is not usually advised.

Symss enters meeting at 4:58pm.

Kondan asks when the best time would be to host a town hall.

So states that the last two weeks of November might be best. She states that this is also what the Downtown Legal Services proposes.

Tavoosi-Monfared and Emadi exits meeting at 17:01pm.

# **Food Options**

#### DISCUSSION

So states that Aramark provides most of the food on campus. She states that there is a food services advisory committee, which helps them bring food concerns to the administration. She states that they have had a request to look at the contract between the University and Aramark. If the contract has a possibility of ending soon they would need to do research on alternative food services. She states that she would like to have a new survey, considering the one last year did not get a lot of responses.

Kondan suggests that by presenting an open forum at each college, hosted by the director of each constituency, students would be able to voice their concerns not only on food services but a variety of issues.

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So states that this is a good idea and it is exactly something that she has planned to do this year, but the Union might have to target it differently for different colleges, as they all do not use Aramark.

# **Students' Rights Awareness**

## **DISCUSSION**

So states that this is a project to make student rights known on campus, which is brought up from the previous meeting. So states that she hopes that a list can be made in which student rights are clearly identified.

Kondan states that having this checklist of student rights would also help the committee, and the UTSU in general, to better advocate for students.

Tent asks if there is a body that advocates for these rights in terms of appeals.

So states that students have the choice to bring someone with them to present a case to appeals, but it will not necessarily be UTSU.

Kondan asks where the Turnitin policy is written.

So states that it is still unclear where it is based out of, and that is something that needs more research.

Ko asks if these policies are actually being implemented.

So states that at the meeting with the Vice-Provost, they have talked about the problem of not having standardized measure on the alternatives that is being offered for students if they choose not to use Turnitin. However, the response is that University can encourage professors to offer alternatives in a reasonable manner but it is not strict in that way, even though it is known to be a student right.

Ekpunobi states that it is a myth that once the students' work is submitted, it is Turnitin's property, but he will look into it more.

Kondan states that the problem is that the students' work is stored in the system, so it is their property in that sense.

Ekpunobi states that 'teaching.utoronto.ca' and 'portalinfo.utoronto.ca' are good websites for information on Turnitin.

Ko states that he would like to join the subcommittee for this.

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## 6. OTHER BUSINESS

#### DISCUSSION

Ko states that he feels that off-campus housing is increasingly becoming an issue, especially for international students.

So states that this issue fits well with Onik Khan's External portfolio, and that this issue is something he wants to work against.

Konan states that at New College, they have a position for "off-campus" on the New College Student Council, and one of the things they want to provide is a "moving off campus" seminar. He states that this is something they could work on with Onik.

So states that the university's Housing Service also has information and resources in educating students in choosing off campus housing.

Ko states that a lot of students are not aware of these kinds of services.

Kondan suggests trying to build a bridge between these policies and places like CIE and Housing Services.

Tint states that there is concern about the reallocation of the Transitional Year Program (TYP) building, which is not accessible for many students.

So states that she will want to go to the next Transitional Year Program Preservation Alliance meeting in order to hear more about this issue.

Kondan asks if this is associated with the funding cuts to TYP.

Tint states that part of the reason for taking over the building is for economic development. He states that some are saying that they have the right to stay there and that if they are forced to move, it should be within the campus proximity.

# 7. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION Moved: Symss Seconded: Ekpunobi

The meeting is adjourned at 17:37.

# **University of Toronto Students' Union**

# SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EQUITY COMMISSION

**October 28, 2013** 

Social Justice and Equity Commission Meeting 4 of University of Toronto Students' Union Monday October 28, 2013 • 17:30 • UTSU Office

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Silviu Kondan Yolen Bollo-Kamara, Jess Leduc-Robert Rosie Costelloe, non-voting Housam Silim Hilary Simpson

# 1. CALL TO ORDER

This meeting was called to order at 5:37pm.

MOTION Moved: Bollo-Kamara Seconded: Kondan

#### 2. DISCUSSION OF COMMISSION PRIORITIES

#### **DISCUSSION**

Bollo-Kamara reports back from eXpression Against Oppression (XAO). She states that overall, the events have been going well. She states that folks were able to take a lot out of the women's self defense class, as the capoeira workshop. She further states that there was a good discussion at the VisibiliTEA Queer Women's event. She states that at the Night of Expression, there was about 15 groups who performed, from spoken word and rap, to drag.

Silim states that the Night of Expression went really well, despite the technical problems during some of the performances.

Bollo-Kamara states that people were also interested in doing a follow up event at the Cat's Eye.

Costelloe asks if the Cat's Eye is an accessible space.

Bollo-Kamara states that it is completely accessible. She states that it can be free if you collaborate with them, otherwise it is 50\$ per hour. She further states that they don't have issues with the groups' using the space bringing their own food.

Bollo-Kamara announces the Venus Noire film screening happening the following night. She states that in terms of future events, one idea from the last meeting was having a body positive fashion show.

Silim states that the fashion show could be held at the Cat's Eye, but obstruction might be an issue.

Bollo-Kamara states that the William Doo could be another possibility for a venue, but it would cost \$500.

Costelloe states that if the UTSU collaborated with the Equity Studies Students' Union for that event, booking the Doo would not cost anything.

Bollo-Kamara asks for suggestions for potential speakers.

Silim suggests Ellen Gabriel, one of the leading voices in Idle No More. He also suggests Farah

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Nawani, a mental health activist.

Bollo-Kamara states that she hoped to get Toni Morrisson, but she was too expensive. She states that in the past, the UTSU has charged an admission fee to make up for this.

Costelloe suggests Sam Linter, who is based in Hong Kong, and does a lot of work with sex workers in Asia around HIV/AIDS, trans issues, and how different cultures view these.

Silim states that the Program coordinator at Hart House knows Naomi Klein, and might be good in suggesting potential speakers.

Costelloe states that they hoped get Kim Crosby, who charges 400\$ for 2 hours.

Simpson suggests Steven Lewis, a prof.at Ryerson.

Silim suggests having Jeff Carreira.

Simpson suggests having someone come in, or have some kind of discussion, before the mayoral election next year.

Silim asks if we will have a general theme for the next eXpression Against Oppression.

Bollo-Kamara states that there will likely not be a theme for next semester, in order to be able to focus on a variety of different issues. She also suggests screening Fruitvale Station for the next XAO.

Simpson states that it would be good to have a keynote speaker like Ellen Gabriel. She states that it would be important to highlight issues faced by Native folks.

Bollo-Kamara also suggests Clayton-Thomas Muller, who is also involved in Indigenous movements.

Simpson states that on Feb 13, Hart House Social Justice Committee is doing a coffeehouse night for V day.

Bollo-Kamara suggests doing something around Polytech massacre on December 5 for the international day for violence against women.

Costelloe states that it could be a good idea to have a panel discussion for that kind of event, where women could also talk together.

Bollo-Kamara states there could also be a discussion about MRAs, but she is worried that they might come or interrupt the event. She states that this is really something that folks need to be careful about when planning events. especially around gender issues.

Silim states that folks should not let MRAs hold them back either.

Bollo-Kamara states that folks just need to be careful about security and what exactly they want to say.

Silim asks if there are university policies around this.

Bollo-Kamara states that a lot of the time UofT defends freedom of speech, which may go beyond the bounds of acceptability in broader society.

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Costelloe states that we could find out when the next MRA event is, and have a discussion on hate speech the night before.

Bollo-Kamara states that we could also have an event around feminism, or an event addressing issues of ableism. She states that they've been talking with Students for Barrier Free Access, and they'd like to do a weelchair basketball game.

Costelloe states that the Equity Studies Students' Union has already started to plan Decolonizing Our Minds. She states that the planning meetings happen on Tuesdays, from 1-2pm in the basement of Wilson Hall, an is open to everyone, She states that the theme is identities, collectivities, imagined communities.

Costelloe states that it might be a good idea to collaborate on an event around indigenous issues, especially around land claims.

Simpson suggests also collaborating with the Centre for Aboriginal Initiatives.

Costelloe asks if the Equity Studies Students' Union and UTSU could collaborate on an event for international women's day.

Silim states that we could also potentially collaborate with Feminist Engagement with Men and Masculinities.

#### 3. OTHER BUSINESS

Leduc-Robert to send out XAO events to ESSU for their listserv.

Bollo-Kamara announces the 5 Buck Lunch and mental health resource fair happening on Wednesday, October 30.

Costelloe states that they are interested in introducing an introductory event to DOM with the Psychology Students' Association and the Cognitive Science Students' Association to bring a psychology and neuroscience perspective to how colonization affects the mind. She states that they would like a good balance of speakers, and to have at least one person coming from an equity perspective, and people coming out of psychology.

#### 4. RATIFICATION OF NEW MEMBERS

MOTION Moved: Leduc-Robert Seconded: Bollo-Kamara

Be it resolved that Rosie Costelloe be ratified as a voting member of the Social Justice and Equity Commission for the 2013-2014 year.

## 5. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION Moved: Bollo-Kamara Seconded: Silim

This meeting adjourned at 18:44.

# **University of Toronto Students' Union**

# ELECTIONS & REFERENDA COMMITTEE

**November 12, 2013** 

Elections and Referenda Committee Meeting of the University of Toronto Students' Union November 12, 2013 | 15:00 | University of Toronto Students' Union Office

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Cameron Wathey, Vice-President Internal & Services
Ben Coleman, Faculty At-Large, Faculty Arts and Science
Will Warnica, Director Innis College
Helen Phan, Director At-Large, Professional Faculty

Sandra Hudson, Executive Director (non-voting)

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting is called to order at 15:15.

### 2. REVIEW OF THE CRO REPORT

#### DISCUSSION

Wathey states that the Union had not had a chance to review the report in the previous meeting. He states that he would like to review the report so that the Committee can make recommendations for the spring elections.

Wathey recommends that nomination packages be printed with more than enough spaces for nominations to fulfill the requirements for nominations.

Coleman recommends that the next Committee looks at and decides what types of content on social media should be subject to approval.

Warnica states that the next Committee should look at recommendation 74C in the Davis Report, from last year.

Coleman recommends 74D in the Davis Report

Coleman recommends that the next Committee examine the amount of nomination signatures required to run for office, as it may still be too high.

Coleman states that he will make recommendations as to how the Schedule of Common Costs should be formulated.

# 3. OTHER BUSINESS

# 4. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION Moved: Warnica Seconded: Phan

The meeting is adjourned at 16:08.

# **University of Toronto Students' Union**

**CLUBS COMMITTEE** 

November 8, 11, & 15 2013

Clubs Committee Meeting 4 of the University of Toronto Students' Union Friday November 8, 2013 | 16:00 | University of Toronto Students' Union Office

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Nia Barberousse, Faculty of Music Director Vita Carlino (non-voting), Clubs and Service Groups Coordinator Yasmeen Emadi, Vice-President Campus Life Munib Sajjad, President Peter Shao, Clubs Community Member proxy to Yasmeen Emadi Lynn Scherloski, Victoria College Director proxy to Yasmeen Emadi

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting is called to order at 16:00.

## 2. Long Term Funding Applications

#### 2.1 UofT Idear

MOTION Moved: Sajjad Seconded: Emadi

Be it resolved that UofT Idear receive \$200 in Start Up Funding.

#### **DISCUSSION**

Carlino states that this groups application had been tabled from the previous meeting, as the group had originally applied for both Start Up and Long Term funding.

Emadi states that this is a new group, and has a lot of growth potential. Emadi recommends that the group be reminded of the printing allowances provided free of charge for UTSU recognized groups, as they are stating a lot of expenses associated with printing costs.

#### **CARRIED**

# 2.2 Unity at UofT

MOTION Moved: Sajjad Seconded: Emadi

Be it resolved that Unity at UofT receive \$650 in Long Term Funding.

#### **DISCUSSION**

Carlino states that this application was tabled from the previous meeting, due to lack of revenue sources listed in the budget. She further states that the group has re-submitted a new budget to be reviewed at this meeting.

Emadi states that the group is eligible for funding, and has high membership.

Sajjad recommends that the committee only grant a slight increase from previous years funding, as the application was originally incomplete.

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# 2.3 UofT Naginata Club

MOTION Moved: Sajjad Seconded: Barberousse

Be it resolved that the UofT Naginata club receive \$1200 in Long Term Funding.

#### **DISCUSSION**

Emadi states that the group is eligible for funding, and is requesting funds to cover some new equipment.

Carlino states that she had a budget consultation with the group to discuss their expenses, and that they haven't accessed UTSU funding since 2008.

Sajjad recommends an allocation of \$1200.

#### **CARRIED**

# 2.4 MOTIONS (Multi-Organ transplant Outreach)

MOTION Moved: Barberousse Seconded: Sajjad

Be it resolved that MOTIONS receive \$200 in Long Term Funding.

# **DISCUSSION**

Barberousse details the groups different events, and states that the group does outreach for Organ transplant awareness and that the group is requesting \$380. She further states that the group has not provided an estimate of how many people attend their events, and provision of that information would be helpful.

# **CARRIED**

## 2.5 Medlife

MOTION Moved: Sajjad Seconded: Emadi

Be it resolved that Medlife receive \$300 in Long Term Funding.

# **DISCUSSION**

Sajjad gives an overview of what the club does, and states that their difference is \$790.

Emadi states that they are a new club, and are showing a large number of revenue sources.

Sajjad states that they have a lot of costs associated with food, and that they make a lot of charitable donations.

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# 2.6 United Nations Global Compact

MOTION Moved: Emadi Seconded: Barberousse

Be it resolved that United Nations Global Compact receive \$350 in Long Term Funding.

#### **DISCUSSION**

Barberousse states that this groups helps to promote corporate social responsibility, gender equality, and other issues. She states the types of events the group holds, and what costs they would like the UTSU funding to cover. Barberousse states that the group's largest expenditures are for food and refreshments, and that they seem very dependent on UTSU funding, showing limited revenue sources.

#### **CARRIED**

#### 2.7 Oxfam UofT

MOTION Moved: Emadi Seconded: Barberousse

Be it resolved that the Oxfam UofT application for Long Term funding should be tabled.

#### **DISCUSSION**

Carlino states that this group has not applied for UTSU recognition, but that they did attend a training session.

Sajjad details their revenue and expenses including much of their revenue going to donations.

Emadi recommends that the application be tabled until the group receives recognition.

#### **CARRIED**

## 2.8 Chapter for Healthcare Improvement

MOTION Moved: Barberousse Seconded: Sajjad

Be it resolved that the Chapter for Healthcare Improvement Long Term funding application be defeated.

#### **DISCUSSION**

Emadi states that the group has a large number of expenses associated with honoraria, which cannot be covered by UTSU funding. She then states that if the honoraria is removed from the budget, the club is showing a surplus.

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#### 2.9 Sri Lankan Students Association

MOTION Moved: Emadi Seconded: Sajjad

Be it resolved that the Sri Lankan Students Association receive \$500 in Start Up Funding.

#### **DISCUSSION**

Emadi states that this is a new group on campus, requesting \$500 to cover some of their social events.

Carlino states that she had a budget consultation with this group, and that they collaborate with other Sri Lankan groups at schools across the GTA.

Sajjad states that this is a new group that could use some Start Up Funding to encourage their growth.

#### **CARRIED**

# 2.10 Emergency First Responders

MOTION Moved: Saijad Seconded: Barberousse

Be it resolved that the Emergency First Responders receive \$750 in Long Term Funding.

# **DISCUSSION**

Barberousse states that the group has a number of different functions: acting as walk-safe patrol, providing First-Aid workshops, and participating in First-Aid competitions. She states that although they don't' have a lot of confirmed revenue sources, the application is pretty detailed, and has a good membership list.

Sajjad states that there is a similar group at UTM, and it would be good to see this group grow as a resource on the St. George Campus.

#### **CARRIED**

# 2.11 Korean Canadian UofT Student Association KCUTSA

MOTION Moved: Sajjad Seconded: Barberousse

Be it resolved that KCUTSA receive \$300 in Long Term Funding.

### **DISCUSSION**

Sajjad describes the groups different social events, and that they are requesting \$1000.

Carlino states that the nature of the events seem purely social, only one academic event is listed and has no expenses associated with it.

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Sajjad states the group will likely have more revenue coming in under membership fees than is stated.

## **CARRIED**

# 2.11 LGBTOUT

MOTION Moved: Barberousse Seconded: Emadi

Be it resolved that LGBTOUT receives \$5250 in Long Term Funding.

#### DISCUSSION

Emadi states that the group has a lot of events that reach out to the UofT community as well as the GTA. She further states that they have requested much more in the past, and received \$4500 last year.

Carlino states that according to the application, the group appears to be expanding with expenses for educational resources and administrative costs, compared to purely social events.

## **CARRIED**

# 2.12 **UofT Japan Association**

MOTION Moved: Barberousse Seconded: Emadi

Be it resolved that the UofT Japan Association Long Term Funding application be defeated.

#### **DISCUSSION**

Barberousse states that the group works to make students aware of Japanese culture, through social, academic, and career oriented events. She then states that the group is requesting funding for 4 major food-based events, requesting \$404, however, that they are showing a surplus of \$411.

Carlino states that she met with this group for a budget consultation, and that they had a lot of questions about the funding process.

#### **CARRIED**

# 3. Short Term Funding

# 3.1 Journal of Undergraduate Life Sciences

MOTION Moved: Emadi Seconded: Barberousse

Be it resolved that the Journal of Undergraduate Life Sciences receive \$500 in Short Term Funding.

# **DISCUSSION**

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Carlino states that the eligibility of the group is quite high, and that they are requesting \$500, which is the maximum allocation that can be made in Short Term Funding.

Emadi states that they have a lot of revenue sources, but equally high expenses. She then states that the group is requesting the difference in their budget.

## **CARRIED**

# 4. Adjournment

MOTION Moved: Sajjad Seconded: Barberousse

The meeting is adjourned at 6:06pm.

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#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Shafquat Arefeen, Clubs Community Member proxy to Cameron Wathey
Nia Barberousse, Faculty of Music Director (exits at 1:09pm proxy to Cameron Wathey)
Vita Carlino (non-voting), Clubs and Service Groups Coordinator
Yasmeen Emadi, Vice-President Campus Life
Munib Sajjad, President (11:30am)
Lynn Scherloski, Victoria College Director proxy to Yasmeen Emadi
Peter Shao, Clubs Community Member proxy to Yasmeen Emadi
Cameron Wathey, Vice-President Internal and Services

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting is called to order at 11:21am.

# 2. Long Term Funding Applications

# 2.1 Canadian Society for Chemical Engineering

MOTION Moved: Wathey Seconded: Emadi

Be it resolved that the Canadian Society for Chemical Engineering receive \$250 in Long Term Funding.

#### **DISCUSSION**

Wathey states that they have 500 members and have presented a very detailed proposal. Caters to social, and academic needs of members. wanting to have increased funding from UTSU. States that the group has a lot of revenue coming in without UTSU.

Carlino states that they received \$400 in funding from UTSU last year, but only picked up their first insalmen, totalling \$280.

Wathey states they have a lot of other revenue sources, and were able to have a surplus last year, and they did not pick up their second UTSU cheque. Not really depending on our funding. Recommends \$250.

#### **CARRIED**

# 2.2 UofT Engineering Toastmasters

MOTION Moved: Barberousse Seconded: Sajjad

Be it resolved that the UofT Engineering Toastmasters receive \$200 in Long Term Funding.

#### **DISCUSSION**

Barberousse states that this is a public speaking group, has regular meetings where members practise giving speeches. Requesting \$250. Receive funding from EngSoc, MIE and Eng alumni.

Sajjad asks what a toastmaster is.

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Carlino states that there are Toastmaster chapters all over the world, and their aim is to help members develop their public speaking skills, which is a valuable asset.

Barberousse states she would have liked to see more description of how the group has grown from last year.

## **CARRIED**

## 2.3 Greek Students Association

MOTION Moved: Emadi Seconded: Sajjad

Be it resolved that the Greek Students Association receive \$5000 in Long Term Funding.

#### **DISCUSSION**

Emadi states that the group has grown from 100 to over 300 members, and that the membership fee of \$5 includes a tshirt, and makes most events free. Further states the group includes a number of UTSU events in their programming.

Sajjad asks how much they received last year, and then states that he has definitely seen them grow as a group on campus.

Emadi states they received \$4500 last year. She further states they follow the funding procedure very closely.

# **CARRIED**

# 2.4 Students for Optimizing and Advancing Pharmacy Endeavours

MOTION Moved: Emadi Seconded: Sajjad

Be it resolved that Students for Optimizing and Advancing Pharmacy Endeavours receive \$350 in Long Term Funding.

# **DISCUSSION**

Wathey states that this group has 513members and is a pharmacy based group, that does a lot of awareness, and advocacy work in the pharmacy industry He states that their past funding is \$364 and then details their sources of revenue, commenting that the application doesn't follow the format.

Sajjad states that the group doesn't seek corporate sponsors which is refreshing given the influence major pharmaceutical companies have.

#### **CARRIED**

## 2.5 City on the Hill

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MOTION Moved: Emadi Seconded: Barberousse

Be it resolved that City on the Hill receive \$150 in Start Up Funding.

#### DISCUSSION

Barberousse outlines the details of the groups events including bible study, community outreach, hart house farm trip, and an end of year variety show. She then states that they invite other campus clubs to the variety show, they are not requesting a specific amount, and is concerned that the application is a little vague.

Emadi states that more information is needed throughout, and that the only expenses seem to be food related.

## **CARRIED**

## 2.6 Canadian Diabetes Association UofT Chapter

MOTION Moved: Emadi Seconded: Wathey

Be it resolved that the Canadian Diabetes Association UofT Chapter receive \$200 in Long Term Funding.

#### **DISCUSSION**

Sajjad states they are a very active group that does a lot of outreach about Diabetes awareness. Requesting \$1400, most of their costs are for printing promo materials.

Emadi states that the group should be accessing UTSU in-house printing for clubs.

Carlino states they did not receive funding last year.

#### **CARRIED**

# 2.7 Global Medical Brigades

MOTION Moved: Sajjad Seconded: Emadi

Be it resolved that the Long Term Funding application for Global Medical Brigades be tabled.

#### **DISCUSSION**

Carlino describes the nature of the group, and shows a promotional video the group asked to be shown.

Emadi states the listed revenue sources.

Sajjad asks if they receive sponsorship from any medical groups.

Emadi states that they're seeking revenue from mainly UofT sources.

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Sajjad motions to table application to get more information from the group.

## **CARRIED**

#### 2.8 Medical Science Students Union

MOTION Moved: Emadi Seconded: Barberousse

Be it resolved that the Medical Science Students Union receive \$150 in Long Term Funding.

#### **DISCUSSION**

Barberousse states they are the umbrella students union for various life science students. She states that the group is requesting \$475.69, which is exactly 50% of their expenses. Barberousse states that the group is planning to target first-year students, which is very evident in their membership list.

Carlino asks what their revenue sources are.

Barberousse states that their only revenue comes from Test-prep company sponsorship.

Emadi hopes the group can show more revenue sources, but that we can match what they received last year.

## **CARRIED**

# 2.9 UofT Sports and Business Association

MOTION Moved: Sajjad Seconded: Barberousse

Be it resolved that the Sports and Business Association receive \$800 in Long Term Funding.

# **DISCUSSION**

Sajjad states that this groups budget is very detailed, and that they spend largely on a conference that they hold at the ROM. He then states that they received \$560 least year, their member list has 688 people listed, and that they are requesting \$2100.

Emadi states they are requesting about 4 times what they were allocated last year, likely because they are still a new group.

Carlino states that the group is growing, and we should increase their funding, but with caution.

#### **CARRIED**

#### 2.10 UofT Unicef

MOTION Moved: Wathey Seconded: Arefeen

Be it resolved that UofT Unicef receive \$650 in Long Term Funding.

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#### **DISCUSSION**

Wathey states they are asking for \$1800 which is their difference. They work closely with Unicef Canada, who gives \$530 to the UofT group for supplies and promo materials. Asking for a large increase form previous years, as they are increasing in membership. Most revenue is given back to Unicef as charitable donation. Wathey states concerns with how up to date their membership list, but that they do good work on campus.

Emadi states that their promotions expenses seem very high.

## **CARRIED**

## 2.11 UofT Music Clubs Initiative

MOTION Moved: Arefeen Seconded: Emadi

Be it resolved that the Long Term Funding application for the UofT Music Clubs Initiative be defeated.

#### **DISCUSSION**

Emadi states the nature of the group, and details the musical events they hold throughout the year.

Carlino states that the group recognition is pending and did not attend training.

Arefeen suggests the group get trained and can then apply for Startup Funding.

Emadi states that the application is very strong, even though they have not attended training.

Arefeen recommends that this application be defeated and that they may apply for startup after attending training.

#### CARRIED

## 2.12 Students Offering Support

MOTION Moved: Arefeen Seconded: Sajjad

Be it resolved that the Long Term Funding application for Students Offering Support be defeated.

#### **DISCUSSION**

Arefeen states that this group did not attend training, and have no past funding indicated. He then states that they have just 2 expenses, and no revenue listed.

#### **CARRIED**

## 2.13 Visual Anthropology Association

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MOTION Moved: Arefeen Seconded: Emadi

Be it resolved that the Long Term Funding application for the Visual Anthropology Association be defeated.

## **DISCUSSION**

Sajjad states the events that the group holds, and that they are requesting \$270. They received \$400 last year in Startup funding. They hold monthly movie screenings and 2 academic seminars.

Carlino states that their recognition is pending.

CARRIED Opposed: Sajjad

#### 2.14 Uoft Robotics

MOTION Moved: Sajjad Seconded: Wathey

Be it resolved that UofT Robotics receive \$550 in Long Term Funding.

## **DISCUSSION**

Wathey states that this group has recently become a levy receiving group from ENGSOC, and they are requesting \$1000.

Arefeen states the group showed profit last year.

Sajjad suggests UTSU should still support the team.

Carlino states they received \$400 in LT funding last year.

#### **CARRIED**

## 2.15 Journalists for Human Rights

MOTION Moved: Emadi Seconded: Sajjad

Be it resolved that the Long Term Funding application for Journalists for Human Rights be defeated.

## **DISCUSSION**

Emadi states that this application has no description of events, no membership lists, and the club shows no revenue in their budget.

#### **CARRIED**

#### 2.16 Kurdish Students Association

MOTION Moved: Arefeen Seconded: Emadi

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Be it resolved that the Long Term Funding application for the Kurdish Students Association be defeated.

#### **DISCUSSION**

Carlino states that this group has not submitted an application for recognition.

Arefeen states that they only listed 25 members.

#### **CARRIED**

#### 2.17 Vietnamese Students Association

MOTION Moved: Emadi Seconded: Arefeen

Be it resolved that the Vietnamese Students Association receive \$500 in Long Term Funding.

#### **DISCUSSION**

Arefeen states that he likes their application, and that they are asking for \$1200. He further states that the group is receiving local sponsorships, and that half of their events are free of charge.

Carlino states they received \$650 last year.

Arefeen states that we should fund them close to what they received last year.

Emadi states there is no clear reasoning to increase their funding.

Wathey states there is nothing in the application from last year, promotions etc.

## **CARRIED**

## 2.18 Women in Science and Engineering

MOTION Moved: Sajjad Seconded: Emadi

Be it resolved that the Long Term Funding application for Women in Science and Engineering be tabled.

#### **DISCUSSION**

Emadi states the revenue sources for the group, which includes support from the engineering department, as well as corporate sponsorship.

Carlino states that the group is not currently recognized.

Sajjad recommends we review their application once they are recognized.

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#### 2.19 Taiwan ROCSAUT

MOTION Moved: Sajjad Seconded: Emadi

Be it resolved that the Long Term Funding application for Taiwan ROCSAUT be defeated.

## **DISCUSSION**

Sajjad stated that the group is requesting \$4400, and that they are showing a profit of over \$2000.

# **CARRIED**

# 2.20 Fly With Origami Learn to Dream (FOLD)

MOTION Moved: Wathey Seconded: Emadi

Be it resolved that FOLD receive \$300 in Long Term Funding.

## **DISCUSSION**

Wathey states that this application ie very extensive, lots of photos of past and present events. They are requesting funding to cover their difference. Most of their expenses are for different types of paper.

## **CARRIED**

# 2.21 Brain Day Association

MOTION Moved: Sajjad Seconded: Emadi

Be it resolved that Brain Day Association receive \$375 in Long Term Funding.

## **DISCUSSION**

Emadi explains what Brain Day is, and that they are requesting \$1500. She then states that their advertising budget is quite high and that they could reduce printing costs.

Carlino asks what types of costs are associated with their events.

Emadi states food, brochures and manuals.

# **CARRIED**

## 2.22 UofT Touching Lives Overseas

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**MOTION** Moved: Sajjad Seconded: Emadi Be it resolved that UofT Touching Life Overseas receives \$100 in Long Term Funding.

#### **DISCUSSION**

Sajjad describes all the different social events this group holds, most of which are free or low-cost. The group raises money to fund a school in rural China. They are requesting \$760 and didn't receive funding last year.

Sajjad recommends \$100.

#### **CARRIED**

#### 2.23 BRAZUCA

MOTION Moved: Sajjad Seconded: Emadi

Be it resolved that BRAZUCA receive \$300 in Long Term Funding.

## **DISCUSSION**

Wathey states this group works to spread Brazilian culture. They hold social events, and participated in the UTSU XAO Capoeria.

Carlino states this group is eligible for just over \$300 and they received \$200 in funding last year.

## **CARRIED**

## 2.24 Sustainable Engineers Association

MOTION Moved: Sajjad Seconded: Emadi

Be it resolved that the Sustainable Engineers Association receive \$200 in Long Term Funding.

## **DISCUSSION**

Sajjad states that they receive a lot of funding from engineering departments, and a large UTERN grant. Expenses include a lot of gifts for events, which we won't cover.

#### **CARRIED**

# 2.25 The Spectatorial

MOTION Moved: Emadi Seconded: Sajjad

Be it resolved that The Spectatorial receive \$400 in Start Up Funding.

#### **DISCUSSION**

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Carlino states that this is a new group, that publishes an academic journal. She states that she met with them for a budget consultation because this is their first time applying for funding.

Emadi states that we should fund this group startup and evaluate how they grow in subsequent years.

## **CARRIED**

#### **2.26 CUBE**

MOTION Moved: Saijad Seconded: Emadi

Be it resolved that CUBE receive \$450 in Long Term Funding.

#### **DISCUSSION**

Emadi identifies many gifts given by the group in their expenses, removing those items, their difference is just over \$500.

Wathey states that he had a budget consultation with the group before handing in the app. He states they are a great club, and have stepped up their application from previous years. He then explains that there is no specific Bio-Medical Engineering department at UofT.

Emadi states their mandate is to disseminate knowledge pertaining to the medical field, which is a very broad statement.

#### **CARRIED**

#### **2.27 WATCH**

MOTION Moved: Sajjad Seconded: Emadi

Be it resolved that WATCH receive \$700 in Long Term Funding.

#### **DISCUSSION**

Sajjad states this is a group that fundraises for inner-city youth in Toronto. He then states that they are requesting \$1000 and have 219 members, and that their expenses are reasonable.

Carlino explains that their largest event is their Holiday dinner.

#### **CARRIED**

# 2.28 Pakistani Students Federation

MOTION Moved: Wathey Seconded: Emadi

Be it resolved that the Pakistani Students Federation receive \$1500 in Long Term Funding.

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## **DISCUSSION**

Emadi states that this club is requesting \$5000 however they are only eligible for \$3587. She recommends an increase to the \$1000 they received last year. She states that this group has focused on a more diverse set of events this year, targeting a larger number of both members and non-members.

Wathey states they show the use of many promotional services the union offers clubs, and are cutting costs for promotion this way.

Emadi suggests allocating a \$500 increase from their allocation last year, to specifically cover their promotions regarding the Eid dinner which was a great success this year.

#### **CARRIED**

# 2.29 Indian Students Society

MOTION Moved: Sajjad Seconded: Emadi

Be it resolved that the Indian Students Society receive \$1000 in Long Term Funding.

#### **DISCUSSION**

Emadi states their events are almost identical to those hosted last year and suggests the same amount be allocated of \$1000. This is much closer to their \$2120 deficit versus the \$4400 that they are eligible for.

# **CARRIED**

#### 2.30 Hindu Students Council

MOTION Moved: Sajjad Seconded: Emadi

Be it resolved that the Hindu Students Council receive \$2500 in Long Term Funding.

## **DISCUSSION**

Sajjad states that this club is eligible for \$3120 but is requesting \$3500.

Emadi states that this is group is very active on campus and more often than not collaborate with many other campus groups on many of their larger scale events. She states that \$2500 would cover the majority of their expenses.

#### **CARRIED**

#### 2.31 Skule Orchestra

MOTION Moved: Wathey Seconded: Emadi

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Be it resolved that Skule Orchestra receive \$750 in Long Term Funding.

## **DISCUSSION**

Emadi states that the symphony includes 60 student performers.

Carlino states they received \$750 last year, and this year are showing a similar deficit.

Wathey states its a pretty good application. He states that it would be great to have tickets to their concerts, perhaps as prizes or giveaways to members.

#### **CARRIED**

## 2.32 UofT Badminton Club

MOTION Moved: Saijad Seconded: Emadi

Be it resolved that the UofT Badminton Club receive \$400 in Start Up Funding.

#### **DISCUSSION**

Wathey states the group is requesting \$2362.83, which is their difference.

Emadi is shocked by the high price of renting courtspace at the UofT Athletic Centre.

#### **CARRIED**

#### 2.33 Neuroscience Journal

MOTION Moved: Sajjad Seconded: Emadi

Be it resolved that the Long Term Funding application for the Neuroscience Journal be defeated.

## **DISCUSSION**

Emadi states this group has only one source of revenue which is stated as fundraising, with no more detail provided. The application does not have a lot of detail. Their total expenses are \$189.

## CARRIED

## 2.34 Uoft Ironsports

MOTION Moved: Emadi Seconded: Sajjad

Be it resolved that UofT Iron Sports receive \$350 in Long Term Funding.

# **DISCUSSION**

Emadi states they received \$300 last year.

Carlino asks what Ironsports is/does?

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Emadi states that it consists of sports, weightlifting, health. She then states that their expenses are associated with recruitment, seminars, contests, training days. States that this application is very good.

# **CARRIED**

# 3. Adjournment

MOTION Moved: Sajjad Seconded: Emadi

The meeting is adjourned at 5:03pm.

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#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Nia Barberousse, Faculty of Music Director proxy to Yasmeen Emadi Vita Carlino (non-voting), Clubs and Service Groups Coordinator Yasmeen Emadi, Vice-President Campus Life Munib Sajjad, President proxy to Yasmeen Emadi Peter Shao, Clubs Community Member Shafqat Arefeen, Clubs Community Member (1:24pm)

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting is called to order at 12:52pm.

# 2. Long Term Funding Applications

## 2.1 Social Spark

**MOTION** Moved: Shao Seconded: Emadi Be it resolved the Social Spark received \$250 in Start Up funding.

#### **DISCUSSION**

Shao states that this group has 3 events throughout the year: a speaker series, case challenge, and social venture challenge. He states that this groups purpose is to engage youth, and spread knowledge about social issue. States that the application is very well written.

Carlino states that this is a fairly new group, and that they haven't received funding in the past.

Shao states that the group is planning on paying for expenses out of pocket if they can't cover them through other revenue sources.

Emadi is cautious to grant the group more than \$500 as this is their first time receiving funding.

#### **CARRIED**

#### 2.2 Sol Music

MOTION Moved: Emadi Seconded: Shao

Be it resolved that Sol Music receive \$700 in Long Term Funding.

#### **DISCUSSION**

Emadi states this group has a lot of expenses associated with photocopying, binding, sheet music. She then states that they are proposing more events and programming than they have done in previous years, and are wanting an increase in funding to reflect that.

Carlino states that this group had a budget consultation with Cameron Wathey, Vp Internal.

Emadi states that this group was last funded in 2011 and received \$350.

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## **CARRIED**

## 2.3 Mandarin Chinese Christian Fellowship

MOTION Moved: Shao Seconded: Arefeen

Be it resolved that the Mandarin Chinese Christian Fellowship receive \$600 in Long Term Funding.

#### **DISCUSSION**

Shao states that last year the group received \$300. HE says that their budget looks good, but has high costs for gifts, and that they are losing guite a bit of money on their winter retreat.

Emadi states that they are requesting \$2000, which is quite a lot more than they received last year.

Shao states that the club budgets for a number of birthday cakes, presumably for member celebrations.

Arefeen recommends that they could be charging admission for some of their events.

#### **CARRIED**

# 2.4 UofT Italian Canadian Association (UTICA)

MOTION Moved: Emadi Seconded: Shao

Be it resolved that UTICA receive \$3000 in Long Term Funding.

# **DISCUSSION**

Emadi states that the group has quite a large membership base, are fully eligible for funding and received \$3000 last year. Emadi then states the types of revenue and expenses shown in the groups' budget. She states that if the alcohol expense listed is removed, the group is eligible for around \$3300, which is their difference.

Shao states that the venue costs listed could be subsidized completely.

#### **CARRIED**

#### 2.5 Minds in Math

MOTION Moved: Emadi Seconded: Arefeen

Be it resolved that Minds in Math receive \$500 in Start Up Funding.

#### **DISCUSSION**

Arefeen states that the groups' application is very detailed in regards to how much funding will be used in each of their events and that their largest expense is for office space in Scarborough.

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Carlino states that she met with this group for a budget consultation, and that the office space in Scarborough as that is where their clubs work is based, reaching out to students there.

Emadi states that this is a new group, and that a lot of their expenses could likely be reduced.

## **CARRIED**

## 2.5 Christian Students at UofT

MOTION Motion: Arefeen Seconded: Emadi

Be it resolved that the Christian Students at UofT Long Term Funding application be defeated.

#### **DISCUSSION**

Shao states that the group is requesting exactly their difference in funding, which is \$375.

Carlino states that the group received \$100 in funding last year from UTSU.

Shao states that the group has 3 events, and they are listing the exact same expenses each time, all for food and refreshments.

Carlino states that it might be better for the group to apply for short term funding once they have more details about their programming for the year.

Emadi states that she agrees that would be a nice idea.

#### **CARRIED**

#### 2.6 UofT Jiu Jitsu Club

MOTION Moved: Emadi Seconded: Arefeen

Be it resolved that the UofT Jiu Jitsu Club receive \$300 in Start Up Funding.

# **DISCUSSION**

Arefeen states that this group doesn't really have any revenue, they have 30 members, and they haven't received funding in the past. He further states that they are eligible for \$4500, and most of their expenses are for transportation and fees for various tournaments that members participate.

Carlino asks if they do any other events, outreach, or jiu jitsu demonstrations?

Arefeen states that no other such expenses are listed, they are essentially a Jiu Jitsu team.

Emadi recommends a participation fee for members, but that we could allocate some startup funds to help with transportation costs.

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# 2.7 Web Development Club

MOTION Moved: Arefeen Seconded: Shao

Be it resolved that the Web Development Club receive \$100 in Start Up funding.

#### **DISCUSSION**

Emadi states that this is the first time the Web Development club has applied for funding. She states that the majority of UTSU funds would go toward their "Expo Event", and that their other expenses are basically for food, promotions, and their online server.

Carlino states that the group has a great mandate, but that their revenue sources are lacking.

Shao suggests that the group could look in to online ad sales.

#### **CARRIED**

## 2.8 Students Fighting Cancer

MOTION Moved: Emadi Seconded: Shao

Be it resolved that Students Fighting Cancer receive \$500 in Long Term Funding.

## **DISCUSSION**

Shao states the group has a difference of \$600, they are requesting \$500, and are eligible for \$1100. Shao then states that they host an international food fair, a Shave-a-Thon, and engage a lot of students, and different campus clubs.

Emadi states they received \$550 last year.

Carlino clarifies that the \$550 received last year was from external funding, and not UTSU funding.

Shao states that the group makes a lot of charitable donations.

## **CARRIED**

## 2.9 Eyes of Hope

MOTION Moved: Arefeen Seconded: Emadi

Be it resolved that Eyes of Hope receive \$500 in Long Term Funding.

## **DISCUSSION**

Shao states that this group does a lot of Habitat for Humanity builds.

Carlino states that although there is Habitat for Humanity UofT club, other charitable clubs on campus will also often participate in Habitat builds.

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Shao states that they have revenue from pizza sales, and bake sales, but most of their revenue isn't confirmed. Shao further states that the group is showing a \$857 difference.

Emadi states that the group is requesting \$800.

Carlino states that the group received \$460 last year.

#### **CARRIED**

# 2.10 UofT Taekwando Organization (UTTO)

MOTION Moved: Emadi Seconded: Shao

Be it resolved that UTTO receive \$600 in Long Term Funding.

## **DISCUSSION**

Emadi states that the group is requesting their difference, \$1632, and that she sees this group everywhere on campus. She states that the group travels around a lot to local tournaments, but that the listed gas prices seem a bit high.

Arefeen states that this group has members that also participate with Hart House martial arts groups.

Carlino states that the group is well organized, seems to be growing well, and would like to see an increase in funding from last year.

## **CARRIED**

## 2.11 VIDA

MOTION Moved: Arefeen Seconded: Emadi

Be it resolved that the Long Term Funding application for VIDA be tabled.

## **DISCUSSION**

Arefeen states that this group received \$400 last year, but that they are not recognized for this year. He further states that they make \$500 revenue from bake sales, and are requesting \$4600 this year.

Carlino states that because they are not recognized, we cannot allocate funds until the group becomes approved.

## **CARRIED**

## 2.12 UofT Soccer Association

MOTION Moved: Emadi Seconded: Arefeen

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Be it resolved that the UofT Soccer Association receive \$400 in Start Up Funding.

#### **DISCUSSION**

Emadi states that most of their events are for soccer enthusiasts, not necessarily advanced soccer players. She states they hold regular pickup games, hold viewing parties for soccer matches, and other social events.

Carlino states that this is a new group, and that the group is eligible for just a bit more than the difference they are showing in their budget

## **CARRIED**

## 2.13 New College New Dragons

MOTION Moved: Arefeen Seconded: Shao

Be it resolved that the Long Term Funding application for the New College New Dragons be defeated.

## **DISCUSSION**

Arefeen states that the group did not apply for recognition, and did not attend training.

## **CARRIED**

## 2.14 Applied Architecture, Landscape and Design at UofT

MOTION Moved: Shao Seconded: Emadi

Be it resolved that the Long Term Funding application for Applied Architecture, Landscape and Design at UofT be tabled.

## **DISCUSSION**

Shao states that the group has not attended a training session this year.

#### **CARRIED**

# 2.15 Bio-Engineering Student Association

MOTION Moved: Emadi Seconded: Arefeen

Be it resolved that the Long Term Funding application for the Bio-Engineering Student Association be tabled.

## **DISCUSSION**

Carlino states that the groups UTSU recognition is pending, and they did not attend training.

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# 2.16 Agape Impact

MOTION Moved: Emadi Seconded: Shao

Be it resolved that Agape Impact receive \$350 in Long Term Funding.

#### **DISCUSSION**

Emadi explains the groups mandate.

Arefeen questions the expenses listed for birthday cakes.

Emadi states that the group is eligible for \$2255.

Carlino states that their highest expense is to send members to a conference, for which we can recommend they apply for Individual Academic Endeavors.

#### **CARRIED**

#### 2.17 Mature Students Association

MOTION Moved: Arefeen Seconded: Emadi

Be it resolved that the Long Term Funding application of the Mature Students Association be tabled.

# **DISCUSSION**

Carlino states that this group is not recognized, which is quite unusual. She further states that the group is based out of Woodsworth College, is very active, and frequently collaborates with UTSU and other campus groups.

Arefeen suggests that we still look over the application, but not allocate any funds until they become recognized.

Emadi states that the group receives base funding from WCSA, and are requesting UTSU funding to cover their entertainment and speaker fees.

## **CARRIED**

# 2.18 Organization of Latin American Students (OLAS)

MOTION Moved: Emadi Seconded: Shao

Be it resolved that OLAS receive \$2180 in Long Term Funding.

#### **DISCUSSION**

Emadi states that the group is requesting less than what they received last year.

Shao states the group is requesting their difference of \$2180.

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Emadi details the regular events that the group has, including social, athletic, undergrad research days, and career oriented events. She further states that OLAS collaborates with a lot of other groups on campus.

#### **CARRIED**

## 2.19 Nigerian Students Association

MOTION Moved: Emadi Seconded: Arefeen

Be it resolved that the Nigerian Students Association receive \$1000 in Long Term Funding.

#### **DISCUSSION**

Carlino states that this group is new, and that she met with them for a budget consultation.

Emadi states that their revenue comes from ticket sales, and that they have high expenses.

Carlino states that she believes the group is based out of New College.

Emadi describes all the different programming that the group does, including collaborating with other campuses.

## **CARRIED**

## 2.20 Afghan Students Association

MOTION Moved: Emadi Seconded: Arefeen

Be it resolved that the Afghan Students Association receive \$600 in Long Term Funding.

# DISCUSSION

Shao states that their difference is \$3300, and that their largest expense is the venue rental for their formal, which hosts 200 people.

Carlino asks about their revenue sources.

Shao states the revenue sources are ticket sales from events.

Carlino states that last year the group had more, and varied events last year in their funding application, and that they received \$886 in funding.

## **CARRIED**

# 2.21 Pakistan Development Fund

MOTION Moved: Emadi Seconded: Arefeen

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Be it resolved that the Pakistan Development Fund receive \$1000 in Long Term Funding.

## **DISCUSSION**

Carlino describes the nature of the group, including the charitable work they do, giving money back to Pakistan, supporting safe-drinking water initiatives, as well as a local maternity ward in Rawalpindi. She further states that last year they received \$1200 in funding, and that this year they are requesting funding to ensure they can donate as much of their revenue as possible.

Arefeen states that they should include donated amounts clearly in their expenses.

Emadi recommends \$1000.

#### **CARRIED**

## 2.22 UofT Mosaic

MOTION Motion: Arefeen Seconded: Shao

Be it resolved that UofT Mosaic receive \$600 in Long Term Funding.

## **DISCUSSION**

Arefeen states that their application is very good, but it's unclear as to what the group does.

Carlino describes the mandate of the group, and states that she met with them for a budget consultation and tried to recommend ways to cut some of their expenses.

Arefeen states that a lot of their projected expenses seem inflated, and will likely decrease.

# **CARRIED**

# 3. Adjournment

MOTION Moved: Arefeen Seconded: Emadi

The meeting is adjourned at 4:50pm.