

# **University of Toronto Students' Union**

**Local 98, Canadian Federation of Students**

## **Board of Directors Package #4**

**For the meeting of  
Tuesday, August 23, 2011**

**119 Woodsworth College  
St. George Campus  
6 pm**

# AGENDA

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION Moved: C. Scott Seconded: Sandhu

Be it resolved that the agenda for the August 23, 2011 U.T.S.U. Board of Directors meeting be approved as presented.

3. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

MOTION Moved: C. Scott Seconded: Sandhu

Be it resolved that the U.T.S.U. Board of Directors approve the Executive Reports as presented at the August, 2011 Board meeting.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION Moved: C. Scott Seconded: Sandhu

Be it resolved that the August 23, 2011 minutes package including the following documents be approved by the U.T.S.U. Board of Directors:

- a. Board of Directors (2011-2012), July 19
- b. Executive Committee, July 22, 29 August 8, 12
- c. Academic and Student Rights Commission, July 25
- d. Social Justice and Equity Commission, July14, 28
- e. Sustainability Commission, August 10
- f. Professional Faculties Committee, August11
- g. Organisational and Services Development Committee, August 10
- h. Clubs Committee, Jul 27, August 12
- i. Budget Committee, August 2

5. APPROVAL OF BUDGET PRIORITIES

MOTION Moved: C. Scott Seconded: Sandhu

Be it resolved that the budget priorities (2011-2012) for the Social Justice and Equity Commission be approved as presented by the U.T.S.U Board of Directors

6. FYI- ORIENTATION UniTe! REPORT

7. FYI- NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

8. OTHER BUSINESS

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9. ADJOURNMENT

## RULES OF ORDER AT A GLANCE

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

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# **Executive Reports**

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**Vice-President University Affairs**  
**Vice-President Internal and Services**

## **Executive Report – August 23, 2011**

### **Danielle Sandhu – President**

#### **Executive Summary:**

- 1) Mississauga Academy of Medicine, UTM Campus Services**
- 2) Take It Over Campaign**
- 3) Joint executive meeting with SCSU and UTMSU**
- 4) Student Commons update**
- 5) UNITE! Orientation Planning**

#### **1. Mississauga Academy of Medicine (MAM), UTM Campus Services**

We have been working closely with the UTMSU and the Medical Society to develop a process that would see the MAM students gaining access to UTM campus services as well as the services provided by our sister students' union, the UTMSU. This is in recognition of requests from MAM students who are St. George affiliated students but who will complete their program on the Mississauga campus, to have access to these services.

In the long term, as more faculties based at the St. George campus expand to the Mississauga and Scarborough campuses, the process for determining registrarial affiliation may need to change. We are working with the University administration to review policies and develop a process to move forward. However, in the interim, UTSU, UTMSU and Medical Society representatives have met with President Naylor, Vice-Provost Students, Jill Matus, and Principal at UTM, Deep Saini, to outline a process for services to be provided to MAM students through the appropriate bodies for the 2011-2012 year. For campus services, there must be a discussion at the Council on Student Services (COSS), and Quality Services to Students (QSS), the sister process at UTM, to approve access to UTM campus services by the MAM students.

#### **2. Take It Over Campaign**

The Take it Over campaign is an educational campaign promoting issues in post secondary education leading up to the provincial elections. From the campaign videos, to doing outreach on campus and in our community, it's been very exciting to engage community members in the campaign. Our campus coalition has been meeting on a weekly basis, on Tuesdays at 3 pm in Sid Smith, to develop ideas for hosting events, doing outreach and making sure that student voices are heard in the election on October 6<sup>th</sup>. On August 11, 2011, we hosted "Chalk-It-Up" on College street between King's College Circle and University Avenue. We invited members of the UofT community to chalk their message from the campus to Queen's Park and share the issues that mattered most to them in the upcoming election. We saw a diversity of issues expressed, and lots of messages pertaining to issues of access to post-secondary education. A video of the action was produced, which will be circulated shortly.

We will continue to work throughout the rest of summer and into the Fall season to ensure that funding for post-secondary education is a priority in the election. We will continue to do outreach on campus and in the community, working with our local coalition members as well as student unions across the city and province.



Congratulations to all of the board members, associates and volunteers who have contributed to an amazing start to the campaign!

### **3. Joint Executive Meeting with the SCSU and UTMSU**

On Friday, August 5, the Executive Committee met with the executive committee members of our sister students' unions, the Scarborough Campus Students' Union (SCSU) and University of Toronto Mississauga Students' Union (UTMSU). We met to discuss our key priorities and objectives for the year, as well as the means for us to work collaboratively. We discussed plans for tri-campus events and programming to be held throughout the year, as well as joint advocacy-based initiatives. A major concern for all three unions was the lack of transparency and accountability in University governance. Each union shared its commitment to working closely to represent the undergraduate student body at various levels of governance and ensuring that the University is acting in the best interest of students. We will continue to meet with our sister student unions regularly throughout the year to continue collaborating on common interests.

### **4. Student Commons Update**

We are continuing to work closely with our legal counsel and the University's legal counsel to finalise the operating agreement for the Student Commons. We are working to ensure that the fundamental needs and interests of our members are reflected in the final version of the agreement.

We have also been meeting with stakeholder groups, including our levy groups who will have offices in the Student Commons building, to discuss plans for the space. This includes discussions around space allocation and space use, and how best to coordinate the needs and facilities for each group.

### **5. UNITE!: Orientation Planning**

We have received an update from Facilities and Services pertaining to the costs of hosting orientation on campus. Thus far, the preliminary costs suggested are in line with the costs incurred by the Union in previous years. We are still pursuing the waiver from the Vice-Provost Students office, without the compromise of the goals of the Union and our members.

Our orientation team is extremely excited for UTSU Orientation. We are now in the last stages of logistical planning for our clubs day, parade, concert and after party. All UTSU orientation events are open to the full membership, not just our first year students. UTSU orientation is a great way for our members to get connected to on-campus resources, student clubs, and the Union. Not only is it a great way to discover ways to get involved, but we are also looking for volunteers for UTSU orientation events. If you are looking to develop leadership skills and gain experience by helping with the orientation events, please email [volunteer@utsu.ca](mailto:volunteer@utsu.ca). Members can also get involved with our alternative orientations. For details, please visit our new orientation website, [www.orientation.utsu.ca](http://www.orientation.utsu.ca).

Looking forward to seeing everyone at UTSU Orientation! Don't miss our concert headliner, the Sam Roberts Band!

Respectfully submitted,

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## **Executive Report- August 23, 2011**

### **Albi Aziz- Vice-President Campus Life**

#### **Executive Summary:**

- 1) UNITE! Orientation Planning**
- 2) Caribana Food Fair**
- 3) Commuter Student Orientation**
- 4) Campus Life Commission**
- 5) Clubs Executive Training**
- 6) Clubs Recognition**
- 7) Summer Funding**

#### **1. UNITE! Orientation Planning**

Planning for Orientation is progressing very well and members are becoming excited about the programming. Earlier this month, we announced the concert artist for Orientation: Sam Roberts Band! Our 2-day programming is also getting a lot of support from the divisions and campus groups who understand the need to share our volunteers and logistical work for the events. Our online marketing is building up through the Facebook event page and website launch: [orientation.utsu.ca](http://orientation.utsu.ca). As well, print materials have been delivered and will be going up shortly throughout all campuses. Our Clubs Fair registration has closed earlier this year as all the spots have been taken up by our campus groups very early! All of our materials are arriving just in time for kit stuffing. It is very promising that there is so much anticipation for frosh week. Please contact me if you would like to get involved.

#### **2. Caribana Food Fair**

On Monday July 25<sup>th</sup>, we co-hosted a Caribana Food Fair: JUMP UP! by collaborating with campus groups, volunteers, associates, and staff, we had a tremendous turnout of students coming out to Sidney Smith patio for delicious food items that encompassed the afro- and indo-Caribbean cultures. We also had live music, a UTSU outreach table, a UTM volunteer in masquerade costume for photo ops, and received an overwhelming amount of feedback for the program. Special thanks to all the volunteers, staff, board members, campus groups, and Shaun Poon (our UTSU events associate) for helping make this event a great success!

#### **3. Commuter Students Orientation Planning**

Commuter Students Orientation has been scheduled for Tuesday September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Along with our excellent events planning team, we are finalizing logistics and sponsorship of programming that will greatly benefit the off-campus community. To date, the programming includes a reception, BBQ, scavenger hunt, and an off-campus social. We will also need the help of volunteers throughout all the alternative orientation programs.

#### **4. Upcoming Campus Life Commission Meeting**

A notice of the fourth commission meeting will be circulated shortly where we will be striking various working groups. Notification of the meeting will be sent through our list-servs and online promotions.



Some topics to be discussed will include planning for Blue & White Spirit Week, Halloweek, and the Unity Ball Semi-Formal.

## **5. Clubs Executive Training**

We have hosted three Clubs Executive training sessions to date, with the most recent one being on Saturday August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011. With over 100 attendees, we have received positive feedback and engagements through the various sessions. We look forward to the future training sessions, and find it extremely exciting to be able to meet with our leaders on campus who are so determined to improve the student environment. The dates for the next Clubs Executive Training sessions will be announced shortly.

## **6. Clubs Recognition**

The U.T.S.U. clubs recognition process is ongoing. As the month of September fast approaches, many clubs are communicating with the UTSU regarding the services and resources that we have available to them. It is great to see and hear about the events that are planned by clubs this year, and I look forward to the diversity of them all. Again, there is a set drop-in time for club members: Tuesdays between 12:00 – 2:00 PM to consult with the Vice-President Campus Life for any budget proposals, constitution reviews, event planning, etc.

## **7. Summer Clubs Funding**

Summer Funding has been allocated at our two Clubs Committee meetings. Twenty four groups applied this year, for a wide array of events: from BBQ's, dance shows, to socials. The minutes for the Clubs Committee are enclosed in the package.

In Solidarity,

Albi Aziz  
Vice-President Campus Life  
University of Toronto Students' Union  
Local 98, Canadian Federation of Students



## Executive Report – August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011 Vice-President Equity – Lena Elamin

### Executive summary

1. **International Student's Orientation: UTSU and Centre for International Experience (CIE) collaboration**
2. **WUSC Student Updates**
3. **Religious Conference and MultiFaith Centre (MFC) Collaboration**
4. **Social Justice and Equity Fair**
5. **Fundraiser: Famine in Somalia**
6. **Equity Garden Report**
7. **General Membership inquiries**

#### 1. **International Students' Orientation + Further Collaboration**

We are very much looking forward to our joint International Students' Orientation between UTSU and the Centre for International Experience. The Union had a meeting with Holly Luffman, the Assistant Director of CIE, where we discussed ways in which UTSU and CIE can work together to accommodate and cater to the needs of incoming international students. The programming will include session on how to get involved, international students essentials, UHIP/Health services academic advising, social and cultural sessions, neighbourhood walking and campus tours as well as a reception to end the two-week orientation period. The Orientation will begin August 29<sup>th</sup> and will end September 9<sup>th</sup>. There will be no programming on September 5<sup>th</sup>, as it is Labour Day.

The CIE is keen on collaborating on more events that will benefit the international student community and provide a hub for them where they can socialize. Events include but are not limited to; entertainment, educational and advocacy events.

*If folks are interested in volunteering for the upcoming International Students' Orientation please contact me at [vpequity@utsu.ca](mailto:vpequity@utsu.ca).*

#### 2. **WUSC Student Updates**

We have recently received updates from WUSC Ottawa that our perspective WUSC student will arrive within the last two weeks of August. He was set to arrive in Canada on Monday August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Over the last two weeks we have been preparing for the student's arrival, arranging his residence, managing a welcome package and accommodating for his needs. If members are interested in meeting and socializing with our perspective student or are interested in being a part of the Union's Student Refugee Committee, Please contact with me at [vpequity@utsu.ca](mailto:vpequity@utsu.ca) for more details.

#### 3. **Religious Conference**

We are pleased to report that we have been making progress about the religious conference opportunity. I have been overseeing with clubs with some faith based clubs as well as the MFC (Multi-faith Centre) The overall purpose of the conference is to foster an atmosphere where faith-based groups on campus can join together and provide teachings as well as demonstrate unity and a spirit of collaboration amongst all faiths-based clubs and religious groups on campus. I had the pleasure of meeting with Richard



Chambers, the Director of the Multi-Faith Centre. He welcomes this idea and is closely collaborating with me in communicating with Faith-based groups and facilitating meetings between the faith-based groups on campus. The conference is intended to accommodate for interested faith-based groups a lecture style consisting of prominent speakers from different faiths who will come together on the topic of a theme that will be determined once the planning committee has met and discussed topics of interest. The set tentative date for the event is around early March, UTSU will be working closely with MFC and faith-based clubs to produce an educationally interactive conference.

Once again any members interested in participating or have ideas or simply have inquiries, please do not hesitate to contact me at [vpequity@utsu.ca](mailto:vpequity@utsu.ca)

#### **4. Social Justice and Equity Fair**

There have been major developments in the event organized jointly between New College's Equity Director, Michelle Galluzzo and the Education and Philanthropy Director, Carmelle Cuizon. A date has been tentatively set around mid October and location of choice is Sid Smith hall. The logistics and event strategy is yet to be finalized, but the overall purpose of the fair is to increase awareness to the social justice and equity based initiatives on campus.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or inquiries.

#### **5. Fundraiser to eradicate famine in Southern Somalia**

*An excerpt from the United Nations News:*

- According to sources from the UN news, On July 20<sup>th</sup> 2011, The United Nations has declared a famine in two areas of southern Somalia as the region suffers the worst drought in more than half a century.

"Every day of delay in assistance is literally a matter of life or death for children and their families in the famine-affected areas," said Mark Bowden, the UN Humanitarian Coordinator for Somalia. It is the first time since 1991-92 that the UN has declared famine in a part of Somalia.

Famine is declared when acute malnutrition rates among children exceed 30 per cent, more than two people per every 10,000 die per day, and people are not able to access food and other basic necessities, according to the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA).

For more information please visit:

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=39086&Cr=Somali&Cr1=>

Together with New college and other interested groups and clubs, we are looking forward to organising an immediate relief fundraiser or money collection to transfer funds and support across the sea in the worst drought seen in decades. At the start of the school year we will be organizing a food drive to assist the millions of individuals in dire need of help.

If folks are interested in becoming part of this initiative or have ideas for fundraising etc, please do not hesitate to contact me immediately at [vpequity@utsu.ca](mailto:vpequity@utsu.ca).

#### **6. Equity Garden Report**

The Garden Coordinator started 5 weeks ago. The last 5 weeks have focused on ripping out the garden, preparing soil, and planting. So far we have planted: 18 tomato plants, 13 cucumber plants, 12 pepper plants, carrots, peas, onions, beets, bush beans, and a variety of herbs including rosemary, different



varieties of basil, and parsley. Harvesting will likely begin in a month. The beans, tomatoes and cucumbers will keep producing food well into the fall. Another group of beans will be planted this week in batches to stagger the harvests, so that there will be food coming out of the garden more regularly. Plans for workshops include starting a seed bank and perhaps doing some videos for our YouTube account on canning and growing indoor plants. More research has to be done on these before concrete plans are made, however during the first month of the garden the focus is on soil preparation and planting. We plan to start workshops in the next month.

## 7. General Members Inquiries

We are happy to report that aside from the general advocacy and equity based work I have been handling, We have received a number of inquiries, emails and meeting requests from members about UTSU, our services and opportunities to get involved. It is wonderful to see so many students enthusiastic to get involved with campaigns, events and initiatives as well as raise concerns and develop more ways to advocate for student rights, accessibility and inclusivity on campus. We are proud of our general members and the lead they have chosen to take for the incoming academic year. We are looking forward to working with you and fellow members in the near future.

*Your friend in solidarity, lena*

*Peace&Love*



## Executive Report- August 23, 2011 Shaun-Shepherd- Vice-President External

### Executive Summary:

- 1. Chalk it Up – August 11, 2011**
- 2. Irie Festival Outreach – July 30, 2011**
- 3. Take it Over Campaign Update**
- 4. DisOrientation Planning**

#### 1. Chalk it Up – August 11, 2011

On August 11th, we hosted "Chalk it Up" as a component of the Take it Over campaign. There were two overarching goals for the event. First we wanted to design an introductory initiative that would engage and empower students with a sense of unity and community. Second, the event itself should be an opportunity for students and community members to express their concerns regarding the provincial government's role in their student experience. The event drew in passersby willing to share their messages by chalking them up.

Overall, we received positive feedback and there was much public support, as passersby welcomed the opportunity to chalk up messages in solidarity with current students. Chalk it Up drew media attention from the CBC, News Talk, BlogUT, local Chinese radio, and The Grid.

#### 2. Irie Musical Festival-July 30, 2011

On Saturday July 30, we committed to a day of Take it Over outreach at the Irie Music festival in Queen's Park. The day was filled with discussions with event attendees about student issues. The public response was favourable as we were able to engage in discussions on a broad range of student issues, including but not limited to: differential fee systems for international and professional students, the realities of per-student funding in Ontario, the challenge of health care for international students, student housing rights, and transit concerns. The public was receptive to our concerns and many vowed to spread the message and take student issues to the polls when voting.

#### 3. Take it Over Campaign Update

We have been committed to hosting weekly Take it Over coalition meetings which are being held on Tuesdays at 3 pm in Sid Smith. The coalition is the working group for the campaign where discussions and suggestions will be heard and volunteers will be contributing to the organizing for the campaign. The coalition has been the group from which the following completed initiatives have originated: Chalk it Up, UofT specific campaign materials, the Take it Over Post-It Board, and finally the Take it Over Twitter Board. You can find images of the post-it and twitter board below.





#### 4. DisOrientation – Ongoing

DisOrientation is scheduled from September 17<sup>th</sup> to September 23<sup>rd</sup>. This orientation is an introduction to the world of social activism, and is open to all students. We have been collaborating with O.P.I.R.G. – UofT to develop programming. The events list is as follows:

- Anti-Oppression Workshop
  - An introductory workshop on power and hegemony, and how these forces intersect in oppressive relationships.
- Monkey Wrenching Workshop
  - This workshop will introduce students to strikes, occupations, and sit-ins as tools for change.
- Sexual Violence Workshop
  - The workshop will discuss consent, and the role consent plays in our personal relationships, taking into consideration the challenges of particular communities.
- 9/11: a 10 year anniversary retrospective
  - This presentation will look at how the political landscape has been affected by the events of September 11<sup>th</sup>. The discussion will take the form of a retrospective.
- Union Busting and the Anti-Labour Movement
  - An introduction to the role of unions, as well as the current political climate regarding unions as viewed through different perspectives.
- The Language of Politics: Austerity
  - A presentation analyzing a single word: “austerity”. What does it mean? What is its significance?
- Campus Space Forum
  - An introduction to the politics of campus space at the UofT. Who is using it? And what is the state of student space?
- Words of Resistance
  - A social justice concert.
- Workshop run by the Native Students' Association
  - This workshop will be run by the Native Students' Association with our support.
- Alternative Media Fair
  - A media fair on Wilcocks Street with alternative media outlets which students can familiarize themselves with.



## **Executive Report – August 23, 2011**

### **Clara Ho – Vice-President University Affairs**

#### Executive Summary:

- 1) Academic and Student Rights Commission Meeting- July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011
- 2) UTSU Undergraduate Teaching Awards
- 3) UTSU Food and Clothing Bank Fundraiser
- 4) Academic Advocacy Office
- 5) Professional Faculty Committee Meeting
- 6) Goldring Centre for High Performance Sport Project Planning Committee Meetings

#### **1. Academic and Student Rights Commission Meeting- July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

On July 25<sup>th</sup>, we held our second academic and student rights commission meeting. We continued discussion on material development, particularly the Governance Guide, Scholarship Guide, and Student Rights and Responsibilities Guide, as well continued brainstorming on several awareness campaigns that the commission could develop. It was also great to see a number of new faces at the commission meeting.

#### **2. Undergraduate Teaching Awards**

For the past 30 years, the Union has been co-sponsoring the Undergraduate Teaching Awards with the Association of Part-Time Undergraduate Students. These awards recognize exceptional teaching ability among University of Toronto instructors, and honour their contributions in a ceremony in November. Nominations for instructors are due this week, and the planning process for the ceremony will commence. Nominations can be found on the U.T.S.U. website or can be picked up at the U.T.S.U. Office. Please help promote this important program

#### **3. Fundraiser for the U.T.S.U. Food and Clothing Bank**

The University of Toronto Students' Union has been working closely with Hart House and the Faculty of Physical Health and Education to organize a series of events around student health and wellness. Various events will be held at all three U of T campuses. We are currently planning a fundraiser for the U.T.S.U. Food and Clothing Bank, by providing students with an opportunity to engage in a yoga and zumba event. The fundraiser is scheduled to take place in early November.

#### **4. Academic Advocacy**

Individual academic advocacy is an important service that the U.T.S.U. has informally been providing its members. From helping students write academic appeals to helping them deal with concerns regarding the Ontario Student Assistance Program, individual academic advocacy supports members



by educating them about their rights as a student and guiding them through the policies and procedures of the university. Recognizing the importance of formalizing these services, we have been working closely with our Policy and Student Rights coordinator to develop an academic advocacy office for our members.

## 5. Professional Faculties Committee Meeting

On August 11<sup>th</sup>, we held our first Professional Faculties Committee meeting to discuss how U.T.S.U. could better serve its members from the professional faculties and ideas for collaboration. We had a very productive discussion and talked about various opportunities for outreach, including orientation week, and holding a professional faculty town hall at various locations on campus.

## 6. Goldring Centre for High Performance Sport Project Planning Meetings

In June 2005, the Governing Council approved a project planning report that recommended an implementation plan for a multi-phased approach for the Varsity Centre for Physical Activity and Health. The total cost of the project was estimated to be \$56 million, to which the provincial government has invested \$22.5 million. The Goldring Centre for High Performance Sport represents one of the final phases of the plan and the project planning committee was called to identify the space programme, functional layout, and resource implications for the arena. The Committee was also mandated to ensure that the space programme, layout and amenities are designed to achieve goals of gender equity, inclusion, and are accessible to students with disabilities. Further, the Committee was set to consult widely with the University community and members of the public.

This Centre will house a basketball and volleyball court, and contain a sports science research facility. One concern for this Centre raised by student reps on the Committee included the proportion of the operating costs funded by students through user fees and rentals. As well, we advocated for full access of space to students, by requesting the committee to implement operating policies that include spaces open to student bookings, and requesting the committee clarify the exact services and facilities that students could access. The final report of the Project Planning Committee is due late August, where it will enter the first round of approval through the governance cycle (Vice-President and Provost's Office, then to the Planning and Budget Committee, then to Business Board, and then to Governing Council).

The Goldring Centre and the Student Commons were intended to be a joint project with the UTSU. The University has since proposed a relocation of the Student Commons and the Province has invested \$22 million in the Goldring Centre, for a space which the majority of students will not use.

In solidarity,

Clara Ho  
Vice-President University Affairs  
University of Toronto Students' Union  
Local 98, Canadian Federation of Students



## Executive Report of the Vice-President Internal & Services Tuesday, August 23, 2011

### Executive Summary:

1. **Communications**
2. **Member Services**
3. **Human Resources**
4. **Budget and Planning Framework**
5. **Board of Directors**

### 1. COMMUNICATIONS

#### Summer Newsletter

The summer newsletter, which informs members of the Union about our services, events and campaigns for the upcoming year, has been completed. The newsletter will be mailed out to all our members shortly. It includes a section on Orientation, as well as information on all of our programming, alternative orientations and the free UTSU concert.

#### Social Media

We are working on redesigning our social media presence to adapt to the new layout of Facebook and integration of applications. A new "University of Toronto Students' Union (UTSU)" Facebook page is currently being designed that will feature customized landing pages, volunteer sign up, listserv sign up, events and programs page, as well as other features that will extend the presence and accessibility of information to U.T.S.U. members.

The page will be launched prior to Orientation and board members are encouraged to invite friends and actively promote the page.

#### Website

The U.T.S.U. website has been updated with a new formatted layout. As a result, several features of the website are more visible and accessible for computers and phones. We hope to continue to work to develop and make the website visually appealing and easy to navigate. In addition, we have been updating board minutes from the 2010-2011 year as well as our current 2011-2012 year.

As well, the Orientation website is now live at [www.orientation.utsu.ca](http://www.orientation.utsu.ca). On the website, incoming and returning students are able to find information on the U.T.S.U. Orientation programs, divisional Orientation website links, and access points to get involved and understand the role of the Union.

#### Clubs Bulletin

The Union has revived the Clubs Bulletin which is a bi-weekly newsletter that is circulated on our clubs' listserv as well as our general listserv. The listserv reaches over 400 contacts of club and levy group contacts regarding events, programs, services and clubs updates from the U.T.S.U. After 3 circulations,



we have received much positive feedback as well as information from clubs wanting to share their work with others.

### Orientation Kit Materials

We have received many of our kit materials for the 2011/2012 year including but not limited to:

- Get Involved Cards
- Health and Dental Plan Cards and Travel Toothbrushes
- Services Brochures
- U.T.S.U. Playing Cards
- Bottled-Water Free and Student Rights Posters
- Student rights Pocket Cards
- Take-It-Over Door hangers
- Campus Life and Social Justice Events Cards
- disOrientation and Community Action Commission Cards
- No Means No Cards
- Equity Buttons
- Members Handbook
- Clubs Directory

Orientation Kit Stuffing will take place starting Monday, August 22 and continue for the rest of the week, until Friday, August 26. All directors are encouraged to get involve in kit stuffing and to use these resources to get students involved in the U.T.S.U.

## 2. MEMBER SERVICES

### UTSU Book Exchange

The UTSU Book Exchange was established in 2003 to help undergraduate students save and earn money by helping them buy or sell their used textbooks. The service is wholly owned and operated by the Students' Union. Last year, the Organisational Services and Development Committee recommended revamping the program so that students can sell and buy their used textbooks. We have been coordinating with our website developers to get the virtual store up and running in August. With the program online, the Book Exchange will be available throughout the year and members will be able to make purchases online.

The Organisational Services Development Committee has previewed and discussed the Book Exchange Service. We have begun to design posters and rave cards to promote the use of the new online system and are excited for the live launch of [utsu.ca/bookexchange](http://utsu.ca/bookexchange)

We are pleased to be able to continue to offer this cost-saving service to our members and help put money back into our members' pockets. It is important in the coming weeks to promote the changes to the program to ensure students are able to take full advantage of the program.

### UTSU Good Food Box

In addition to revamping the online Book Exchange Program, the website developers have also been tasked with creating an online ordering for for the Good Food Box program. The Good Food Box was introduced last year and has been a popular way for student to get access to affordable, healthy and local foods. This will allow students to purchase their Good Food Boxes online and increase accessibility to this service. Members will still have the opportunity to purchase the Box from the Union office.



Similar to the Book Exchange program, the Organisational Services development Committee has discussed ways of promoting the service by developing posters and rave cards advocating the use of the service. Additionally, we have been compiling information on the different locations where Good Food Boxes are currently available on campus. We hope to collaborate on a joint promotions plan with the vendors at these different locations.

If you are interested in ordering a Good Food Box, please email [terri@utsu.ca](mailto:terri@utsu.ca) to join the mailing list.

### **UTSU Food and Clothing Bank**

Our food and clothing bank is the 5<sup>th</sup> largest Daily Bread Food bank in the city of Toronto. The Food and Clothing bank is for all students registered at the University of Toronto and is a very important service for students and their families who are facing financial barriers. Students must register to use the program. Directors are encouraged to sign up for volunteer shifts on Fridays from 12pm-4pm at the Multifaith Centre. Contact me if you are interested in getting involved.

Members of our staff and executive have begun discussions with Hart House and the Athletic Centre in the hopes of hosting a joint fundraiser for the Food and Clothing Bank this year. The fundraiser will aim to promote healthy and sustainable exercise through Zumba Dance and yoga. If there are any directors who are interested in getting involved in this project, please feel free to email [vpinternal@utsu.ca](mailto:vpinternal@utsu.ca).

### **Discounted Entertainment Tickets**

#### *Wonderland Tickets*

Our popular discounted Wonderland tickets are now available in the office. We are able to offer "visit once" tickets for \$39, "visit twice" tickets for **\$53**, and junior tickets for **\$32**.

#### *AMC, Cineplex and Rainbow Cinema Movie Tickets*

Our discounted tickets are very affordable, and members have shown their appreciation week after week. Due to the success of these programs, we are working on expanding our discounted tickets' package. The Organizational Development and Services Committee will be convening within the next month to brainstorm how to expand and promote the discounted tickets program for our membership.

### **Organisational Services Development Committee**

The Organisational Services Development Committee met on Wednesday August 10<sup>th</sup> and will be meeting again in a few weeks to develop strategies of new services and advertisement.

## 3. HUMAN RESOURCES

### **Executive Assistant – Graphic Design**

The U.T.S.U. has created a part-time graphic designer position to work on producing materials relevant to services, campaigns and events such as posters, flyers and websites.

### **Executive Director hiring**

We have recently filled the position of Executive Director. The Executive Director is tasked with overseeing our staff, maintaining the operations, finances and legal responsibility of the Union and



coordinating and overseeing the Executive in achieving the goals of the Students' Union – to name a few responsibilities. After reviewing and short-listing candidate resumes and conducting interviews, the hiring committee for the Executive Director made a recommendation to the Executive Committee, which was approved. We welcome Amir Bashir to the Union as our new Executive Director.

Although the student movement is losing our current Executive Director, Angela Regnier, we wish her the best in her future endeavours and thank her immensely for the courage, passion, commitment and principled stance on defending the rights of students here at UofT over the past years.

Mr. Bashir will fill the role on Monday, September 19, 2011. He can be reached at [amir@utsu.ca](mailto:amir@utsu.ca).

#### 4. BUDGETING AND PLANNING FRAMEWORK

##### **Budget Proposals**

Enclosed in this board package are the budget proposals for the Social Justice and Equity Commission as well as the Organisational Services Development Committee Budget. These documents will be referred to the Budget Committee upon ratification in principle by the Board of Directors.

##### **Budget Committee**

The Budget Committee has met once to review the proposals from several of the Commissions and the preliminary budget. Upon receipt of the ratified budget proposals, the Budget Committee will be meeting in the next few weeks to discuss allocations to specific areas of the Union's budget. The Budget Committee will then recommend adoption of the new preliminary budget with subsequent changes, which will come to the Board for approval.

At our last budget meeting, the Committee made recommendations for four of the commission budgets. The commissions will have the opportunity to appeal the allocations.

#### 2010-2011 AUDIT

The 2010-2011 fiscal year ended on April 30, 2011. Our auditors began reviewing the Union's financial information on July 12, 2011. Our Executive Director, Financial Coordinator, and Operations Coordinator have been working to collate and provide the necessary financial information to the auditors. We will provide the Board with an update once the audit is complete in the Fall.

#### 5. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

##### **Board of Directors Training**

A Board of Directors Training was held on Saturday, August 6, 2011. Board members were invited to learn about the structure, bylaws, policies, campaigns, events and services of the union in addition to presentations from the Canadian Federation of Students-Ontario Chairperson Sandy Hudson and a Roberts' Rules of Order session by Walied Khogali. We were also able to host discussions on campaign, services and event development. Thank you to everyone who was able to make it. For Directors who were unable to make it, there will be another training session in the Fall semester to be determined by director availability.



### **Board of Directors Meeting Schedule**

On August 8, 2011 a Doodle Poll was initiated to navigate Director class schedules. These schedules will be used to determine dates and times for Board meetings and Committee meetings.

Respectfully Submitted,

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# **Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting #3**

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**July 19, 2011**

# Minutes

Board of Directors Meeting #3 of the University of Toronto Students' Union  
Tuesday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011 • 6:00pm • Sidney Smith Hall SS 1086

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## Attendance:

Albi Aziz (Vice-President Campus Life)  
Kishan Chouhan (Faculty of Music)  
Abigail Cudjoe (University College)  
Carly Degenstein (Victoria College)  
Lena Elamin (Vice-President Equity)  
Lissette Ferrari (St. Michael's College)  
Jon Foster (Woodsworth College)  
Clara Ho (Vice-President University Affairs)  
Prescilla Jong (St. Michael's College)  
Saba Khan (UTM)  
Min Kyu Kim (in at 7:28)  
Abhishek Mathur (Engineering) (left at 8:02)  
Mags Ngo (Transition Year Program) (left 8:31)  
Dimpho Radebe (Faculty of Engineering)  
Munib Sajjad (UTMSU representative)  
Danielle Sandhu (President)  
Corey Scott (Vice-President Internal & Services Affairs)  
Michael Scott (Trinity College)  
Shaun Shepherd (Vice-President External)  
Midhat Siddiqui (Professional Faculty at-Large)  
Keshav Uppal (left at 7:28)

Leonicka Valcius (New College) (left 8:26)  
Jonathan Valelly (Innis College)

## Proxy:

Anne Xu to Yasmine Youssef seconded to Munib Sajjad  
Dan Shilensky to Corey Scott  
Gina Husain to Munib Sajjad, seconded to Saba Khan  
Jarrar Ahmed to Danielle Sandhu  
Jesse Esufali to Corey Scott  
Rebecca Harvey to Jon Foster, seconded to Corey Scott  
Sana Rokhsefat to Corey Scott, seconded to Clara Ho  
Shreena Dhawa to Clara Ho seconded to Leonicka Valcius  
Stephanie Abrahams to Prescilla Jong  
Susan Hwang to Corey Scott, Seconded to Jon Foster  
Yasmine Youssef to Munib Sajjad  
Thuwakina Kandasamy to Albi Aziz  
Min Kya Kim to Clara Ho (at 7:40)

## Ex-Officio:

Angela Regnier (Executive Director)  
Adolf Toral (Proxy for Michael Galang, UC President)

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting is called to order at 6:08 pm.

### 2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION

Moved: Scott, C.

Seconded: Sandhu

Be it resolved that the agenda for the July 19, 2011 U.T.S.U. Board of Directors meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED

### 3. EXECUTIVE REPORTS (pp. 9 - 24)

MOTION

Moved: Scott, C.

Seconded: Sandhu

Be it resolved that the U.T.S.U. Board of Directors approve the Executive Reports as presented at the July 19, 2011 Board meeting.

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### DISCUSSION

Sandhu states that the UTSU will face challenges pertaining to university governance and student union autonomy. Sandhu further states the UTSU must ensure students are incorporated into the decision making processes of the University and are adequately represented. She further states it is unacceptable for the University Provost to ask to vet orientation materials that challenge university decisions and questions the administration.

Aziz states the Orientation Clubs Fair will take place on September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011. He further states that he encourages Board members to participate and get familiar with the various campus groups. Aziz further states the UTSU held a club executive training session on July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011. He further states it is important to reach out to members through collaboration with the various campus clubs throughout the year.

Scott, M. asks if advertising for the Campus Life Commission meeting was done.

Aziz states that various social media platforms were used prior to sending the email out.

Scott, M. asks Chair what qualifies as proper notice for commission meetings.

Chair states notice has to be given 72 hours prior to the meeting.

Elamin states that she has been meeting with the Centre for International Experience in order to expand International Student Orientation programming. She further states documentation for the Student Refugee Programme has been received. Elamin further states she will be speaking with the Athletic Centre to expand women's only gym hours. She further states she has been working on a social justice and equity fair with the colleges.

Scott, M. asks why minutes for Equity Commission minutes were not included in the Board package.

Sandhu states the minutes for the commission will be included in the next board package.

Scott, M. states that he submitted a set of motions to the Equity Commission meeting but the motions were not included in the commission package.

Elamin states the motions were not included in the package and discussed at the Commission meeting since the mover would not be present. She further states that it would be unfair to discuss motions without the mover being present to motivate the motions.

Mathur asks what the cost of the Student Refugee program is annually.

Elamin states there is a levy of 60 cents per students for the purposes of the program and the costs depend on the year. She further states that the average cost is \$25,000 per year but may change depending on tuition fee increases, etc.

Mathur asks what the renewal process is for the Student Refugee Program.

Sandhu states that in accordance with the bylaws, a referendum is required to change the levy.

Scott, M. states that he has asked the Vice President Equity what the costs of the Equity Garden are.

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Sandhu states that she does not know the exact amount but will be happy to provide a breakdown.

Shepherd states that he would like to see board members engaging in Take It Over coalition meetings.

Scott, M. asks what the dates of the Canadian Federation of Students-Ontario Annual General Meeting is.

Sandhu states that the AGM will take place August 19-21, 2011.

Scott, M. asks why Adam Awad attended as a representative of the UTSU and if he was subsidized by the Union.

Sandhu says that Awad's delegate fees were paid by the UTSU. She further states that Awad attended as an outgoing executive, in order to help transition new executives.

Cudjoe asks where weekly DisOrientation meetings were being held.

Shepherd states they are held in the UTSU Office.

Scott, M. states that there was a challenge to the chair and it was not recorded in the Community Action Commission minutes.

Shepherd states he did not take minutes and that they can be externalized when Commission minutes are being discussed.

Scott, M. asks if associates marching in the pride parade were paid by the Union.

Scott, C. states that associates were not paid to march at Pride and did so on a volunteer basis.

Scott, M. asks why the Green Party and other smaller parties are not included on the Take It Over website.

Shepherd states he does not have direct control over website but will look into it.

Scott, C. states that the Book Exchange and Good Food Box will both be going online to make it more convenient for members. He further states that the summer newsletter is almost completed and that the Union is waiting on membership lists from the administration, which are often difficult to obtain. Scott, C. further states that associate positions have been filled and he looks forward to working with them. He further states that he has been coordinating with the Queer Orientation Group to improve programming. Scott, C. further states that he has been working closely with the executives to prepare commission budgets.

Scott, M. asks if Pilar-Galvez is registered as a full time student at Victoria College.

Sousa states that he feels uncomfortable discussing a student's private records.

Scott, M. states associates must be members of the union. He further states Pilar-Galvez is not a member of the union and as such the bylaws and policies of the union were violated.

Sandhu states that the hiring occurred in a transitional period and Pilar-Galvez was the former VP University Affairs, the executive felt it was appropriate to hire her as an associate for the benefit of the union.

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Chair states that according to bylaw VIII.2.B the executives of the Union are charged with managing the human resources of the Union. He further states that the Board is not the body that is responsible for hiring associates.

Ho states that the undergraduate Teaching Awards are now open for nominations. She further states that she has been doing individual academic advocacy work. Ho further states that she is happy to report that an international student was successful in relieving some of her student debt through some of the advocacy work carried out. She further states she has attended University of Toronto Employees' Associations and Unions (UTEAU) meetings to discuss bargaining concerns and develop a sense of solidarity with campus unions.

### VOTE

Opposed: Scott, M.

### CARRIED

#### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

##### MOTION

Moved: C. Scott

Seconded: Sandhu

Be it resolved that the July 19, 2011 minutes package including the following documents be approved by the U.T.S.U. Board of Directors:

- a. Board of Directors (2011-2012), *June 8 (pp.25 - 43)*
- b. Executive Committee, June 10,17, 24, July 1, 8 (*pp.44 - 61*)
- c. Academic and Student Rights Commission, *June 27 (pp. 62 - 68)*
- d. Community Action Commission, *June 15, July 15 (pp. 69 - 82)*
- e. Campus Life Commission, *June 16, 30 (pp. 83 - 95)*
- f. Social Justice and Equity Commission, *June 30 (pp. 96 - 101)*
- g. Sustainability Commission, *July 5 (pp. 102 - 106)*

##### *Externalizations*

#### **July 15<sup>th</sup> Community Action Commission meeting**

##### MOTION

Moved: Scott, M.

Seconded:

Be it resolved that it is noted in the minutes that Shepherd interrupted Scott, M.

### DISCUSSION

Chair states that the motion is out of order. He further states that minutes are not verbatim and not typographical.

### MOTION OUT OF ORDER

#### **June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Board of Directors meeting**

##### MOTION

Moved: Scott, M.

Seconded:

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Be it resolved that the following be added to discussion on motion 015 from the June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Board of Directors meeting: "Shepherd states that putting budgets online is problematic".

### DISCUSSION

*Motion dies on the floor*

### MOTION FAILS

#### **June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Campus Life Commission meeting**

Scott, M. states that the meeting was not announced with proper notice. He further states he received notice of the meeting only 48 hours in advance.

Aziz states that the meeting had been announced at the previous Board of Directors Meeting.

Scott, C. states that there were technological errors with listservs and that the executive was unable to send out the notice. He further states that when the error was identified, he re-sent the email.

Scott, M. states that the executive is at risk of excluding thousands of people. He further states that he created a facebook group but that some of his invitations were rejected. Scott, M. further states that he did not receive the email because he was at home for his sister's graduation. He further states it is a serious threat to the democratic process. Scott, M. further states we ought to expect more in the technological age. He further states that he encourages the board not to accept the minutes because the executive is amazing and is capable of so much.

Chair rules that proper notice was given. He states that the commission meeting was announced at the previous board meeting and notice was given again 48 hours in advance. Chair further states it is good practice to give notice in a variety of ways. He further states that he would have no grounds to rule a meeting out of order over a 12 hour technical issue.

Scott, M. appeals the ruling of the chair.

MOTION

Moved: Aziz

Seconded: Scott, C.

Be it resolved that the Chair's ruling that the June 30<sup>th</sup> Campus Life Campus Commission meeting is in order be upheld.

### DISCUSSION

Chair states that he can only rule a meeting out of order if it violates the constitution, bylaws and policies of the union or the Corporations Act and the commission meeting notice does violate any of these documents. Chair states that it does not disenfranchise members of the organization.

Scott, M. states that he disagrees with the chair's ruling a definition of notice is crucial. He further states that bylaws and policies fail to provide how much notice constitutes "proper notice". Scott, M further states that the definition of notice should include the internet. He further states that 48 hours notice is too short of a notice to be able to rearrange his schedule.

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Degenstein states she is speaking in favour of the chair's ruling. She further states that we should be open to changing our bylaws and policies but it is ridiculous to disregard the Commission's work because of a computer glitch.

Valelly asks if there is a mechanism by which the Board can interpret policies.

Chair states that there is not.

Aziz states that proper notice was given at the previous Board meeting where quorum requirements were upheld. He further states that the technological issues have been resolved and listservs should be functioning properly again.

Valcius states that she is speaking in favour of the chair's ruling. She further states that definitions should be dealt with at future meetings rather than detracting from the productive work of the Commission. Valcius further states that ruling the meeting out of order would penalize those who came to the meeting and put in an effort to attend.

### VOTE

Abstentions: Scott, M.

CARRIED

MOTION TO RECESS

Moved: Siddiqui

Seconded: Redebeh

CARRIED

*The meeting is recessed at 7:34 pm.*

*The meeting resumed at 7:51 pm.*

### 5. APPROVAL OF BUDGET PRIORITIES

MOTION

Moved: C. Scott

Seconded: Sandhu

Be it resolved that the Budget Priorities (2011-2012) package including the following documents be approved as presented by the U.T.S.U Board of Directors:

- a. Executive Committee Budget Priorities 2011-2012 (pp. 108 - 111)
- b. Campus Life Commission Budget Priorities 2011-2012 (pp. 112 - 114)
- c. Campus Life Commission Budget Priorities 2011-2012 Appendix (pp. 115)
- d. Sustainability Commission Budget Priorities 2011-2012 (pp. 116 - 118)
- e. Academic and Student Rights Commission Budget Priorities 2011-2012 (pp. 114 - 118)
- f. Community Action Commission Budget Priorities 2011-2012 (pp. 119 - 125)

### DISCUSSION

Scott, C. states that the numbers in this package are suggestions of allocation and numbers are not fixed.

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MOTION TO AMEND

Moved: Scott, M.

Seconded:

Be it resolved that the Community Action Commission's solidarity work line-item be reduced to \$500 from \$1000.

*Amendment dies on the floor*

MOTION FAILS

Valcius asks if the Montreal Reading Week trip would conflict with College Reading Week activities.

Aziz states that he would like to collaborate with divisions and constituencies to organize a larger, joint trip

VOTE

Abstentions: Scott, M.

CARRIED

6. MOTION TO APPOINT SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSIONER

MOTION

Moved: C. Scott

Seconded: Sandhu

Be it resolved that the U.T.S.U Board of Directors appoint a Sustainability Commissioner

DISCUSSION

Ho states they are pleased to recommend Juliet Shao as commissioner. She further states that Shao has extensive campus involvement with sustainability issues. Ho further states that Shao played a role in the campaign to phase out bottled water on campus through her work with the Engineering Society.

Scott, M. asks if it is within the mandate of the board to appoint a commissioner.

Regnier states that commissioners are not on the pay roll of the Union but are paid an honorarium.

Chair states that according to bylaw 11.2E, the sustainability commissioner is appointed at a Board of Directors meeting.

Scott, M. states that this motion is out of order as it is the third meeting and it is an appointment.

Chair states it is absurd not to appoint a sustainability commissioner because it was not done at the second meeting but is being done at the third meeting instead.

MOTION TO UPHOLD RULING

Moved: Sajjad

Seconded: Foster

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### DISCUSSION

Chair states that the bylaw specifies that the commissioner *shall be* appointed meaning, in legal terms, that it does not necessarily have to occur during the second meeting of the Board of Directors. He further states that an election process does happen by virtue of the notice and application process. Chair further states that the Board now elects the commissioner by approving the recommendation of the Executive Committee.

Scott, M. states that it is contrary to spirit of the bylaw. He further states that the sustainability commissioner "shall" be elected by the Board of Directors. Scott, M. states that what we have here is a motion to appoint a candidate from the executive. He further states that we don't know anything and that the executive have chosen for us. Scott, M. further states that we need to note union operates on bylaws and past precedent doesn't actually count. He further states that the key issue is the role of the Board of the Directors. Scott, M. states that it is an inherently unjust system. He further states that we need a transparent, good government. He further states that it is a despicable attack on democratic institutions.

Sandhu states that the practice in the past has been that members of the UTSU come forward and apply for position and as such we are following past precedent.

Chair states that it is semantic as the Campus Life position is appointed in a similar manner. He further states that due diligence has been done in the process of appointing a candidate to the position.

### VOTE

Opposed: Scott, M.

### RULING UPHELD

Scott, M. states that he thinks Ms. Shao is a capable candidate but will be voting against her appointment.

Sousa asks what the selection process was

Ho states that a posting was sent out for appointing a commissioner and candidates were short-listed and selected for interviews. She further states interviews were conducted with a number of candidates.

Sandhu states that Sustainability Commissioner chairs the committee unlike other commissions which are chaired by a Vice President. She further states that the Executive Committee conducted interviews to ensure the candidate will be suited for the responsibility they take on. Sandhu further states that she looks forward to having Shao join the team as She has been an ally in sustainability efforts of the Union and would like to continue working with Shao.

### VOTE

Opposed: Scott, M.

### CARRIED

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### 7. FYI- CIUT STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

Scott, C. states there should be a policy created on appointing these 3 members to the CIUT

### 8. FYI- CANADIAN FEDERATION OF STUDENTS NATIONAL GENERAL MEETING REPORT BACK (pp. 126 – 129)

Shepherd states the executive had a great opportunity to connect with other students' unions across the country and share ideas to more effectively serve UTSU members.

MOTION

Moved: Ferrari

Seconded: Foster

Be it resolved that Board members be limited to one question

DISCUSSION

Scott, M. states it is a violation of Roberts's Rules of Order (New Modern Edition), bylaws and policies. He further states it is a violation of granting of speaking rights that is in the bylaws.

Chair states that Robert's Rules of Order allows for limits on speech. He further states that the rights of Board members to speak are also governed by limitations which can be voted on by a super majority of the Board.

VOTE

Opposed: Scott, M

CARRIED

Scott, M. states he should figure out what his most important question is. He asks what Bylaw I amendments were. He further states that they were voted in.

Shepherd states that the UTSU did vote in favour alongside the rest of the member locals.

Scott, C. states the bylaw fixed the constantly deadlocked Referendum Oversight Committee system to a more fair and efficient Chief Returning Officer system. He further states that it is a much more efficient system that functions much like Elections Canada and Elections Ontario as well as member locals. He further states that there was much healthy debate throughout the meeting and the motion was amended several times throughout.

### 9. FYI- CANADIAN FEDERATION OF STUDENTS-ONTARIO SKILLS SYMPOSIUM REPORT BACK (pp. 130 – 133)

Shepherd states Skills Symposium was an opportunity to learn skills that are relevant to student union work which would

Scott, M. asks how board members were selected to attend.

Shepherd states members who were invited to attend do work for the union that is relevant.

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Cudjoe states it was a useful symposium as she now understands the student union much better in terms of her role as a board director.

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

Scott, M. requests it is not during summer exam week.

### 11. OTHER BUSINESS

Board retreat will take place August 6<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup>. Accommodations will be provided.

Scott, M. asks if it is mandatory.

Sandhu states the retreat is mandatory as it provides an overview of fiduciary responsibilities as well as the Union's work

### 12. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Moved: Cudjoe

Seconded: Ferrari

VOTE

Opposed: M. Scott

CARRIED

The meeting is adjourned at 8:37 pm.

# **Minutes of the Executive Committee**

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**July 29 , 2011  
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August 8, 2011  
August 12, 2011**

# MINUTES

Executive Committee Meeting of the University of Toronto Students' Union  
Friday July 22, 2011 – U.T.S.U. Office

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In Attendance:

Lena Elamin  
Clara Ho  
Munib Sajjad  
Danielle Sandhu  
Corey Scott  
Shaun Shepherd  
Angela Regnier

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 am.

## 2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION

Moved: Scott

Seconded: Sajjad

Be it resolved that the July 22, 2011 Executive Committee agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

## 3. INDIVIDUAL EXECUTIVE REPORTS

Discussion

Aziz states that the UTSU had a joint meeting with the UTMSU to discuss priorities for the upcoming year. He further states that the UTSU held its second club executive training session as well as meeting with the Varsity Centre for Blue and White Spirit Week. Aziz further states that logistics are finalized for Caribana programming. He further states that he will be working with the UTMSU on orientation and the Physical Health and Education Undergraduate Association on Blue and White Spirit Week.

Ho states that she has been working on the governance and scholarship guides. She further states that the application and promotion for the teaching awards are ready for release. Ho further states that she has been working with Shepherd on the Yoga-thon. She further states that she will be working on her deputation to City Hall regarding proposed service cuts.

Shepherd states that we have a series of deputation this week for the Core Services Review for City of Toronto. He further states that we are trying to combat the cuts proposed by KPMG. He further states that the UTSU deputees should focus on the executive committee meeting on July 28.

Sajjad states that the UTMSU has had their orientation leader training as well as their staff retreat. He further states that the UTMSU is in the process of preparing their ministry budgets. Sajjad further states he will be working with the Scarborough Campus Students' Union on updating their policies. He further states that the UTMSU is working with Out@UTM on Peel Pride programming. Sajjad further states that the UTMSU is doing outreach work in order to bring more members to commission meetings.

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Scott states that he has been working on the playing cards and preparing for the staff-executive retreat. He further states that he is working to prepare for the next board meeting. Scott further states that he will be setting his committee dates and working to develop the levy group manual. He further states that he will be updating the website with the Board of Directors' meeting minutes. Scott further states that he will be connecting with the levy groups looking to host a referendum.

Elamin states that she has been meeting with some individual members to discuss ideas and materials for the Social Justice and Equity Commission. She further states that she has had a preliminary meeting with Richard Chambers from the Multifaith Centre and will continue working with him. She further states that she has met with one of the executives from the New College Student Council and they began talking about organizing to help with Somali famine relief efforts. Elamin further states that she has begun working on XAO programming with her associate.

Sandhu states that she has been working with Aziz on Blue and White Spirit Week. She further states that she has been coordinating the staff-executive retreat and supporting the APUS BBQ, where she made a solidarity speech on behalf of the Union. She states that she will be coordinating an outreach schedule for next week. She further states that she has been touching base with the divisional councils on Orientation programming and working with the UTMSU on addressing the Mississauga Academy of Medicine issue.

## 4. HUMAN RESOURCES-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Scott states that we have received a resignation letter from Regnier on August 19, 2011. He further states that we need to set up a hiring committee to hire a new executive director for the Union.

MOTION

Moved: Scott

Seconded: Sandhu

Be it resolved that an executive director hiring committee be struck. Be it further resolved that the hiring committee be composed of the President, Vice President Internal and Services, Vice President University Affairs and outgoing executive director.

VOTE

CARRIED

## 5. ORIENTATION

Discussion

Aziz states that the UTSU is almost ready to launch our orientation promotion plan. He further states that the UTMSU have launched their orientation website and promotions, which look fantastic. Aziz further states that we will be having an Orientation Management Committee meeting following this meeting and the executives should attend if available.

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## 6. TAKE IT OVER

### Discussion

Shepherd states that at the last coalition meeting we debriefed on recent outreach at community events, including Afrofest and Pride. He further states that we have opportunities coming up this weekend, including Peel Pride and Youth Day, as well as an action on August 6<sup>th</sup> at Ashbridges Bay.

Sandhu states we should be bringing our board members and associates to these actions.

*Regnier enters the meeting at 11:15 am.*

## 7. COMMISSION AND COMMITTEES

### Discussion

Sandhu states that each of the executives should be scheduling their commission and committee meetings for the rest of the year.

Scott states we need to appoint executives to sit on some of the committees.

### MOTION

Moved: Scott

Seconded: Sandhu

Be it resolved that Shaun Shepherd sit on the Organisational and Development of Services Committee.

### CARRIED

### MOTION

Moved: Scott

Seconded: Sandhu

Be it resolved that Clara Ho sit on the Policy and Procedures Committee.

### CARRIED

## 8. MEETING WITH PRESIDENT NAYLOR

### Discussion

Sandhu states that she has been working with President's Naylor office to set up a meeting with the team to discuss our advocacy initiatives. She further states she will let the team know once the meeting has been confirmed.

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## 9. JOINT EXECUTIVE MEETING WITH THE UTMSU AND SCSU

Discussion

Sajjad states that he is working with the SCSU to coordinate a tri-campus union meeting.

Sandhu states that the proposed date is Friday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

Sajjad states he will coordinate the logistics with Scott and Al-Balaawy

## 10. CARIBANA

Discussion

Aziz provides an overview of Monday's programming and outlines the tasks for the event.

## 11. ASSOCIATE HIRING

MOTION to go in camera Moved: Sandhu      Seconded: Scott

CARRIED

*The meeting went into camera at 11:35 am.*

MOTION to go out of camera: Moved: Sandhu      Seconded: Scott

CARRIED

*The meeting went out of camera at 11:45 am.*

MOTION Moved: Ho      Seconded: Scott

Be it resolved that Juliet Shao be hired as an associate.

CARRIED

## 12. CINEMA POLITICA

Discussion

Shepherd states he will be coordinating a screening for August.

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## 13. STAFF-EXECUTIVE RETREAT DEBRIEF

### Discussion

Aziz states it was good to touch base with everyone on the team, specifically to connect with the staff. He further states it was great to get the perspective of the staff, and better understand the work of the staff.

Ho states that she learned a lot from the staff members, and better understands how to collaborate with the staff day to day.

Shepherd states that it was a great opportunity to connect on a personal level with the staff members.

Regnier states that the staff thought it was a positive experience, to hear from the executives on the priorities for the year. She further states that this is a great development in the staff-executive relationship.

## 14. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Moved: Sajjad

Seconded: Aziz

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 pm.

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In Attendance:

Munib Sajjad  
Shaun Shepherd  
Lena Elamin  
Clara Ho  
Corey Scott  
Angela Regnier

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:13.

## 2. INDIVIDUAL EXECUTIVE REPORTS

Shepherd states that he is planning for DisOrientation which is well underway and that some speakers had been secured. He further states that he is also preparing for the upcoming Community Action Commission.

Sajjad states that he is working on planning for International Students Orientation at UTM. He further states that UTMSU is currently working with the administration to possibly collaborate. Sajjad further states that there was a great deal of planning underway for the Take It Over campaign. He further states that they were working on sponsorship for frosh week.

Ho states that she had finalized the promotional materials for the Teaching Awards. She further states she has finalized the plan for the Yoga-thon with Hart House. Ho further states she will be having more meetings with Hart House this week. She further states that work was being undertaken for the Governance and Scholarship Guides. She further states that she was receiving a large volume of academic concerns and working on responding to them. Ho further states that she was planning for a Policy Committee and would schedule a meeting on academic advocacy.

Regnier states that she was working heavily on human resources matters. She further states that she was working with the Union to complete the final draft of the Collective Agreement and holding Individual Staff Meetings, with Scott, with each members of the Union.

Scott states that he was working on the chalking event as well as various human resources matters. He further states that he was still looking for a videographer. Scott further states that he would be involved in interviews for the Executive Director hiring next week. He further states that he would also be preparing for levy group training.

Elamin states that she was working on the religious conference. She further states that she was working to schedule a meeting with the UofT Anti-Racism and Cultural Diversity Officer. Elamin states that she was making plans for International Student Orientation. She further states that she would be having an XAO planning meeting next Tuesday. Elamin further states that she was working with New College Student Council to plan a fundraiser for the famine in Somalia.

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## 3. ORIENTATION

Scott provides an update on Orientation planning.

Shepherd asks if there was a need to get more volunteers.

Scott states that many volunteers had already been secured but that the executive should continue to promote volunteer opportunities.

## 4. TAKE IT OVER CAMPAIGN

Scott states that that the UTSU should consider hosting campaign meetings bi-weekly.

Shepherd states that there could be more possibilities to make the meetings a working group. He further states that he will organize a project planning meeting for next week.

## 5. COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

Executive Committee members provided updates on upcoming Commission and Committee dates.

Scott states that the executive should ensure that the committees all meet before September. He further states that he could set up listservs for each of the committees.

## 6. JOINT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING WITH UTMSU AND SCSU

Scott states that the Joint Executive Committee Meeting has been scheduled for Friday August 5.

## 7. OUTREACH

Scott states that the Caribana event was a success and that it would be good to hold similar events where there is collaboration with other campus groups.

The Executive Committee discussed various ideas for outreach for the rest of the summer.

## 8. BOARD RETREAT

Scott states that the Board Retreat will be held on Sunday August 7 in Bahen Centre.

## 9. HUMAN RESOURCES

Scott stated that Regnier's last day would be August 19, 2011 prior to commencement of her new position. He further stated that the Union has requested that in the event that there was a temporary vacancy between Executive Directors, that an acting Employer's Representative be designated.

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MOTION

Moved: Sajjad

Seconded: Shepherd

Be it resolved that Corey Scott be appointed as acting Employer's Representative in the case of a vacancy between Executive Directors.

CARRIED

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Moved: Shepherd

Seconded: Ho

The meeting adjourned at 11:26 am

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Executive Committee Meeting of the University of Toronto Students' Union  
Monday, August 8 2011 – U.T.S.U. Office

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In Attendance:

Albi Aziz  
Danielle Sandhu  
Corey Scott  
Clara Ho  
Munib Sajjad  
Angela Regnier

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm

## 2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION

Moved: Sandhu

Seconded: Ho

Be it resolved that the Executive Committee agenda for Monday, August 08, 2011 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

## 3. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HIRING

MOTION to go in camera

Moved: Aziz

Seconded: Scott

*Meeting went into camera at 1:05 pm.*

MOTION to go out of camera

Moved: Scott

Seconded: Sajjad

*Meeting went out of camera at 1:30 pm*

MOTION

Moved: Sandhu

Seconded: Ho

Be it resolved that Amir Bashir be hired as the Executive Director of the University of Toronto Students' Union.

VOTE

CARRIED

Scott states that management will work to create a transition schedule.

#### 4. TORONTO FC TICKETS

Sandhu states that the GTA students unions are pooling resources together to sell discounted Toronto FC tickets for the upcoming October 1st game. She further states that the tickets will be \$50 for our members. Sandhu further states that the UTSU can take a portion of tickets to sell to members.

Scott states it is a good opportunity to connect with Clubs and new members.

Aziz states that similar opportunities have been discussed at the campus life commission. He further states that we can use our clubs list serves to outreach to clubs and groups who may be interested.

Sajjad states that the UTMSU made a big event out of the Raptors games. Sajjad further states that doing on the ground outreach would work very well.

Sandhu states that she will touch base with other locals and see how many tickets we can purchase from them.

#### 5. ORIENTATION PLANNING

Sandhu states that we have discussed receiving a waiver for the cost of facilities and services from the Vice Provost Students. She further states we were asked for our orientation budget and to have our materials vetted by Student Life. She further states there is an OMC meeting happening this Wednesday.

Ho states that she is wary of giving the administration information which only members are entitled to. She further states that we need to maintain our autonomy as an organization and that providing the administration with such information creates a dangerous precedent.

Sandhu states that the budget presented could be general in order to maintain protection of confidential partnership arrangements and other information that could be considered competitive.

#### 6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HIRING AT UTMSU

Sajjad states that the UTMSU Executive Committee will be recommending the hiring of Walied Khogali.

#### 7. CHALK IT UP AND TAKE IT OVER

Scott states that the Union will be hosting the first GTA flying squad on Thursday where several GTA locals will attend and assist us with outreach. He further states that the Chalk it Up event starts at 3 pm on the same day where people will get the opportunity to chalk their ideas on why they are voting in the upcoming provincial election. Scott further states that we will also be filming along the path we have chalked.

Sajjad states that several UTMSU executives and volunteers will be attending.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Moved: Sandhu

Seconded: Aziz

CARRIED

*The Meeting adjourned at 2 pm.*

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In Attendance:

Albi Aziz  
Clara Ho  
Munib Sajjad  
Danielle Sandhu  
Shaun Shepherd  
Corey Scott  
Lena Elamin

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 am.

## 2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION

Moved: Sandhu

Seconded: Ho

Be it resolved that the August 12, 2011 Executive Committee agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

## 3. INDIVIDUAL EXECUTIVE REPORTS

Ho states she has been working on revamping the Governance Guide as well as a Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook. She further states she will be working on the UTSU presentation for student societies. She further states that there will be a Policy and Procedures Committee meeting on August 17<sup>th</sup>. She further states that the professional faculties meeting took place last night and was productive.

Elamin states that the Anti-Oppression training presentation is completed and she will be sending it to the executive for review. She further states the religious conference tentative date is set for March. She further states that there will be an August 25<sup>th</sup> meeting with religious clubs to brainstorm and get their input. She further states that she has set up a meeting to expand women's only gym hours. She further states that she has been working with the New College director set up tables to collect funds for the famine in Somalia. She further states that the XAO planning group was productive last night and planning is well underway.

Scott states he has been busy planning Chalk it Up which was very successful and garnered much media attention. He further states that the Chief Returning Officer and Deputy Returning Officer postings went up as per our bylaws. He further states that we will be receiving all of our printed orientation materials next week. He further states that he will be designing a flyer and poster for the website launch of the Book Exchange program. He further states that he will be preparing the Board of Directors package. He further states he will be getting his recommendations ready for the next Policy and Procedures Committee meeting. He also states staff have requested that executives update the calendar with proposed events.

Sandhu states that she has met with David Naylor and other senior administrators along with the UTMSU and the Medical Society in regards to the Mississauga Academy of Medicine issue. She further states that the Unions agreed to provide MAM students with our services as long as proper fee collection protocol was followed. She further states that since that meeting, there was a QSS meeting at UTM where QSS voted to endorse a process by which the MAM students will have Union services. She further states that she has been working with the York Federation of Students on getting discounted Toronto Football Club

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tickets. She further states that a collective agreement has been signed with the staff. She further states that she will be focusing on working with students societies, XAO and Take it Over.

Shepherd states that the flying squad and Chalk it up were successful. He further states that he is solidifying the schedule for DisOrientation. He further states that he is working with the GSU on International Student Orientation. He further states that he is finishing up the myth busting posters which will complement the Take it Over materials.

Sandhu asks if a meeting has been set up with UTMSU and SCSU about doing a joint action or event for Take it Over.

Shepherd states that we he will be in touch with his counterparts at the other Unions to solidify a date.

Sajjad states that he has been busy organising around QSS and Orientation. He further states there will be a Frosh leader training in Scarborough on August 27<sup>th</sup>. He further states he has been doing a lot of planning for Take It Over. He further states that since Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> is the first day of class at UTM, having an action on that day is a good outreach opportunity. He further states that he will be making Take it Over presentations for Frosh leader training and will be collaborating with Shepherd and Al- Baalaway. He further states that the Union is not being given sufficient space to present and outreach to members during the International Student Orientation.

Sandhu asks how UTSU can support the UTMSU around the QSS issue and what the bus schedule for Orientation is going to look like. She also asks if we can get that information for our OMS meeting next week. She further states the UTSU will be sending people down to support a September 6<sup>th</sup> action at UTM.

Aziz states that he has been busy with distributing summer funding for clubs. He further states he met with Hart House and discussed ideas for joint events or projects. He further states there was discussion of hosting a Halloween Mascarade party with Hart House as well as collaborating on Cinema Politica screenings. He further states that he will be working on supporting clubs and has a few meetings scheduled with clubs to discuss their budget proposals and constitutions. He further states that there is a Commuter Student Orientation planning meeting today and executives are welcome to join. He further states he has been planning the UofT's Got Talent with the other two campuses. He further states that New College as well as Hart House were interested in collaborating on UofT's got talent.

## 4. ORIENTATION

Aziz states that we are now figuring out smaller logistics for transporting kit inserts to the other two campuses and road closures. He further states we have received our parade permit. He further states that he will meeting with staff from the Guvernment Complex to run through logistics and security. He further states that dates for College clubs have been finalized.

Scott states that associates have been doing call outs to get frosh leaders and we should be trying to outreach to past volunteers for help.

Sandhu states that they have met with Facilities and Services. She further states they have received updates for costs for all the services. She further states that she will meeting with Vice-Provost Jill Matus regarding the waiver the Union receives for use of facilities for Orientation activities. She further states that Orientation kit stuffing will take place on the week of August 22<sup>nd</sup>. She further states that Orientation leader training will take place in a few weeks and executives should be present.

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## 5. TAKE IT OVER

Shepherd states that the last coalition meeting discussed the Twitter board and Chalk it Up.

Aziz states that the Ashbridges Bay event went well and we had the opportunity to speak with many beach-goers.

Sandhu states she thought the outreach was effective and people had a good time speaking with families about the rising cost of education. She further states executives should be saving news clippings, etc. for Union archives.

Shepherd states that the flying squad the Union hosted went smoothly and complemented Chalk it Up well. He further states that he was very excited to see campus-wide outreach in full swing throughout the day. He further states that the Chalk it Up event attracted much media attention and the messages spoke for us even when people were just walking by.

Sandhu states that logistically things went smoothly and we had many students stopping by to share their messages.

## 6. OUTREACH

Sandhu states that there is an exam period next week and we should think about doing an exam de-stressor. Sandhu asks if we think we have the capacity to host a BBQ.

Shepherd states we should get other campus groups involved. He further states that we could share the cost and do joint outreach.

Scott states that we should host a BBQ to introduce the Book Exchange website.

Shepherd states that this would be a good opportunity to do outreach for the re-vamped service.

## 7. BOARD OF DIRECTORS RETREAT

Scott states that the next Board training session will be held in September.

## 8. TRI-CAMPUS MEETING

Shepherd states that he felt the discussions were productive and that it was good to see campuses coming together and working on our joint issues.

Sandhu states that the portfolio based discussions were productive and should continue to occur on a regular basis. She further states that the presidents will be checking in on a weekly basis through a phone call to touch base and see what we can work on together.

## 9. TFC TICKETS

Sandhu states that the Union has access to 32 Toronto Football Club tickets and we will be getting the promotional materials shortly.

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## 10. OTHER BUSINESS

Aziz states that there is a Clubs executive training on Saturday, August 13 and executives should be attending the session.

## 11. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Moved: Elamin

Seconded: Sajjad

CARRIED

*Meeting adjourned at 11:53 am.*

# **Minutes of the Academic and Student Rights Commission**

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**July 25, 2011**

# Minutes

Academic and Student Rights Commission Meeting #3 of the University of Toronto Students' Union  
Wednesday July 25, 2011 –Sidney Smith Hall

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## In Attendance

### Voting members:

Clara Ho  
Corey Scott  
Michael Galang  
Gowthaman Kurasamy  
Yolen Bollo-Kamara  
Jon Foster  
Min Kyu Kim

### Non-Voting Members:

Alex Goel  
Cansu Karaboga

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

This meeting was called to order at 5:07 PM.

## 2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION

Moved: Scott

Seconded: Ho

Be it resolved that the July 25, 2011 Academic and Student Rights Commission agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

## 3. INTRODUCTIONS

Each attendee introduced themselves.

## 4. BRAINSTORMING

Governance Guide:

Ho states that she would like to update the last version of the Governance Guide, entitled "Who Runs This Joint Anyway?" She gives an overview of the information included in the governance guide. She states that she would like to make the Guide more accessible to students. She further states that she would like to update membership data, add colour images, and make the text more concise. She further states that she would like to include a history of the Governance Council and its evolution from a bicameral to a unicameral institution.

Goel suggests creating an abridged and non-abridged version so that students who want different levels of detail will be able to access them.

Ho states that she wants to unveil the Governance Guide in the upcoming Fall semester. She further states that this will require a lot of work and she will need volunteers.

Scholarship Guide:

Ho gives an overview of the scholarship guide for the Faculty of Arts and Science. She states that she would like to update it and put it online. She further states that she would like to include the other faculties as well and create separate sections for each college.

Galang states that he would like to make it more searchable as opposed to a PDF file. He further states that parameters can be added.

Ho states that application deadlines are an important parameter.

Karaboga states that we should promote the scholarship guide so that members know it's online.

Scott states that it can be difficult sometimes to compile all this information. He further states that the hard part would be to contact different faculties and departments and offices to get info.

Galang states that a potential problem is that some colleges may not want to give out scholarship information and would instead request that interested students contact them directly.

Student Rights and Responsibilities handbook:

Ho gives an overview of the Student Rights and Responsibilities handbook. She states that she would like to create one for all faculties. She further states that she has used this information several times to prevent a professor from changing the syllabus after the class has begun without the majority vote of the class. She further states that it is important to keep faculty accountable. She further states that the York Federation of Students has produced an excellent one that we can use as an example.

Copyright and textbooks online:

Ho states that under the Canadian Copyright Act, the University of Toronto pays millions of dollars in copyright fees every year, much of which is downloaded onto student fees. She further states that this is problematic because research is already publicly funded, and we shouldn't have to pay again for it. She further states that she would like to encourage professors to put their text books online. She asks if anyone is interested in helping with this.

Ban turnitin.com/intellectual property rights:

Ho states that the purpose of Turnitin is to detect plagiarism, but that Turnitin takes copyright away from students, which leads to difficulty for students if they want to publish their essay later. She further states that another issue is the presumption of guilt that use of Turnitin implies. She further states that there are alternative ways to checking students' work for plagiarism. She further states that Turnitin violates some privacy laws.

Karaboga states that she does not think that Turnitin is that harmful. She further states that it helps prevent plagiarism.

Scott states that one of the biggest problems is that Turnitin is a for-profit corporation, making money off of the work of students. He further states that students can pay money to check and make sure their papers matched with a database, which would help them ensure that plagiarized papers avoid detection.

Galang states that wording for this campaign should be changed. He further states that Turnitin does not take away students' intellectual rights, but only uses their work for their database.

Kurasamy asks how the intellectual property rights work. He asks if the University own rights to our papers because we are handing in papers under their license to use Turnitin.

Ho states that when you submit your paper to Turnitin, they take ownership over your copyright and profit from your creative work.

Karaboga asks why it is a problem that Turnitin is making profit.

Clara states that it is the principle that corporations should not profit off of student work, especially when there are other methods of detecting plagiarism through quality teaching and smaller class sizes.

Galang asks whether students have ever been accused of plagiarism without actually plagiarizing.

He states that there is limited information available for certain assignment topics, and that students who must share the same sources are likely to have a greater degree of similarity in their papers.

Scott states that there have been instances in which students have automatically lost marks after exceeding a certain percentage of similarity to another paper.

Karaboga states that in a course that she is currently taking, the TAs will check material themselves before calling in students over a certain percentage.

Ho asks who else is interested in working on this project.

Split tuition fees:

Ho states that Ryerson and York have a split tuition fee structure, but the University of Toronto charges tuition and ancillary fees once a year for the fall/winter session. Interest starts accruing in November at 1.5% per month, 19.56% compounded annually. She further states that OSAP works on a per semester basis. OSAP recipients get 60% at the beginning of the year and 40% at the beginning of the second semester, and so should the University. She further states that she would like to do more research on the split tuition fee structure and would like volunteers.

Galang asks whether students would choose course selections twice a year as opposed to once.

Ho states that logistics have not been sorted out yet.



# **Minutes of the Social Justice and Equity Commission**

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July 14, 2011

July 28, 2011

# Minutes

Social Justice and Equity Commission Meeting #3 of the University of Toronto Students' Union  
Thursday, July 14, 2011 • Sid Smith 2114

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## In Attendance:

Fazia Ackbarali  
Prescilla Jong  
Esther Mendelsohn  
Ramya Janadharan  
Christine Hsu  
Dimpo Redebe  
Danielle Sandhu  
Yolen Bollo-Kamara  
Clara Ho  
Laura Amodio

## Voting Members:

Lena Elamin  
Danielle Sandhu  
Prescilla Jong  
Yolen Bollo-Kamara  
Clara Ho  
Christine Hsu  
Ramya Janadharan  
Dimpho Radebe

## Non-Voting Members

Esther Mendelsohn

## Guest:

Fazia Ackbarali

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:21 pm.

## 2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION

Moved: Hsu

Seconded: Mendelsohn

Be it resolved that the July 14, 2011 Social Justice and Equity Commission agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

## 3. INTRODUCTIONS

Each of the participants introduced themselves.

## 4. RATIFICATION OF NEW MEMBERS

MOTION

Moved: Sandhu

Seconded: Jong

Be it resolved that the following be ratified as voting members of the Social Justice and Equity Commission for the 2011-2012 year:

Esther Mendelsohn

CARRIED

## 5. BUDGET

Radebe entered the meeting at 5:30 pm.

Elamin states that she has been approached by members of New College to hold a Social Justice fair. She further states that the commission and its activities should be promoted more heavily. Elamin further states that t-shirts are being designed and are to be distributed to members at this fair. She further states that the fair will not only encompass UTSU's Social Justice and Equity Commission but includes all the faculties and colleges.

Sandhu asks whether people would like to hear all descriptions before assigning money or assign money as is described.

Mendelsohn asks how much money the commission is working with.

Sandhu states that the proposed budget eventually goes to the Budget Committee. She further states that it is not prudent to ask for more than \$15,000. Sandhu further states that Last year the Social Justice and Equity commission asked for \$15,000 and got a few thousand less than what they asked for.

*Laura Amodio entered the meeting at 5:40.*

Sandhu states that alternative Orientations include international students, mature students, and students with disabilities. She further states that the food line item goes towards food and socials. Sandhu further states that we have never organized an orientation for students with disabilities before but will include campus tours and will probably collaborate with Students for Barrier-Free Access. Sandhu further states that there is no cost for registering a team for AIDS Walk for Life. She further states that the costs go to providing light refreshment following the walk.

Elamin states that we usually try to get high-profile speakers for eXpression Against Oppression (XAO). She further states that XAO deals with social justice and international issues. Elamin further states that she would like to make t-shirts for the event. Elamin further states orientation kit inserts have been created and will provide students with information about the SJE Commission.

Sandhu states that the Speak Out Series will include discussion on ageism, queerphobia, transphobia and racism. She further states that the costs associated with these talks are those of refreshments as they are usually three hour discussions. She further states that we sometimes have a float for the Pride Parade and have distributed T-shirts in the past. She further states that there were no major costs associated with Pride this year.

Elamin states that the UTSU will be hosting an event called "In the Name of Religion". She further states that its purpose is to bring religious campus clubs as well as the multi-faith centre together. She further states that the funds allocated for this event would go to a speaker and refreshments.

Elamin states that "Step Up Poetry" is an event which discusses various social justice and equity issues. She further states that the funds allocated would go towards bringing in artists as well as refreshments. Elamin further states that Mental Health Day raises awareness of mental health issues facing students. She further states that the SJECCommission will be sponsoring town hall Faith Talks which will raise relevant questions on religious debates. She further states there will be documentary screening throughout the year where the costs are limited to refreshments and possibly rights to screen films.

Jong asks what the difference between faith talk and a town hall is.

Elamin states that a faith talk is similar to a lecture whereas a town hall is a discussion.

Mendelsohn asks which clubs have been contacted to join the Faith Talks.

Elamin states that she has tried to contact all faith-based groups on campus.

Elamin asks what amounts the committee would like to allocate for each event. She further explains last year's costs. Elamin further states that the committee should keep in mind that the social justice fair has not been held before.

Mendelsohn suggests increasing the Alternative Orientation budget to \$2000 as the previous year did not have an orientation for students with disabilities.

Elamin further states that the Black History Month line item is mostly for promotional materials and \$300 should be allocated.

Sandhu asks whether the Committee wants to buy food for AIDS Walk for Life and resell it as a way to fundraise for UTSU participants

Mendelsohn states that she likes the idea. She further suggests \$100.

Elamin states we should allocated \$100. She further states that last year \$10 000 was allocated for eXpression Against Opression.

Sandhu states that this event spans about two weeks and the funds go toward honorariums for speakers, booking equipment and buying supplies, food and refreshments

Mendelsohn states that \$10 000 is a lot of money that is going towards XAO. As last year the keynote speakers were Angela Davis and Ward Churchill and people were upset.

Sandhu states that attendance was in record numbers and many members voiced their appreciation at bringing the two academics to campus.

Elamin states that last year's Orientation kit included 5000 buttons at a cost of \$1500.

Sandhu states that she is comfortable with allocating the same amount as last year.

Elamin states that the proposed funds for the Speak out series are at \$200.

Sandhu suggest an increase to \$250.

Elamin states the costs for Pride was \$250 last year. She further states that the Townhall Faith Talks be allocated \$50.

Mendelsohn asks how many events are planned. She further states that halal and kosher food would be important to have, which is expensive.

Ho states we should raise the funds allocated to \$150.

Sandhu asks where the Social Justice fair will be hosted.

Elamin states that the Social Justice Fair will be hosted at Sidney Smith with an open mic night at Hart House.

Sandhu states that possible booking costs should be included.

Elamin suggests \$150.

Mendelsohn asks if there will be promotional materials as well.

Elamin states that lowest price is \$3 per t-shirts.

Mendelsohn asks whether we will be selling the t-shirts.

Elamin states that a fundraiser was being considered.

Mendelsohn suggests selling t-shirts for \$5 to raise money.

Sandhu states having an interactive workshop that could allow people to silk screen their own shirts might be a good idea. She further states there would have to be more funds allocated for such an interactive event.

Janandharan states we should also ensure there is enough money for the t-shirts. She further suggests allocating \$500.

Mendelsohn states that \$1000 should be allocated to the In the Name of Religion Conference.

Ho suggests that \$200 be allocated to Step Up Poetry.

Elamin suggests allocating \$100 for Mental Health Day. She further states Townhall Faith Talks should be allocated \$150 and \$200 for documentary screening which will go to cover promotional materials.

Janandharan asks why the orientation kits take such a large portion of the budget.

Sandhu states that the line item goes towards promotion materials. She further states it is important to encourage students to get involved in the UTSU and highlight the work of the Social Justice and Equity commission in particular, especially when they first arrive at the University.

Elamin states that she would like to see some work being done around Aboriginal issues. She further states this sort of work was carried out at UTM where the student union brought in an elder to speak on Aboriginal issues.

Mendelsohn states \$500 should be allocated.

Sandhu states that we sometimes develop materials to highlight specific issues in different communities and the money could be used for this purpose. She further states that commission members can take the initiative to research issues and bring it back to commission and we can create materials. Sandhu further states that the City of Toronto is planning to cut many services which will disproportionately affect racialized people and this could be an issue the UTSU can work on.

Ackbarali states that these issues do not only speak to racialized communities but also to issues of poverty.

Mendelsohn asks whether Social Justice and Equity commission would provide money for ASL interpreters for events that were not run by the Social Justice and Equity Commission.

Sandhu states that last year the UTSU set up an accessibility fund for this purpose that was separate from commission budgets. Sandhu states that the Union often takes on individual advocacy initiatives that require resources. She further states that as a result of lobbying one the previous year, university has changed its new building policy whereby every new building will have a single stall gender neutral washrooms and existing buildings will be retrofited. She further states that signange will be increased.

Mendelsohn states that the description for solidarity work is a vague. She further states that she finds it problematic to allocate money to unspecified issues that could be contentious. Mendelsohn asks whether any requests for money would have to be approved by the commission.

Elamin states that solidarity requests are approved by the commission.

Janandharan states that coalitation and solidarity work is important for issues of social justice, both in the workd of the Union, and other organisations. She further states we should allocate \$1350.

Sandhu states that all of the issues-based advocacy for different communities, such as racialised, Aboriginal, LGBTQ, etc. should receive equal funding. She further suggests allocating \$250 to each.

## 6. SOCIAL JUSTICE FAIR UPDATE AND RELIGIOUS CONFERENCE

Elamin states that the Social Justice Fair is a two day event that raises awareness of social justice and equity issues and encourages students to get involved. She further states that it is a good opportunity for clubs and campus organizations to do outreach. Elamin further states that she has met with the Multifaith Centre Director with regards to a religious conference. She further states he will be responsibly for getting in contacat with groups which fall under the umbrella of the Multifaith Centre.

Mendelsohn asks whether any topics are proposed yet.

Elamin states that one of the topics being discussed is religion and gender in the modern sphere but that she was open to suggestions.

## 7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elamin states that the next Community Action Commission meeting will be held on July 28 at 5 pm in UC 144.

## 8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Moved: Hsu

Seconded: Bollo-Kamara

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 6:38 PM.



# Minutes

Social Justice and Equity Commission Meeting #4 of the University of Toronto Students' Union  
Thursday, July 28, 2011 • UC 144

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## ***In attendance:***

### **Voting Members**

Esther Mendelsohn  
Ramya Janadharan  
Lissette Ferrari  
Corey Scott  
Shaun Shepherd  
Jarra Ahmed  
Dimpo Redebe  
Yolen Bollo-Kamara  
Navdeep Johal  
Clara Ho  
Maxwell Trower  
Saba Khan  
Elizabeth Block  
Munib Sajjad  
Stephanie Abrahams  
Faraz Shahidi

### **Non-Voting Members**

Shatha Al-Husseini,  
Cody Trojan  
Sabiha Sumara  
Meron Zenebe

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 5:04 pm

## 2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION

Moved: Elamin

Seconded: Bollen-Kamaro

Be it resolved that the July 28, 2011, U.T.S.U Social Justice and Equity Commission agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION

Moved: Sajjad

Objection to consideration of motion 03

VOTE

Abstentions: Trower, Mendelsohn

CARRIED

### 3. INTRODUCTIONS

Each of the participants introduced themselves.

### 4. RATIFICATION OF NEW MEMBERS

MOTION

Moved: Abrahams

Seconded: Ferrari

*Be it resolved that the following be ratified as voting members of the Social Justice and Equity Commission for the 2011-2012 year:*

Shatha Al-Husseini,  
Cody Trojan  
Sabiha Sumara  
Meron Zenebe

CARRIED

### 5. MOTIONS SERVED WITH NOTICE

MOTION 01

Moved: Scott, M

Seconded: Mendelsohn

Be it resolved that the Equity and Social Justice Commission recommend the adoption by the UTSU of European Union Monitoring Centre on Racism and Xenophobia (EUMC) definition of anti-Semitism which reads as follows: "Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred towards Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities. In addition, such manifestations could also target the state of Israel, conceived as a Jewish collectivity."

DISCUSSION

Mendlesohn states that it is a legitimate institution and a legitimate definition of anti-semitism. She further states that she thinks it is fitting for the Social Justice and Equity Commission to recommend such a motion. She further states that absence of discussion is disturbing in and of itself.

Ho asks for more information on the centre for European Union Monitoring Centre on Racism and Xenophobia

Mendlesohn states that the Centre has other definitions of racism and xenophobia as well. She further states that procedural nuances notwithstanding this commission was set up to do this sort of work.

Scott, C. states that the purpose of the committee is to do groundwork for campaigns and grassroots work and as such the motion should be referred to policy.

MOTION

Moved: Sajjad

Secunder: Bollo-Kamara

Be it resolved that motion 01 be referred to the Policy and Procedures Committee

## DISCUSSION

Mendelsohn states that the committee should adopt this definition as it is a grassroots effort. She further states that students do not have a say in what goes on. Mendelsohn further states that she thinks this is precisely the type of work this commission was set up to do.

Sajjad states that it is great to hear people are enthusiastic about U.T.S.U policy work. He further states that attending this commission meeting is a good way for members of the Policy and Procedure Committee meeting of doing consultations.

Trower states that it is concerning that the motion is moving to policy as there is no discussion on it since the Committee is formed of Board members. He further states that if we cannot come up with definitions then it is a top-down model.

Scott, C. states that there is a misconception of what the Policy and Procedures Committee is. He further states that it is actually made up of elected representatives who consult with members. He further states that it is a good way to ensure that all students are represented since all members can recommend motions to policy. Scott, C. further states that ultimately, the Board has the final say on such motions.

Mendlesohn states that it is a simple motion and a recommendation that can eventually go to policy. She further states that she is concerned this is going in circles.

*Janadharan enters the meeting at 4:44 pm.*

Shepherd states that he is not informed enough about other definitions and would like to see more definitions being proposed. He further states that this Commission is not a policy-making body.

Trower states that he does not condemn parliamentary democracy. He further states that he is not condemning the U.T.S.U structure but says Executive Committee is able to make decisive decisions. He asks why this motion cannot be discussed in this committee.

Ferrari states that anti-semitism and racism are sensitive issues. She further states that the motion should be moved to the Policy and Procedures Committee as it is not the mandate of the Social Justice and Equity Committee to deal with definitions. Ferrari further states that she would like to learn more and is open to discussion.

Sumara states that there is a need for different definitions from different organizations for us to be able to effectively debate what works best for our members. She further states that she would like to explore more options and definitions.

*Ahmed leaves the meeting at 5:51 pm.*

Mendlesohn states that she is troubled that we would want to accept other definitions. She further states that definitions should come from the group that is most affected by it. She further states that we need to discuss all forms of racism and bigotry. She further states that it is the only group that has not been given a voice and that Jewish students are affected by anti-semitism on campus.

Sajjad calls the question.

Moved: Sajjad

Seconded: Trower

VOTE

Abstentions: Mendelsohn

Opposed: Trower

CARRIED

MOTION 02

Moved: Scott, M.

Seconded: Trower

Be it resolved that the Equity and Social Justice Commission requests the VP Equity begin an analysis, in consultation with stake-holders, of the most effective ways to prevent and combat anti-Semitism on campus which would include consulting with Jewish students and major Jewish student organizations on campus.

DISCUSSION

Trower states that we should discuss this in light of the report by the Canadian Parliamentary Committee to Combat Anti-Semitism. He further states that we should be discussing this issue.

Ho states that motion should be tabled until a working definition is adopted so that a proper analysis can be conducted which includes terms and definitions.

Medlesohn states that consultations will be held with students affected by issue.

Elamin states that she does not feel the U.T.S.U should be prioritizing one form of oppression over another which this motion does.

Mendelsohn states that this is what the Commission was set up to do. She states that she is curious where Jewish students can raise their concerns and that this motion is timely and necessary and there is proof that there is a problem.

Elamin states that students who are concerned with equity issues, including discrimination, should be in touch with her.

Shepherd states that consultations around issues of racism, anti-Semitism and Islamophobia were carried out during the Taskforce on Campus Racism.

Trower calls the question.

VOTE

MOTION FAILS

Mendelsohn leaves the meeting at 6:27 pm.

**Motion:**

*Moved: Scott, M*

*seconded:*

BIRT the Equity and Social Justice Commission recognizes the right and necessity for reasonable and legitimate criticism of the State of Israel, but it condemns the anti-Semitic nature of Israeli Apartheid Week.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF THE MOTION

VOTE

OBJECTION CARRIED

4. XPRESSION AGAINST OPPRESSION

Elamin states that XAO is a week long event that deals with issues of oppression and social injustice. She further states that a working group has been created for XAO and people should contact her if they are interested in getting involved.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Shepherd states that the next Take It Over Coalition meeting will take place Tuesday, August, 2 in Sidney Smith. He further states that he encourages Commission members to get involved in the campaign.

Elamin states that the next Social Justice and Equity Commission meeting will take place on Thursday, August 11 in UC 144.

7. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

Moved: Abrahams

Seconded: Khan

VOTE

CARRIED

The meeting is adjourned at 6:33 pm.

# **Minutes of the Sustainability Commission**

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August 10, 2011

# Minutes

Sustainability Commission Meeting #1 of the University of Toronto Students' Union  
Wednesday August 10, 2011 – U.T.S.U.

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In Attendance:

Voting members

Juliet Shao  
Shaun Shepherd  
Danielle Sandhu  
Midhat Siddiqui  
Clara Ho

Non-Voting Members

Yolen Bollo-Kamara

Guest:

Pieter Basedow

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 PM.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

Attendees introduced themselves.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION

Moved: Shao

Seconded: Shepherd

Be it resolved that the August 10, 2011 Sustainability Commission agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

4. RATIFICATION OF NEW MEMBERS

MOTION

Moved: Shao

Seconded: Sandhu

Be it resolved that Yolen Bollo-Kamara be ratified as voting members of the sustainability Commission for the 2011-2012 year.

CARRIED

## 5. OVERVIEW AND BRAINSTORMING OBJECTIVES

### Public Water Issues

Shao states that in the past year, Public Water Initiative (PWI) met up with the Engineering Department to design accessible water fountains on campus. She further states that PWI also invited Maude Barlow to speak at a panel discussion on bottled water and met with a representative from the university administration. She further states that most staff expressed support for a bottled water-free campus. She further states that PWI held a bottled water-free day, which was a success, and that Innis College and Woodsworth Colleges are now bottled water-free. She further states that UTMSU organized a day on which the entire campus was bottled water-free. She further states that UTMSU also created viral Youtube videos related to public water issues, and she asks whether UTSU has a Youtube channel for the Sustainability Commission.

Sandhu states UTSU has a Youtube channel and posts videos that encompass all issues.

Shao asks whether videos covering sustainability issues have been posted on it.

Sandhu suggests posting UTMSU's video and possibly producing new ones.

Shao states that UTMSU is working on various initiatives for their bottled water campaign and we should collaborate with them. She asks for feedback as to what we can do in the upcoming year to phase out bottled water.

Shepherd states that we should work with UTERN and PWI to encourage more students to become active in this campaign. He also suggests putting a motion forward at Governing Council to commit the University to going bottled water-free.

Shao asks whether we can promote the campaign during Orientation Week.

Sandhu states that we are providing free reusable water bottles to frosh and providing water refill stations throughout the day. She further states that the Sustainability Office is amenable to the idea of becoming bottled water-free.

Shao states that she has set up a meeting with J.P. Davidson from the Sustainability Office next week.

Sandhu states that Shao should ask about a timeline and what steps need to be taken to move toward a bottled-water free campus, including commitments to water fountains on campus

Ho states that we should formulate a working document for the U.T.S.U. Sustainability Commission, including statistics of the sale of bottled water on campus and individuals responsible for these decisions.

Sandhu states that the Commission should look into deadlines for contracts and our lobby document should incorporate our vision of what a phasing out of bottled water would look like. She further states that this should include principles, key objectives and goals, and recommendations.

*Sandhu leaves meeting at 5:25 PM.*

#### Food and Labour Justice

Shao states that she would like to raise awareness of nutritious and ethically grown food on campus. She further states that this involves working with Food Share, about raising awareness about providing local and ethically produced food on campus, such as the Good Food Box. She asks how we should promote this on campus, especially to the colleges that do not have meal plans. She further states that there are two current drop-off locations on campus, including Innis College and at the Women's Centre.

Shepherd states that the U.T.S.U. office is also a drop-off location on campus. He suggests handing out campus maps that show where drop-off locations are. He states that there are limited campus options for food and that we should continue to promote the Good Food Box as a healthy and sustainable option. Shepherd further states that we should work on getting the other colleges on board and creating a Good Food Box network that expands all over campus.

Ho suggests working with the Colleges to create new drop-off locations.

Shao states that J.P Davidson has worked with Food Share and she will bring this up at her meeting next week.

Basedow states that we should look into speaking to food service workers who are going into negotiations when their contracts end this year.

Shepherd states that he attended a student worker solidarity meeting with Unite Here. He further states that he got the sense that workers seemed interested in working with students to provide better food options.

Shao states that UTMSU is expanding Environment Week to include a farmer's market.

Ho suggests that we promote the farmer's market that we have on campus as another way to support local farmers.

Shao asks how we should promote this.

Shepherd suggests creating buttons, and that we should minimize the amount of paper waste. Using social media and making videos

Shao states that she will look into this.

#### Climate Justice

Basedow states that last year we invited Dr. Hansen, a well-known climate change scientist and activist, who is very outspoken on environmental issues. He further states that Dr. Hansen works with a professor at U of T, and that he is one of the best in the world at climate modeling to predict

the effects of climate change.

Shao asks Basedow to make suggestions as to what the Union could do around the climate change issue.

Basedow states that the administration at U of T has not created a comprehensive plan for U of T to address climate change. He further states that it can get very frustrating for student leaders.

#### Sustainable Transit

Shepherd states that the Community Action Commission is creating a campaign around TTC and improving the rider experience. He further states that the Community Action Commission would like to collaborate with the Sustainability Commission.

Shao asks whether we collaborate with Bike Chain

Shepherd states that we are looking into working with Bike Chain and other groups who focus on environmental sustainability and transportation issues.

Shao states that she will set up meetings with Bike Chain.

#### Cage-free Eggs

Shao states that we are partnering with the World Society for the Protection of Animals. Surveys show that 72% of people are willing to pay 20 cents for eggs that are produced from ethically treated animals. Cage free eggs means that the hens that produced them are not confined to battery cages.

Ho states that there are different levels of certification for eggs- free-range, cage free, local, sustainable and organic etc, and this comes down to more humane treatment of animals. She further states that we should promote this similarly to the bottled water campaign.

Shao states that one issue with this campaign is that it may involve increased costs for meal plans.

Shepherd states that the problem isn't necessarily that people don't want to pay a little more for their food but misplaced anger over rising tuition fees.

*Shao circulates WSPA's cage-free eggs petition.*

Ho suggests using visuals to promote this campaign as well as explaining the scientific reasons as to why cage-free eggs are also healthier.

#### 6. NEXT MEETING

Shao states that the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 14, 2011, 5pm. Location will be determined soon.

#### 7. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

Moved: Shao

Seconded: Siddiqui

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:08 pm.

# **Minutes of the Professional Faculties Committee**

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August 11, 2011

# MINUTES

Professional Faculties Committee Meeting #1 of the University of Toronto Students' Union  
Thursday, August 11, 2011-U.T.S.U office

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In Attendance:

Members:

Dimpho Radebe  
Midhat Siddiqui  
Clara Ho  
Danielle Sandhu

Proxies:

Abishek Mathur to Dimpho Radebe

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:19 pm.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION

Moved: Ho

Seconded: Siddiqui

Be it resolved that the August 11, 2011 Professional Faculties Committee agenda be approved as presented.

VOTE

CARRIED

3. INTRODUCTIONS

Each attendee introduces themselves.

**Role of Committee:**

Ho states that the role of the committee is to communicate with members of the professional faculty and present any recommendations to the board, as well as to strengthen the relationship between the different faculties.

4. DISCUSSION AND BRAINSTORMING

Ho states that she would like to encourage active participation and feedback.

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## **Membership Development:**

Ho states that she had asked how the UTSU can better serve students of the Professional Faculties, in an email prior to this meeting.

Radebe states that engineers are typically not aware of U.T.S.U. and its work, and she believes that it is important to outreach. She further states that locations like SUDS and Sanford Fleming Building. She further states that doing class talks at APS111, a class that all first years take. She further states that doing outreach outside computer labs. She further states that reaching out to high school students before they enter U of T. She further states that high school students come on campus often for different engineering-related clubs and activities and we should outreach to them then as well.

Ho asks when these happen throughout the year

Radebe states that they tend to happen on Saturdays but she will send exact dates when she knows.

Siddiqui states that it would be helpful to get involved with Phys-Ed's frosh week as well as the other faculties.

Ho asks where would be good places to do outreach.

Siddiqui suggests the Athletic Centre.

Sandhu states that she agrees that it is important to have a presence at the different professional faculties. She further states that meetings and events shouldn't always be based at Sid Smith, and should take place all over campus. She further states that class talks are very important and that we should especially focus on core classes for students.

Siddiqui states that we should do class talks especially in the first two weeks of class, when students are most likely to attend.

Sandhu states that it would be helpful to know the key courses for every professional faculty and its divisions.

Ho states that it is important for the Professional Faculty board members' to let the executives know when their student associations have meetings so that at least one can attend.

## **Professional Faculty Student Issues**

Ho asks what the important issues are that members of the professional faculty members are facing.

Radebe states that according to Mathur the three biggest issues are the unfair calculation of GPA, low quality of education and the lack of student space. She further states that she has an issue with the increase in tuition fees, as she now pays \$11800, while last year she paid \$11,200. She further states that fees are supposed to decrease from 1<sup>st</sup> year to 4<sup>th</sup> year because programs

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are less specialized and less resources are needed and the course load also decreases.

Ho asks how the GPA calculation is unfair.

Radebe states that she doesn't know how GPA is calculated.

Sandhu explains the process of GPA calculation, and the concerns she has heard from other students.

Siddiqui states that class sizes in Phys-Ed are too big. She further states that also many students in third or fourth year courses are waitlisted for mandatory classes. She further states that she also takes issues with the high tuition fees, as she is taking 5 courses and paying about \$7500 as well as \$400 for the mandatory ODP trip.

Ho asks how much people spend on textbooks.

Radebe said she spent \$400 in first year.

Siddiqui states that she spent about \$400 as well. She further states that she had tried to buy used books but was forced to buy new books for courses in which new editions were required.

## **Collaboration:**

Ho asks for suggestions as to how U.T.S.U. can collaborate with the professional faculties to enhance the experience of its members.

Radebe states we should be holding events with engineering clubs.

Siddiqui states that she agrees that we should co-host events with their committees.

Sandhu states that we should look at the issues that exist within each faculty and address them. She further states that to do this, we have to work with the councils to identify the issues and come up with programming. She further states that we can work with councils for events and campaigns. She states that we can host socials, coffee houses or art nights or other events aimed at professional faculty students. She also asks if members would be interested in athletic events. She also asks about events around equity issues. She also suggests discussing gender in professional faculty programs.

Radebe states that there is a lack of social justice and equity discussion in the engineering program, and this is one of the reasons that she wants U.T.S.U. to be more involved. She further states that these discussions only tend to happen in small-scale groups.

Sandhu states that we should be making presentations in classrooms or to clubs about what U.T.S.U. does. She further states we can collaborate on some large-scale events within the faculties such as Phys-Ed's club event Kin Krash.

Radebe states that the Engineering Student Society holds a Godiva week, which is like orientation for second, third and fourth year students, and that U.T.S.U. could be part of it. She

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also suggests the Cannon Ball, which is a semi-formal event for engineering students.

## **Professional Faculty Town Hall:**

Ho states that she would like to organize one at least once a semester. She asks what days are better for professional faculty students, and what type of format should be used.

Radebe for Mathur suggests mid to late September on a weekday, and that most people have lunch around noon so that would be a good time.

Siddiqui states that it is difficult to pick a time that would work for everyone, but she agrees that around lunchtime would be good. She further states that it would be good to find out what the issues are during the first one and go from there.

Sandhu asks can make a lasting impression on 1300 students in two minutes at matriculation. She further states that unfortunately the Engineering Society did not collaborate with the Union in Orientation kits. She states it is important to inform engineering students about the work of the Union.

Radebe states that she will look into it.

## 5. NEXT MEETING

Ho states that the next meeting will be in September.

Sandhu states that members should send their class schedules. She also states that members should find ways to encourage members of their faculty to get involved in projects that they are involved in

## 6. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

Moved: Ho

Seconded: Radebe

Be it resolved that the Professional Faculties Committee meeting be adjourned.

VOTE

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:08 pm.

# **Minutes of the Organisational Development and Services Committee**

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August 10, 2011

# Minutes

Organisational Development and Services Meeting of the University of Toronto Students' Union  
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In Attendance

Voting members:

Corey Scott  
Shaun Shepherd  
Danielle Sandhu  
Min Kyu-Kim

Non-Voting Members:

Terri Nikolaevsky

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION

Moved: Scott

Seconded: Kyu-Kim

Be it resolved that the August 10, 2011 Organisational Development and Services Committee agenda be approved as presented.

VOTE

CARRIED

3. INTRODUCTIONS

Each attendee introduces themselves.

4. SERVICES OVERVIEW

Scott provides a brief overview of the Union services.

5. PROPOSED SERVICES BUDGET  
DISCUSSION

Nikolaevsky provides an overview of the proposed budget, including the expenses and revenues associated with each of the services of the Union. She further describes the proposed changes

and improvements being suggested to help improve the quality and accessibility of the services to the membership.

Kyu-Kim asks what types of items are available through the food and clothing bank.

Nikolaevsky provides an overview of the items available.

Kyu-Kim asks about the number of students accessing the Good Fox box program.

Nikolaevsky states that the program is still new, and the summer period has seen lower numbers than in the fall period.

Scott states that by allowing members to purchase the Box online, and increasing outreach around the program, we can increase the number of users.

Kyu-Kim states that the Good Fox Box is a great program and hopefully these measures will allow more students to access the service.

Sandhu asks if we can promote our involvement in hosting the Imagus poster sale, and potentially table at the event.

Shepherd states that it would be good to have a banner or brand the event as being co-sponsored.

Scott asks about any additional services that the Canadian Federation of Students provides to local student unions.

Nikolaevsky states that the CFS provides student unions' with access to services in the form of an online housing registry, tutoring services, rideshare, book exchange, and student saver discounts. She further states that we have been working with the CFS to adopt some of the services provided, but we do not require all of the available services.

Scott asks if we want to make an allocation for dedicated casual staff and promotional materials for the services.

Kyu-Kim states that the success of the services truly lies with the number of members that use them. He further states that he hopes we can work to promote the services and increase use.

Sandhu states that we should allocate some resources to hiring casual staff and creating promotional materials. She further states that the elected members of the board should also be promoting our services through outreach and tabling.

MOTION

Moved: Scott

Second: Kyu-Kim

Be it resolved that the preliminary services budget be adopted as amended.

VOTE

CARRIED

6. Book Exchange

Nikolaevsky provides an overview of the proposed changes to the Book Exchange service. She states that the book exchange will be undergoing a revamp to move online. She states that in addition to online listings, members will have access to purchasing books online.

Nikolaevsky provides a demonstration of the online book exchange component.

Scott asks when we expect the website service to go live.

Nikolaevsky states that our expectation is for the service to go live prior to September. She further states that the service is unique because members can pick up books from a safe space, the UTSU office, rather than meeting with other students somewhere within the city. She further states that the service allows students to set the price and pick up a cheque from the UTSU for the sale of the book, rather than dealing with cash.

Scott asks about the type of promotional materials we would like to see for this service.

Sandhu states that she would like to see posters promoting Union services, including the book exchange, featuring members of the board of directors.

7. Good Food Box

Nikolaevsky states that the Good Food Box initiative will have an online component this year. She further states that this will allow the program to be more accessible to students who are unable to come to campus multiple times a week, allowing members to purchase the box online, and retrieving the box from the UTSU office.

Scott states that we should also consider how we promote the Good Food Box, perhaps using posters and rave cards.

8. Commission and Committee Meetings Online

Motion

Moved: Scott, M.

Seconded: Jong

Be it resolved that the UTSU undertake to publicize on its website all meetings of the commissions and committees of the Union.

MOTION TO AMEND

Moved: Scott

Seconded: Kyu-Kim

Be it resolved that the UTSU undertake to publicize using all available social media platforms all commission meetings of the Union.

DISCUSSION

Scott states that a motion asking for all committee and commission meetings to be posted online on the UTSU website was referred to the ODS committee.

Kyu-Kim states that it would be exclusive to promote committee meetings because these are not

open to general members.

Scott states that we are currently experiencing some difficulties with putting UTSU events on the current UTSU website. He further states that we are trying to coordinate the integration of the Ooh La La UTSU calendar to promote events on our website, Facebook and Twitter through Ooh La La. Scott further provides an update on changes to the UTSU presence on Facebook.

Kyu-Kim asks if UTSU has access to the complete membership list of our members.

Sandhu states that the University administration has failed to provide the students' union with a complete membership list. She further states that the administration cites concerns around privacy.

Scott states that we will work to put event and meeting information on our website, and use social media in the interim.

Shepherd states that the amendment recognizes the current challenges we face in promoting our events and meetings, but speaks to the commitment of the Union to promote these through the channels currently available. He further states that advertising closed meetings would not be conducive to membership participation.

VOTE

CARRIED

9. TTC Data Card

Nikolaevsky states that the TTC Data Card producers will be coming to campus from August 29<sup>th</sup> to September 1<sup>st</sup> to produce cards at Hart House. She further states that members can look online for information about times. She further states that they will return on September 27, and we can schedule additional card-making sessions if needed.

10. Clubs Services

Scott states that we are looking to offer our clubs access to Greenshift material orders, allowing for partial orders. He further states that we are looking to incorporate 11" by 17" photocopying for our clubs, given our new printer capabilities.

11. Discounted Toronto FC tickets

Scott states that we have an opportunity to purchase and distribute discounted tickets for the Toronto Football Club (TFC) through collaboration with the Ryerson Students' Union and York Federation of Students. He further states that the opportunity will see us offering our members discounted tickets under a deadline and unsold tickets will be given to the other student unions' for sale. He further states there will be no losses incurred by the UTSU.



# **Minutes of the Clubs Committee**

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July 27, 2011  
August 12, 2011

# Minutes

Clubs Committee of the University of Toronto Students' Union  
Wednesday, July 27, 2011 • U.T.S.U. St. George Office

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Voting members:

Albi Aziz  
Corey Scott  
Midhat Siddiqui  
Stacey Konidis  
Lissette Rosado-Ferrari (enters at 3:28)

Proxy:

Danielle Sandhu proxies to Albi Aziz

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting is called to order at 3:08 pm.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION

Moved: Aziz

Seconded: Scott

Be it resolved that the August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Clubs Committee Meeting Agenda be approved as presented.

VOTE

CARRIED

3. SUMMER FUNDING: U OF T – DESTINATION IMAGINATION

Amount Requested: \$500.00  
Total Expenses: \$12,354.80  
Total Revenue: \$ 8,700.00  
Difference: \$3,654.80  
Eligibility of Expenses: \$250.00  
Past Funding: (10/11) \$200

## Discussion

Aziz states that though the application is small, the costs are very high with sending students to a competition. He states that the group does have high revenue sources come from Engineering Alumni and other departments.

Scott asks how many people are being sent to the competition.

Siddiqui states that 7 people are attending and that the costs cover transportation, registration and housing costs.

Aziz states that the club also has a good history in reducing costs for budgets and reusing materials for the construction of the competition piece.

Scott motions for an allocation of \$200.00.

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MOTION

Moved: Scott

Seconded: Siddiqui

Be it resolved that Destiny Imagination receive \$200.00 in UTSU summer-term clubs funding.

VOTE

CARRIED

## 4. Summer Funding: U of T Iron Dragons

Amount Requested: \$250.00

Total Expenses: \$16,352.25

Total Revenue: \$16,130.00

Difference: \$277.75

Eligibility of Expenses: \$250.00

Past Funding: (10/11) \$150

### Discussion

Aziz states that this club is a competition based club that has a history of balanced budgets and professional applications. He further states that the club has high costs but also has high revenue streams. He states that the main costs are associated with registration fees and equipment rentals for the team that is competing in Toronto.

Scott states that the application is not eligible for clubs funding because it is using funds that were allocated from the long-term funding allocation in the 2010-2011 year. He further states that the club should reapply for long-term funding in order to receive a larger set of funds to be spread throughout the year.

MOTION

Moved: Scott

Seconded: Aziz

Be it resolved that UofT Iron Dragons receive \$0 in UTSU summer-term clubs funding.

VOTE

CARRIED

## 5. Summer Funding: U of T Robotics Association

Amount Requested: \$2000.00

Total Expenses: \$31,100.00

Total Revenue: \$30,800.00

Difference: \$300.00

Eligibility of Expenses: \$250.00

Past Funding: (10/11) \$450.00











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the picnic and canoe rentals. He further states that there are revenue sources for attendees that choose to canoe.

Rosado-Ferrari states that the event sounds really fun. She asks when the event will be held.

Aziz states that the event will be held on August 6, 2011.

Scott states that the application is well done and includes information in addition to what is required.

MOTION

Moved: Rosado-Ferrari      Seconded: Scott

Be it resolved that Russian Students Association receive \$225.00 in UTSU summer-term clubs funding.

VOTE

CARRIED

### 3. Summer Funding: Footprint Publication

Amount Requested: \$230.00

Total Expenses: \$325.00

Total Revenue: \$95.00

Difference: \$230

Eligibility of Expenses: \$162.50

Past Funding: (10/11) \$600LT

#### **Discussion**

Aziz states that the proposal is incomplete.

Scott recommends that because the application is incomplete it should be absorbed into their long-term funding application.

Konidis states that every other application was complete and that it is unfair to accept an incomplete application.

MOTION

Moved: Konidis      Seconded: Rosado-Ferrari

Be it resolved that UofT Footprint Publication receive \$0 in UTSU summer-term clubs funding.

VOTE





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Sandhu states that we would like to support the work that the Association does.

Scott states that we have worked with them in the past. He further states that there is a separate allocation for printing of posters and suggests \$150.

Sandhu states that she is concerned that they will have a serious drop in revenue.

Scott states that the \$300 they received last year was for long-term funding, not short-term summer funding.

Sandhu agrees that this is different and further states that they should be exploring other sources of funding.

Aziz states that the alumni association tends to fund engineering groups well.

Sandhu states that they are applying for a Habitat for Humanity building event. She further states that groups who work with Habitat for Humanity usually have to fundraise to cover costs.

Santos states that \$100-150 is reasonable because the marketing costs will be funded through the allocation for printing posters.

Sandhu states that she is concerned that if the cost is prohibitive then they won't be able to hold their event.

MOTION

Moved: Scott

Seconded: Santos

Be it resolved that the Sustainable Engineers' Association receive \$150 in UTSU summer-term clubs funding.

VOTE

CARRIED

## 4. Summer Funding: Korean Engineering Students Association

Amount Requested: \$235.00  
Total Expenses: \$635.00  
Total Revenue: \$400.00  
Difference: \$235.00

Eligibility of Expenses: \$250.00  
Past Funding: (10/11) N/A  
Listed Membership: 213  
Database Membership: 213

### Discussion

Aziz states that they will be having a summer camp as an orientation for first year students. He further states that it will be held at a provincial camp and there is a participation fee of \$20 for twenty students. He further states that this is their only source of revenue. He further states that their total costs are \$635, and they are asking for \$235, mostly for food and beverages.

Santos states that she does not think it is fair to grant them the full amount and that they should be seeking other forms of funding.

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Aziz states that they did not receive club funding last year.

Scott asks whether they were recognized and whether they attended clubs training.

Aziz states that they were recognized but he doesn't know if they attended clubs training. He further states that they have requested funding for two events which isn't permitted for summer funding.

Scott states that we should disregard the second event, "Dano Fest". He further states that we should allocate \$100 for the orientation camp, or \$5 per person.

Sandhu states that we should provide them with some feedback as to the errors in their application. She further states that we should specify that the money should go towards the summer camp, which is more members-based.

MOTION

Moved: Santos

Seconded: Aziz

Be it resolved that the Korean Engineering Students' Association receive \$100 in UTSU summer-term clubs funding.

VOTE

CARRIED

## 5. Summer Funding: Pakistan Development Fund

Amount Requested: \$250.00  
Total Expenses: \$2,700.00  
Total Revenue: \$2,450.00  
Difference: \$250.00

Eligibility of Expenses: \$250.00  
Past Funding: (10/11) \$750.00  
Listed Membership: 60  
Database Membership: 60

### Discussion

Aziz states that the Pakistan Development fund is requesting \$250 for their Iftar (Ramadan fast breaking) that they just held. He further states that they have some outside sources of revenue and charged \$15 per person for about 150 people and collected \$2500 in revenue. He further states that some of the money is going towards the Association for the Development of Pakistan for flood relief etc.

Scott states that he was at the event and that they had a pretty good turnout, and that this club is active on campus. He suggests \$200.

Aziz states that he agrees with the \$200 suggestion.

Santos states that she appreciates that in their cost estimate for food they provided reasonable amounts and did not try to inflate the costs.

Sandhu states that she is sure that they are not requesting money for the barbecue, and that all of the money raised from the barbecue is going towards the ADP. She further states that the money is going towards Iftaar, a fundraising dinner to raise money for ADP. She further states that the club has been really active and that they do good work. She further states that they have explored alternate sources of funding.







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## MOTION

Be it resolved that the Toronto Globalist receive \$100 in UTSU summer-term clubs funding pending the receipt of a membership list as per the clubs policy.

## VOTE

## CARRIED

### 10. Summer Funding: African Students Association

Amount Requested: \$250.00  
Total Expenses: \$795.00  
Total Revenue: \$250.00  
Difference: \$545.00

Eligibility of Expenses: \$397.50  
Past Funding: (10/11) \$8,000.00  
Listed Membership: 880  
Database Membership: 800

### Discussion

Aziz states that they have a membership of 800 students and are requesting \$250 for their summer cookout that already occurred, charged \$2 per person \$795 in expenses. He further states that their revenue was \$250.

Scott states that UTSU executives were invited to this event and that they submitted an application for a similar event last year.

Aziz notes that they received \$8000 in long-term funding last year.

Santos states that she thinks \$250 should be allocated because of the size of the membership list and the detail of the application.

Sandhu states that she heard the event was successful and that they consulted with her as to how to make the event successful.

## MOTION

Moved: Santos

Seconded: Scott

Be it resolved that the African Students Association receive \$250 in UTSU summer-term clubs funding.

## VOTE

## CARRIED

### 11. Summer Funding: Afghan Students Association

Amount Requested: \$250.00  
Total Expenses: \$350.00  
Total Revenue: \$100.00  
Difference: \$250.00

Eligibility of Expenses: \$175.00  
Past Funding: (10/11) \$540.00  
Listed Membership: 96  
Database Membership: 100



# **Minutes of the Budget Committee**

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August 2, 2011

# Minutes

Budget Committee Meeting of the University of Toronto Students' Union  
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In Attendance:

Voting Members:

Abigail Cudjoe  
Jon Foster  
Prescilla Jong  
Danielle Sandhu  
Corey Scott

Non-Voting Members:

Meghan McPhee  
Angela Regnier

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:14 pm.

## 2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION

Moved: Scott

Seconded: Cudjoe

Be it resolved that the August 2, 2011 Budget Committee agenda be approved as presented.

VOTE

CARRIED

## 3. REVIEW OF 8 STEP BUDGETING FRAMEWORK

Scott provides an overview of the 8 Step Budgeting Framework.

## 4. REVIEW OF BUDGET

Scott provides an overview of the preliminary budget previously adopted by the Board of Directors.

*Regnier exits the meeting at 7:00 pm.*

Cudjoe asks if there is one WUSC student for the entire University or one per College.

Scott states that the WUSC program, with New College, assists one student per year, but that other Colleges may assist other Refugee students. He further states that there is an overlap during the summer, when there are two WUSC students, one incoming and one outgoing.

Foster asks if Clubs Funding is used in its entirety every year.

Scott states that some clubs do not pick up their funding by the end of the year, and that the UTSU is looking to roll over the remainder into the 2011-2012 budget.

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Scott states that we are waiting for an estimate of the final amount and that this estimate should be ready by the Committee's next meeting.

Foster asks if the Capital Fund is a running tally, or if it is used up every year.

Scott states that it is kept in the case that anything comes up throughout the year, but is not kept as a running tally.

Jong asks if transportation is covered under Conferences and Meetings.

Scott states that transportation is covered under the transportation line, and that Conferences and Meetings is used for fees, accomodation, and/or food.

Foster asks why the commission proposals are more than the budget allocations.

Sandhu states that the proposals are requests but that the numbers can change as the Budget Committee determines how much is allocated to each Commission.

*McPhee exits the meeting at 8:00 pm.*

## 5. BUDGET PRIORITIES

Scott presents the commission budget proposals to the committee.

Jong asks what happens when money has already been spent on an event prior to the Budget being approved.

Sandhu states that the Board allocates money in trust, but all events that happen beforehand have to be within the scope of the Commission. She further states that these amounts are taken into consideration along with the rest of the budget.

Scott explains the Executive Committee priorities and budget proposal.

Sandhu expands on the priorities of the Executive Committee.

Scott provides an overview of the Campus Life Commission's priorities and budget request.

Scott provides an overview of the Sustainability Commission's priorities and budget request.

Jong asks if the Public Water allocation is for materials only.

Sandhu states that the allocation is for both events and materials.

Scott provides an overview of the Academic and Student Rights Commission's priorities and budget request.

Jong asks why there is a difference in costs of producing materials for this commission.

Sandhu explains that it depends on the type of materials. She states that some materials, such as rave cards, cost less to produce than materials such as lobby documents.

Scott provides an overview of the Community Action Commission's priorities and budget request.

Jong asks why there is a membership fee for Cinema Politica.

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Sandhu states that the membership fee is charged because the U.T.S.U. is registered as an organisation.

Scott states that the Executive Committee is seeking \$18,000 and has previously been allocated \$22,000 under the preliminary budget.

Foster states that the Communication, Visibility, Engagement and Programming line item is significant and can perhaps be reduced.

MOTION

Moved: Cudjoe

Seconded: Foster

Be it resolved that \$16,000 be allocated to the Executive Committee.

VOTE

CARRIED

Scott states that the Campus Life Commission is seeking \$27,550.

Cudjoe asks if the Halloweek event involves hosting a Haunted House.

Jong states that the funds are to be used for supporting a campus-wide initiative working with divisional councils.

Foster states that the UTSU should help coordinate initiatives with the faculty and college councils, instead of allocating funding towards hosting initiatives. He further states that he would like to see a revenue-neutral Montreal Reading Week trip, as in the past years.

Cudjoe states that GTA club night initiatives require a lot of resources and we may want to limit the number of events.

Foster asks about the nature of costs associated with the GTA events. He states that GTA initiatives see different student unions working together and perhaps the costs could be further shared.

Cudjoe states that Blue and White Spirit week will hopefully see a collaboration with the college and faculty councils, with these groups contributing funds.

Foster asks what Unity Through Diversity entails.

Sandhu provides an overview of Unity Through Diversity programming in past years and what is anticipated for this year.

MOTION

Moved: Cudjoe

Seconded: Foster

Be it resolved that \$11,000 be allocated to the Campus Life Commission.

VOTE

CARRIED

Scott states that the Sustainability Commission is seeking \$5,000.



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The next meeting will take place on August 11, at 7:30 pm.

## 8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

Moved: Jong

Seconded: Scott

The meeting is adjourned at 9:30 pm.

# **Budget Priorities**

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Social Justice and Equity Commission Budget Priorities  
2011-2012

## Social Justice and Equity Commission Budget Priorities 2011-2012

### Programming and Outreach

Budget: \$16,750.00

The commission's priority for the coming year is to promote and raise awareness on issues of discrimination, racism and as well as ensure a safe space for the marginalized. This priority will be achieved through various events, campaigns and programming. We also hope to have the opportunity to connect and work closely with social justice and equity based clubs, groups, associations and committees to ensure opportunities for collaboration and developing solidarity. Through connecting with different clubs, associations and committees we can be able to find solutions and establish a safe campus for students, classmates, staff and colleagues alike.

An exciting initiative this year is to work closely with other colleges and unions to provide anti-oppression training workshops. Another initiative for the coming year is to increase student activism on campus, this will be done through holding a Social Justice and Equity fair. It will comprise of different student-groups that are equity and social justice based which in turn will display to the members opportunities of involvement and activism. Programs such as eXpression Against Oppression, a week long event that will be held in first semester and second semester as well is one of the ways in which collaboration, education and solidarity will be made. XAO will be a collaborative effort between the University of Toronto Mississauga and Scarborough Campuses. Also the commission will focus on integrating faith-based clubs into programming and events that are dedicated to education and promoting tolerance among all faith groups on campus and the community alike. A religious conference is already in the making with the MFC (Multi-faith Centre) and faith-based clubs. The conference will comprise of a theme and it will be dedicated to foster tolerance and education the general members. A new programming idea for the coming year is showcasing oppression through artistic means. For this year we are going to be holding a "Step-Up Poetry" a spoken word event, which will be dedicated to artists who are concerned with issues of injustice and intolerance and they voice their concerns through vivid lyrics and words. There are many programs and outreach events and initiatives the commission is looking forward to hosting.

### **Timeframe: Year Round**

### **Advocacy**

**Budget: \$1700.00**

The Social justice and equity commission will be focusing on crucial initiatives dedicated towards support. This will include Aboriginal and women's rights and freedoms, students and members with disabilities, racialized and marginalized individuals. The advocacy structure of this commission will operate to organize a stream of positive-awareness campaigns that include but are not limited to; ageism, ableism, islamophobia, sexism in all its forms, faithism, racism in all its forms, anti-classism, phobias, anti-Semitism, marginalization, oppression, racialization and discrimination in all its forms etc. The commission will also participate in end the ban campaign, no means no and lobbying for an accessible equity officer with our sister union UTMSU at the



university of Toronto Mississauga as well as OHIP for international students. Through the advocacy section of the commission, an accessibility audit will be sought of the St. George and Mississauga campus in joint efforts with SBA (Student for Barrier free Access). In order to achieve this advocacy work, the commission will need outreach, promotional and marketing material to connect with members and the community.

**Timeframe: Year Round**

### **Coalition and solidarity**

**Budget: \$1350.00**

Coalition and solidarity will include collaboration and connecting with campus or community clubs, associations, committee, and organizations or groups to prioritize and share ideas to maintain strong relations and coalitions. The commission will aim to work with perspective groups, clubs, associations, committees and organizations to collectively help, facilitate, advocate, and promote social justice and equity across campus and beyond. The commission will also connect with dedicated community organizations and groups to produce means of support. Connecting in initiatives such as "Take Back the Night" and "the December 6<sup>th</sup> memorial are very crucial to the commission's framework. The commission will be looking forward to creating a "Against the famine" coalition, which will initially assist in gathering funds to provide aid to the famine that has been produced in Southern Somalia.

**Timeframe: Year Round**

### **Services**

**Budget: \$475.00**

The social justice and equity commission would like to assist in the services, facilities, benefits and advantages that are offered to our members. These include the food and clothing bank, equity garden and more. The commission may need developmental and promotional material to outreach the services to which the members have access to.

**Timeframe: Year Round**



# **Orientation Report: UniTe!**

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## Orientation 2011: UniTe!

Report to the U.T.S.U. Board of Directors - August 23<sup>th</sup>, 2011

U.T.S.U.'s Orientation is the single largest student-run orientation event at the University of Toronto, and in Canada. Our events attract approximately 10, 000 incoming students, over 200 U.T.S.U. clubs, as well as multitudes of individuals from various other aspects of university life. As in previous years, we are working to ensure that Orientation does its utmost to inspire our incoming students to help contribute to the U.T.S.U.'s goal of maintaining a strong, cohesive, U of T community. This report summarizes some of the work that we have undertaken so far.

### Theme:

The theme for orientation this year is "*UniTe!*" which we hope will encourage a feeling of school-wide unity. We feel that this theme highlights and celebrates the inclusivity of UTSU Orientation.

### Promotional Material:

We have finalized our poster and will be sending out the Summer Mailing shortly. Our website is live at [orientation.utsu.ca](http://orientation.utsu.ca).

### Orientation Kits:

The Union will be distributing 3,800 kits to the Divisions. Additionally, kits will be available for sale at the UTSU office and at UTSU outreach locations throughout the week. This year's kit inserts include an excellent variety of products such as the UTSU handbook as well as the vital information about campus services and UTSU advocacy work.

### U.T.S.U. Orientation Programming

A major change to the structure of the UTSU Orientation schedule was made this year with the Clubs Fair being on a different day than the Parade, Concert and After Party. The two day schedule was chosen to ease some of the logistical challenges. The Orientation Clubs Fair will take place on Wednesday September 7<sup>th</sup> and the Parade, Concert and After Party will take place on Friday September 9<sup>th</sup>.

### U.T.S.U. Clubs Fair

The Orientation Clubs Fair will take place between 10:00am and 2:00pm on 7<sup>th</sup> September. To date, we have 196 clubs registered. Online registration has closed with late registrations being handled on a case by case basis. We are placing clubs on a wait-list for now. In addition to exhibiting clubs, this year's Fair will feature musical programming and on-stage performances throughout the event.



#### U.T.S.U. Parade

The Parade will take place on September 9<sup>th</sup> between 2:00 pm and 4:30 pm, with mustering at front campus.

#### U.T.S.U. Concert

The Concert on September 9<sup>th</sup> will take place between 3:00 and 8:00 pm at Back Campus. As the 2011 Concert headliner, we have secured 6-time Juno and 5-time MMVA winner, Sam Roberts Band. Land of Talk is the supporting act and additional programming will be provided by CIUT. Food vendors, exhibitors and inflatable carnival rides will be present throughout the show.

#### U.T.S.U. After Party

The after part will take place on September 9<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 pm to 3:00 am at the Government & Kool Haus Nightclub Complex. We have nearly doubled our capacity from last year by renting both the Kool Haus and Government areas. Team Canada DJs are headlining along with D-Fad (a French DJ touring Canada), Yao, Planet Otnorot, Twono and Vivi Diamond. Shuttle busses between the venue and UTSU will be running all night.

Our events are free and open to all UofT students.

#### Orientation Finances:

We are on track to meet our sponsorship goal for this year with strong totals from both Campus and Corporate partners.

Respectfully submitted,

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