

University of Toronto Students' Union

Local 98, Canadian Federation of Students

Board of Directors Package #3

**For the meeting of
Thursday, July 19, 2011**

**Sidney Smith Hall
SS 1086
St. George Campus
6 pm**

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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NB: Vacant seats and non-voting members are not listed.

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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 July 19, 2011 U.T.S.U. Board of Directors meeting be approved as presented.

3. EXECUTIVE REPORTS (pp. 9 - 24)

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 July 19, 2011 Board meeting.

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)*

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)

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6. MOTION TO APPOINT SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSIONERS

MOTION

Moved: C. Scott

Seconded: Sandhu

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

7. CIUT STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

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

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

10. FYI- NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

11. OTHER BUSINESS

12. ADJOURNMENT

Executive Reports

President
Vice-President Campus Life
Vice-President Equity
Vice-President External
Vice-President University Affairs
Vice-President Internal and Services

Executive Report – July 19, 2011 Danielle Sandhu – President

Executive Summary:

- 1) **Governing Council Meeting, June 23, 2011**
- 2) **New U Conference, June 17-19, 2011**
- 3) **Advisory Committee on the Temporary Use of Space, June 27, 2011**
- 4) **Student Commons Update**
- 5) **Unite! Orientation Planning**
- 6) **Mississauga Academy of Medicine**

1. **Governing Council Meeting, June 23, 2011**

The last meeting of the current cycle of governance took place on June 23, 2011 at the St. George Campus. At this meeting, summer executive authority of the Governing Council was delegated to President David Naylor, and Governing Council retired for the summer.

The meeting saw the approval of a change in classification for the Munk School of Global Affairs from EDU:B to EDU:A. Members have been concerned about the School's ideology and curriculum, and its strings attached to the activities of Peter Munk. Munk, the Chief Executive Officer of Barrick Gold, has allegedly violated the academic freedom rights of academics who have attempted to publish research on human rights violations associated with the mining industry. The change in classification results in a change of scope for the School's faculty. Class A allows for primary faculty appointments with cross-application to other faculties. In response to concerns of violation of academic freedom, it was stated that the donor agreement signed between the University and the Munk Foundation referred to the principles of academic freedom and integrity. However, the terms of the agreement also allow Munk to discontinue funding if he is not pleased with the direction of the School. Students, faculty, and workers continue to be concerned with the way the contract seems to undermine democratic governance principles of academic planning at UofT.

A Governing Council member, concerned that it was precarious, asked about the status of the Transitional Year Program, and whether any budget cuts were being proposed to the program. Provost Misak rejected the member's concern that TYP was in a precarious position and failed to address the cuts in staffing that have already afflicted the program. UTSU representatives have been supporting our members in the TYP program who are concerned about the impact that cuts in staffing will have on the program. The cuts represent another threat to the survival of this important access program, which has previously seen attempts to undermine its resources and autonomy.

A member also asked about the status of the Non-Academic *Code of Student Conduct*, and if a revision was being produced. Vice-Provost, Students, Jill Matus indicated that a "question and answer" document was being prepared and would be presented for feedback at the University Affairs Board of the Governing Council at a later date. We will be following the development of this document and continue to call for a full review of the Policy.

2. **New U Conference, June 17-19, 2011**

Our executive team recently attended the New U Conference, along with dozens of student representatives from across the three campuses. Our delegation appreciated the opportunity for skill-building and networking with other student associations. Preliminary feedback from attendees indicates that participants liked having



alumni facilitators for workshops and discussion circles, workshops were useful, and the conference presented a great networking opportunity. Congratulations to the conference chair, Pagalavan Thavarajah and the Scarborough Campus Students' Union, as well as all members of the conference working group on their efforts in coordinating the conference. Special thanks to Kate Bowers, Ian Simmie from the Office of Student Life, Nadia Rosemond from the University of Toronto Scarborough for their time and effort.

3. Advisory Committee on the Temporary Use of Space

The Committee has a draft document containing revisions for the *Policy on the Temporary Use of Space*, and accompanying procedures for the Provost to review. These recommendations will go to Governance in the fall. We are still concerned that the Policy is cited to apply to all University spaces, with exception to the federated colleges. Along with the UTMSU, we raised the concern that this does not respect the autonomy of a number of spaces on campus including college and faculty spaces. We stated that student centres are autonomous, student-run spaces with their own policies and procedures, and that the *Policy* did not apply to these spaces. We suggested that the Policy and/or procedures should include language which recognizes the autonomy of these spaces.

4. Student Commons Update

Our progress on the Student Commons project continues, as we work towards the signing of the operating agreement between our Union and the University administration. We had a most recent meeting with representatives of the University on June 6th, to continue discussions on the operating agreement. Meanwhile our Internal Committee will continue its work to develop plans for the new space.

5. Unite! Orientation Planning

Our staff and executive team is fully engaged in preparations for fall Orientation and we are excited to present two days of programming as part of the central UofT orientation. This year our Clubs Day will take place on Wednesday, September 7, 2011 and our parade, concert and after-party events will take place on Friday, September 9, 2011.

Rather than hosting all four large-scale events in one day, this year's schedule for Orientation events increases the opportunities for our members to participate in the individual events, particularly the Clubs Day. Unfortunately, we are facing a challenge with respect to the Facilities and Services (F&S) costs associated with hosting the orientation programming on campus. These expenses increase annually, averaging nearly \$30,000 in 2010. As a result of hosting the Orientation events over two days this year, we have received an estimate that the Facilities and Services costs will double.

In recent years, we have received a waiver in some of the Facilities and Services costs from the Vice-Provost, Students' Office. In 2010, this waiver was threatened by objections from the Office of the Provost, Cheryl Misak, who objected to the Orientation t-shirts as they contained a slogan referring to the Stop Flat Fees campaign and would now like the power to censor all UTSU Orientation materials. This threat is of great concern to student union autonomy and represents an attempt to undermine the democratic processes of the Union, in which our members set the direction for our campaign priorities and development of our materials. Fortunately, we did receive the waiver from the Vice-Provost, Students' office. However, in preliminary discussions around a fee waiver for 2011, the Provost has indicated she would like to vet the Union's orientation materials before committing the waiver. We will continue to follow up with the Vice-Provost Students Office on this important matter.



Our preparation for our series of alternative orientation programming, including disOrientation, Mature Students Weekend, International Students' Orientation and Queer Orientation continue. We are pleased to report that we will be collaborating with the Centre for International Experience to host a joint orientation for international students.

6. Mississauga Academy of Medicine

We recently became aware that our members in the Mississauga Academy of Medicine were being charged unapproved fees for UTM campus and UTMSU member services. We have been working closely with the UTMSU and Medical Society to ensure that our Faculty of Medicine MD members affiliated with the Mississauga Academy of Medicine are fairly represented and proper protocol for fee collection is being followed by the University administration. As neither the Council on Student Services, nor our Union requested for the UTM campus service to be collected, and MAM students are not UTMSU members, we worked with the UTMSU and Medical Society to challenge the collection of fees from MAM students with the Office of the Vice-Provost, Students. We were told that proper protocol had been followed in the Quality Service to Students (QSS) committee at UTM (the body that would approve campus service fees for UTM students) prior to approval at the University Affairs Board of the Governing Council. Since our challenge to the collection of these fees, it has been revealed that the Dean of Student Affairs at UTM submitted an alternate version of the schedule of fees approved at QSS to the UAB. This schedule inaccurately detailed the approval of fees for MAM students. Vice Provost, Students' Jill Matus and Dean of Student Affairs, Mark Overton, have formally apologized for this error.

We are working closely with the UTMSU to follow up with Jill Matus' office to ensure accountability in the process for collecting fees from students. We will continue to collaborate with the Medical Society and UTMSU to support our members at the Mississauga Academy of Medicine, to ensure they have adequate access to relevant services.

Respectfully submitted,
Danielle

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Executive Board Report of the Vice-President Campus Life July 19th, 2011

CAMPUS LIFE

UNITE! Orientation Planning

Orientation planning is well ahead of schedule. We have ordered frosh kits, and look forward to our kit stuffing sessions throughout July and August. The Orientation Coordinators, Elliot Coombe and Hong Nguyen have been busy planning the logistics of the two day programming and have been maintaining great working relationships with our sponsors. Our volunteer base for orientation is continuing to grow and with the help of our new Associate, Fatema Pardhan, we are expecting a great turnout for kit stuffing and for our programming. Just a reminder that the final day for clubs fair registration is Monday August 22nd, 2011. Directors are strongly encouraged to volunteer for orientation activities, please contact me at vpcampuslife@utsu.ca.

Caribana Planning

Caribana planning is well underway and we are excited to collaborate again with numerous campus clubs on the Caribana Food Fair on Sidney Smith patio on July 25th, 2011 with great tasting foods, live musical entertainment and a DJ. Our new Associate to the VP Campus Life, Shaun Poon, has been in communication with some interested campus groups and we are looking forward to great Caribana programming through collaborating with student groups.

Commuter Student Orientation Planning

Commuter Student Orientation this year is scheduled for the week after our Orientation Week. The orientation coordinators are looking into sponsorship for Commuters Students Orientation and we will be providing a day of fun-filled and engaging activities to our members. We will also be contacting the orientation coordinators from the divisions, as well as commuter directors to collaborate with for our programming.

Campus Life Commission Meetings

We have hosted three commission meetings to date, with two of them being in the month of June. During the second meeting we were able to brainstorm and have great discussions about event and programming ideas for the coming year. In our third meeting, the commission was able to go through each event, draft a budget, and set priorities for the 2011-2012 academic year. The priorities include: Blue & White Spirit Week, U.T.S.U.'s Got You, and a Montreal Reading Week Trip.

CLUBS

Clubs Executive Training

The club executive training dates have been scheduled. We held our first training session on June 29th. Upcoming training dates are July 15 and August 15. The first training session was very successful with great feedback from the club executives who had the opportunity to meet and interact with all of the U.T.S.U. executives and some staff members. The dates for the following training sessions are: Friday July 15th and Saturday August 13th, 2011.



Clubs Recognition

The U.T.S.U. clubs recognition process continues. Many groups, both new and old have applied for recognition and we are continuing to consider each application. We also encourage the members of the board to remind club executives to reapply and outreach to new members to form new clubs as well. There is now a set drop-in time for club members: Tuesday 12:00 – 2:00 pm to consult with the Vice-President Campus Life for any budget proposals, constitution reviews, event planning, etc.

Summer Funding

The summer funding deadline was June 15th, 2011. We are currently in the process of going through the applications and will be reviewing them with the Clubs Committee.

In Solidarity,

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



Executive Board Report of the Vice-President Equity July 19th, 2011

Executive Summary

1. **International Student's Orientation planning**
2. **Student Refugee Program Updates**
3. **Social Justice and Equity Commission meeting, June 30th, 2011**
4. **Women's Gym Only Hours**
5. **New College Equity Director: Social Justice and Equity Fair (July 8th)**

1. International Students' Orientation planning

The International Students' Orientation is traditionally a two-day orientation event designed to cater to international students. We are pleased that this year we will be collaborating with the Centre for International Experience to hold the International Student's Orientation. The Orientation will now take place over a two week period. We had a meeting with the Director of CIE, Miranda Cheng and Assistant Director of CIE, Holly Luffman.

The Orientation will include academic advising and social and cultural events such as open Mic nights, film screenings and tours around the city. This collaborative effort is still in its early stages and the programming has yet to be finalized. Ms. Luffman and I have been communicating about the week and I look forward to taking the project to its next stage upon her return from her vacation. We are looking forward to providing a positive experience for our incoming international students.

If directors are interested in getting involved in planning, please contact me at vpequity@utsu.ca.

2. Student Refugee Program

WUSC's Student Refugee Program provides displaced youth from around the world an opportunity to pursue post-secondary education in Canada. Students are sponsored by local committees, which also assist the student in adjusting to life in Canada and at their post-secondary institution. Each year, the Union sponsors a student to attend the University of Toronto.

A notification has been received from Citizenship and Immigration Canada confirming that the paperwork has been received and the University of Toronto has sent us the admission letter. We await further information regarding logistical details.

We will be preparing for the student's arrival over the summer. Any interested member can be a part of the Union's Student Refugee Committee. Please email vpequity@utsu.ca for more details.



3. Social Justice and Equity Commission

The Social Justice and Equity Commission meeting was held Thursday, June 30th in University College 144. The purpose of this Commission meeting was to introduce our interested members to some of the many ways in which they can get involved in equity and social justice campaigns. We discussed issues such as the women's only gym hours, orientation kit inserts, and the student refugee program. I am proud to report that the commission meeting was well attended and an attitude of inclusivity was adopted during the meeting. The meeting was productive and we were able to draft programs and events that are dedicated to pursuing accessibility and inclusivity on campus

4. Women's Gym Only Hours at the Athletic Centre

A major concern from Union members was the time allotted for women's only gym hours at the Athletics Centre (AC). Students noted that the hours designated women's only were too few and the room allocated is not designed for appropriate workout exercises (only the weight room was booked). Upon investigation with my associate Christine Hsu, we were able to communicate the concerns to the AC and have scheduled a meeting with them next week to seek further opportunities to expand the women's only hours. We are also exploring the New College Gym and Hart House as alternatives and have requested meetings with their respective representatives. We will be advertising and promoting the women's only hours in order to increase awareness.

5. New College Equity Director: Social Justice and Equity Fair

I am happy to announce that in the coming year we will be collaborating on a "Social Justice and Equity Fair" with some of the colleges to promote events, campaigns and initiatives that focus on equity and accessibility. This project came from the need to address social justice issues as well as increase student engagement on campus. I have met with the New College Equity Director Michelle Galluzzo and the Education and Philanthropy Director, Carmelle Cuizon, and we have begun work on logistics and promotion of the project.

Peace & Love

Lena Elamin
Vice-President University Affairs
University of Toronto Students' Union
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Executive Report – July 19, 2011 Shaun Shepherd – Vice-President External

Executive Summary:

- 1) **Canadian Federation of Students-Ontario (CFS-O) Skills Development Symposium**
- 2) **Disorientation Planning**
- 3) **CUPW Rally**
- 4) **Credit Transfer Website Consultation Meeting**
- 5) **Parking Fees Working Group**
- 6) **Community Action Commission Meeting**
- 7) **Public Forum: Civil War in Sri Lanka**
- 8) **Pride Outreach**
- 9) **Take it Over Campaign Update**

(1) CFS-O Skills Development Symposium – June 10-12, 2011

Members from Local 98 had the opportunity to participate in the CFS-O Skills Symposium. The Symposium was an opportunity to bring together students' union representatives, staff and volunteers to learn and share skills relevant to their positions. Please refer to the *Skills Development Symposium Report-Back* included in this Board package for more information on the workshops attended by Local 98 delegates.

(2) DisOrientation Planning Meeting

DisOrientation is one of a series of alternative orientations co-hosted by the students' union. 'DisO' speaks to alternative and marginalized academic perspectives and engages student activists. We have had ongoing meetings with the Ontario Public Interest Research Group to organize for DisO. These meetings are held on a regular basis and decisions made will be brought to the Community Action Commission for membership input.

(3) CUPW Rally – June 22, 2011

UTSU representatives, alongside other GTA student unions attended a Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW) solidarity rally held at Yonge and Dundas. The event garnered much media attention and was an opportunity for CUPW workers to voice their concerns over working conditions, attempts to introduce a two-tiered wage system, and the introduction of back to work legislation in the House of Commons.

(4) Credit Transfer Website Focus Group Meeting – June 15, 2011

On June 15, 2011, UTSU representatives met with the Web College University Consortium Council's Portal Advisory Committee to discuss the design of the Ontario Transfer Portal. In 2011, students won a post-secondary credit-transfer system. The focus group was an opportunity for students, faculty, staff, and other stakeholders to provide input into the overall design of the website. Development of the website was contracted to Bold Internet Solutions who presented three options for the website design. Students and administrative stakeholders raised concerns for the website to be intuitive, easily accessible in French, not



use images of people to avoid concerns of stereotyping, be made a resource primarily for post-secondary students, and should try where possible to not redirect students to call external offices for information. In a sense, the website should operate as an accessible, 'one-stop-shop' for transfer-credit information.

(5) Parking Fees Working Group - June 15, 2011

As per my commitment to working group N11 from the Canadian Federation of Students' Semi-Annual General Meeting in June, we have met with other GTA member locals to begin discussions on the parking policies and realities faced on our respective campuses. Research on the University of Toronto's parking policy will be conducted and the working group has committed to meeting again in late July.

(6) Community Action Commission Meeting - June 15, 2011

The Community Action Commission Meeting was held in UC144 at 5:30pm. Information on the meeting can be found in the *Community Action Committee Minutes*.

(7) Forum: Civil War in Sri Lanka - June 22, 2011

UTSU representatives attended a public forum on the consequences of the civil war in Sri Lanka. Speakers included Prof. Cheran Rudhramoorthy from the University of Windsor, John Argue from Amnesty International, Leanne Wilkins from United Food and Commercial Workers Union, and Rohitha Abeywardane from Journalists for Democracy in Sri Lanka. A CBC reporter was present to record statements throughout the discussion. The event was well attended by members of the Tamil community and allies.

(8) Pride Outreach – June 29th-July 2nd

Executives, board members and associates participated in the U of T planned events with the week ending in the 3 respective marches: the Trans March, Dyke March and Pride Parade. We had a strong presence at all three marches.

(9) Take it Over Campaign Updates

With a provincial election set for October 6th, parties and candidates are busy developing platforms. As we saw in the last Federal election, there was immense media buzz on the impact of the student vote.

Recognizing that student voter turnout is significantly lower than that of the general population, students from across Ontario are working on the "Take it Over" campaign. The campaign was developed to ensure that one of the key issues in this election is post-secondary education. Throughout the summer, we will be holding on and off-campus outreach. On-campus, we will be hosting Take it Over Coalition meetings every Tuesday from 3-5pm in Sid Smith. Board members are encouraged to participate by attending meetings, or submitting suggestions. The Take it Over Coalition will be the working group from which the campaign is built on our campus.

With a number of festivals happening in Toronto during the summer months, off-campus outreach will be ongoing. To date, we have done public Take it over outreach at the following locations:

- July 2, 2011 - Toronto Pride (Church St. and Wellesley St.)
- July 6, 2011 - Union Station
- July 9, 2011 – Afrofest

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Executive Report of the Vice-President Internal & Services Tuesday, July 19, 2011

In this report:

1. **Member Services**
2. **Human Resources**
3. **Budget and Planning Framework**

1. 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.

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.

UTSU Good Food Box

In addition to moving the Book Exchange Program online, the website developers have also been tasked with creating an online ordering format for the Good Food Box program online. The Good Food Box was introduced last year and has been a popular way for students 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. 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.

In another effort to improve this service, we have initiated a change in delivery day. In the next few weeks the Good Boxes will be arriving bi-weekly on Tuesdays instead of Thursdays. Many of our members requested the change in delivery so that they may consume the food throughout the week rather than eating it on weekends when they may be out of town, off campus or away from their workplace.

If you are interested in ordering a Good Food Box, please email terri@utsu.ca to join the mailing list.

UTSU Food and Clothing Bank

Our food and clothing bank is the 5th largest Daily Bread Food bank in the city of Toronto. The food and clothing bank is accessible to all students registered at the University of Toronto and is a very important service for students and their families who are facing financial barriers. Directors are encouraged to sign up for volunteer shifts on Fridays from 12pm-4pm at the Multifaith Centre.



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. The fundraiser will aim to promote healthy and sustainable exercise through Zumba Dance and meditation. If there are any directors who are interested in getting involved in this project, please feel free to email vpinternal@utsu.ca.

Summer Newsletter

The summer newsletter, which will inform our members of the Union about our services, events and campaigns for the upcoming year, is currently in production. The newsletter will be mailed out to all our members in the late summer. It will include a section on Orientation, as well as information on all of our programming, and the free UTSU concert (including headlining artists!).

Orientation Bulk-Purchasing Order

We are pleased to participate in the Ethical Purchasing Network Service of the Canadian Federation of Students to purchase ethical and sustainable materials for our Orientation. Our bulk purchase order includes t-shirts, lanyards and reusable water bottles. We will be offering these items to members in our orientation kits and otherwise throughout the fall. Several of our recognised campus clubs and levy groups are also participating in this service to offer their members customized, ethically produced gear.

Discounted Entertainment Tickets

Wonderland Tickets

Our popular Wonderland tickets are now available in our 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 Service Development Committee will be meeting in the next few weeks to discuss programs and services that can be offered through the Union. If directors have any recommendations, please send them to vpinternal@utsu.ca.

2. HUMAN RESOURCES

Associates

We have now filled ten of the twelve Associate to the Executive positions. We have recently posted the remaining two postings of Graphic Designer and Sustainability Associate. The deadline for Sustainability Associate was Friday, June 15 and the Graphic Designer posting has been extended. Please refer to the Union website for details and circulate the posting widely.

Below are the ten hired associates and their relative portfolios:

Christine Hsu - Equity Events Associate, (christine@utsu.ca)

Fatema Pardhan – Volunteer Associate (fatema@utsu.ca)

Gowthaman Kurusamy - Service Development Associate, (gowthaman@utsu.ca)



Maria Pilar Galvez – Research Associate (maria@utsu.ca)
Midhat Siddiqui – Campaigns Associate (midhat@utsu.ca)
Navdeep Johal – Campaigns Associate (navdeep@utsu.ca)
Sana Rokhsefat – Clubs Associate, (sana@utsu.ca)
Shaun Poon - Campus Life Events Associate (shaun.poon@utsu.ca)
Yolen Bollo-Kamera – Minute-Taker Associate (yolen@utsu.ca)
Danielle Smalling – Communications Associate (smalling@utsu.ca)

We are very excited for this new team who have already shown outstanding efforts in the first month. With the new portfolio-based associates, we plan to outreach to members in order to provide and expand services, events and run campaigns while also having well documented meetings and great communications with clubs.

Operations Coordinator hiring

We have recently filled the vacant staff position of Operations Coordinator. The Operations Coordinator is tasked with the role of overseeing accounts payable, coordinating with levy groups regarding funding and training, assisting with the Student Commons project and preparing for our annual audit. After reviewing and short-listing candidate resumes and conducting interviews, the hiring committee for the Operations Coordinator made a recommendation to the Executive Committee, which was approved. We welcome Meghan McPhee to our team as our new Operations Coordinator.

Many thanks to the staff and executive members who fulfilled the duties of the Operations Coordinator during the period of vacancy.

The Operations Coordinator can be reached at operations@utsu.ca.

Policy and Student Rights Coordinator hiring

We are excited to report that we have filled a new unionised staff position at the Union. The Policy and Student Rights Coordinator will be responsible for coordinating with registrars, governing bodies and other University offices to provide academic advocacy. They will also be tasked with conducting policy-based and other research, supporting the production of the Union's lobby documents for the University and governments, compiling our Board packages, and working closely with the Vice-President Equity and Vice President University Affairs.

After reviewing and short-listing candidate resumes and conducting interviews, the hiring committee made a recommendation to the Executive Committee. We welcome Dina Skvirsky to our team as the new Policy and Student Rights Coordinator.

The Policy and Student Rights Coordinator can be reached at advocacy@utsu.ca.

3. BUDGETING AND PLANNING FRAMEWORK

Budget Proposals

Enclosed in this board package are the budget proposals for each of the Commissions, the Executive Committee and several staff requests for budget changes. These documents will be referred to the Budget Committee upon ratification in principle by the Board of Directors.



Budget Committee

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.

2010-2011 AUDIT

The 2010-2011 fiscal year ended on April 30, 2011..As of July 12, our auditors have begun reviewing the financial information. 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.

Respectfully Submitted,

Corey Scott
Vice-President Internal and Services
vpis@utsu.ca



Executive Board Report of the Vice-President University Affairs July 11th, 2011

Summary

1. **Academic and Student Rights Commission meeting, June 27, 2011**
2. **U.T.S.U. Undergraduate Teaching Awards**
3. **Individual Advocacy**
4. **Cage-Free Eggs at U of T meeting, June 23, 2011**
5. **Governing Council Meeting**
6. **UTEAU Meeting, June 29, 2011**

Academic and Student Rights Commission meeting, June 27, 2011

An Academic and Student Rights Commission meeting was held on June 27th, and members discussed a broad range of initiatives for the upcoming year. Some of the key initiatives and campaigns for the year include updating the governance guide, updating the scholarship guide, creating awareness campaigns around turnitin.com and issues regarding students' intellectual property rights, as well as advocating for a split tuition fee structure at the University. We also discussed creating materials to advocate for reform within governance bodies of the university that lack adequate student representation. There was also a recommendation to create more comprehensive Student Rights and Responsibilities materials that are applicable to students from professional faculties. Commission resources were also tentatively outlined and budgeted for this year.

At the next commission meeting, we will continue to set priorities, outline initiatives, and develop our list of goals.

U.T.S.U. Undergraduate Teaching Awards

We have been working on organizing the annual U.T.S.U. Undergraduate Teaching Awards ceremony for later in the year. This awards ceremony recognizes and lauds professors who have made a significant contribution to the academic experience of students. Candidates can be nominated by their students from September to March by completing an application form and a written statement. We will be opening up nominations for professors who teach summer courses. A professor from the St. George and Mississauga campuses will be selected, and an awards ceremony will likely be held in November/December.

Individual Advocacy

We have been working closely with several students on a number of academic concerns and issues. These have ranged from academic appeals, to issues with the quality of a course to concerns over the university upholding its guarantee of financial assistance.



Cage-Free Eggs at U of T Meeting

We met with students advocating for the use of cage-free eggs in the university food services and U.T.S.U. events. The students presented how most eggs are produced by hens living in battery cages, which do not provide enough space for the hens to engage in nesting and pecking behaviours, nor are they permitted to move around outside of the cage for the duration of their life. This treatment of hens creates an enormous amount of stress on the animals, resulting in feather loss, debeaking due to excessive pecking, and premature death. The students explained that university food services are generally supportive of using cage-free eggs. The main concern is the cost increase associated with using free range eggs, but students explained that the difference is only 25 cents per egg. We will be encouraging the discussion of this issue at the next Sustainability Commission Meeting.

Governing Council Meeting, June 23, 2011

We attended the June 23rd meeting of the governing council. Topics on the agenda included changing the status of the Munk School of Global Affairs in terms of departmental units, audited financial statements, and the university's new budget model. Concerns were raised by students regarding the use of security forces outside the governing council chambers at the last meeting to actively block members of the public from attending the meeting. More concerns were raised regarding the Munk School of Global Affairs, particularly the human rights violations inflicted by Peter Munk's gold mining company, Barrick Gold, and how a clause in the monetary donation agreement outlining conditional release of funds may affect the academic freedom rights of students who are pursuing research in the Munk School of Global Affairs.

University of Toronto Employees' Associations and Union Meeting, June 29, 2011

On June 29th, we attended a meeting of the University of Toronto Employees' Associations (UTEAU) and Unions. This group includes members from the University of Toronto Faculty Association, CUPE 3902 (sessional lecturers and teaching assistants), CUPE 75 (food service and cafeteria workers), CUPE 3907, and CUPE 2484 (childcare workers). UTEAU was designed to coordinate bargaining concerns among a number of labour and trade unions. It is also a forum to speak and work collectively to develop a sense of solidarity among labour, trade, and student unions. Members of UTEAU are preparing to enter a series of negotiations with their employers. CUPE 3902 is particularly concerned that teaching assistants are only paid 3 minutes per student to mark, limiting the amount of time spent providing feedback (which affects overall quality of undergraduate education) and adding stress to a TA who may have to spend more time giving feedback while not getting paid for the added work.

In solidarity,

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



Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting #2

June 8, 2011

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Attendance:

Stephanie Abrahams (St. Michael's College)
Akid Azfar (Faculty of Engineering)
Albi Aziz (Vice-President Campus Life)
Kishan Chouhan (Faculty of Music)
Shreena Dhawan (New College)
Lena Elamin (Vice-President Equity)
Jessie Esufali (Faculty of Nursing)
Lissette Ferrari (St. Michael's College)
Jon Foster (Woodsworth College)
Rebecca Harvey (Woodsworth College)
Clara Ho (Vice-President University Affairs)
Gina Husain (University of Toronto Mississauga)
Ramya Janandharan (Arts and Science at-Large)
Prescilla Jong (St. Michael's College)
Saba Khan (University of Toronto Mississauga)
Abhishek Mathur (Faculty of Engineering)
Dimpho Radebe (Faculty of Engineering)
Sana Rokhsefat (Arts & Science at-Large)
Munib Sajjad (UTMSU representative)
Corey Scott (Vice-President Internal & Services)
Michael Scott (Trinity College)

Shaun Shepherd (Vice-President External)
Dan Shilensky (Professional Faculty at-Large)
Midhat Siddiqui (Professional Faculty at-Large)
Leonicka Valcius (New College)
Yasmine Youssef (University of Toronto Mississauga)

Proxy:

Jarrar Ahmed to Danielle Sandhu
Abigail Cudjoe to Shaun Shepherd seconded to Danielle Sandhu
Susan Hwang to Corey Scott seconded to Jon Foster
Thuwanika Kandasamy to Corey Scott seconded to Shreena Dhawan
Min Kyu Kim to Carly Degenstein seconded to Danielle Sandhu
Aly Madhavji to Munib Sajjad
Keshav Uppal to Gina Husain
Leonicka Valcius to Shreena Dhawan seconded to Lena Elamin
Jonathan Valelly to Corey Scott seconded to Danielle Sandhu

1. CALL TO ORDER

This meeting is called to order at 5:15pm.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION

Moved: C. Scott

Seconded: Sandhu

Be it resolved that the agenda for the June 8, 2011 U.T.S.U. Board of Directors meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED

3. EXECUTIVE REPORTS (pp. 14-28)

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 June 8, 2011 Board meeting.

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DISCUSSION

Sandhu states that the University has implemented the Flat Fees Policy. She states that there was a vote to increase tuition fees on April 7 at the Governing Council Meeting. She states that at the meeting, students were kept out of the meeting by campus police. She further states that at the May 19 Governing Council meeting, the Vice-Provost had stated that the University will go ahead on the implementation of Flat Fees without there being a vote. Sandhu further states that the month of transition at the Union has gone well and that the Executive Committee has settled in their portfolios. She further states that the site allocation, 230 College Street has been approved for Student Commons and that it is a great step forward for all-access student space.

M. Scott asks what was the cost of the Executive retreat was and how much the RebELLEs conferences. He further asks what decision process was made in deciding whether to attend the conference. He further asks whether it was a failure that the Union representative did not attend the Vice-Provost Temporary Use of Space meeting.

Sandhu states that the Executive Committee had passed the motion for the delegation to the RebELLEs conference. She states that the total cost of the conference was \$700. She states that RebELLEs is a pan-Canadian network of young feminists. She further states that the purpose of the conference is to meet up with allies and sister organisations to share the work that has been done. She further states she is confused as has attended the Vice-Provost Temporary Use of Space Committee meetings.

M. Scott asks if she attended the first meeting.

Sandhu states that she attended the first Vice-Provost Temporary Use of Space Committee meeting.

Aziz states that the Campus Life portfolio will host many events this year will tie in with Union campaigns. He states that Clubs Day will take place on September 7 this year and that the Concert and Club Night will take place September 9. He further states that the two Orientation Coordinators are Elliot Coombe and Hong Ngyuen and that the planning for Orientation Week is well underway. He further states that there will many alternative Orientation Weeks. He further states that the clubs recognition process has begun and that many clubs have begun the application process for clubs recognition. He states that he looks forward in meeting with the new club representatives.

Jong asks when Executive Clubs Training will take place this year.

Aziz states that Executive Clubs Training is set tentative for late June or early July.

Mathur asks when alternative Orientation Weeks will take place.

Aziz states that it will take place the week after U.T.S.U. Orientation.

M. Scott asks if the cost of Commuter Orientation will be taken out of the U.T.S.U. Orientation levy.

Aziz states that the planning process along with the budgeting cost of Commuter Orientation has not taken place yet and that it will be decided by the Campus Life Commission.

M. Scott asks which budget line item Commuter Orientation will go under.

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Sandhu states that the Commuter Orientation budget line item will go under the Campus Life budget section.

M. Scott asks if the Mega Commission limits access to those who wish to attend commission meetings throughout the month.

Aziz states that the purpose of hosting the Mega Commission was for members to meet the new incoming Executives and also for the members of the Union to familiarise themselves with the Commissions as many individuals are unsure what each Commission is about.

Elamin states that she has begun the planning for International Student Orientation – she states that the purpose of International Student Orientation is for international students to get used to the campus and but to be accustomed to the culture adjustment. She states that she is also working on getting the papers for the new WUSC student, who will be arriving in late August. She states that there has been a new hire for the Food for All Garden and that she is excited to work with the new gardener.

Mathur asks when the Pride Parade will take place this year.

C. Scott states that there are three marches, the Trans March will take place on Friday, the Dyke March will take place on Saturday, and that the Pride march will take place on the Sunday of the last weekend of June.

Ferrari asks where the items from the Food for All Garden will go.

C. Scott states that items from the Food for All Garden are free for members to take but the remainder goes to the Food and Clothing Bank.

M. Scott asks what is the cost of International Student Orientation for this year.

C. Scott states that the amount for International Student Orientation has not been set yet until the next Social Justice and Equity Commission meeting.

M. Scott asks what was the cost for the WUSC student last year.

Sandhu states that the amount that is spent on the WUSC student is through a levy collected through from Union members.

M. Scott asks if hosting the Mega Commission is an accessibility issue.

Sandhu states that hosting a Mega Commission is not an accessibility issue as members had the chance to be introduced to all the Commissions. She further states that at the Mega Commission, members were first given a presentation of all the Commissions and they were then given the opportunity to breakout into the separate commissions to brainstorm. She further states that the Mega Commission is not a seldom event and that it was well advertised in advance so that members could attend.

Jong asks when International Student Orientation will take place.

Elamin states that International Student Orientation will take place early September.

Khan asks if it is possible to extend the invite to club presidents to attend the Mega Commission meeting in the future.

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Sandhu states that it is a great suggestion to invite club presidents to attend the Mega Commission meeting.

Shepherd states that the Union attended the Status for All March and that it was a success. He further stated that he attended the Ontario Executive Meeting and that the meeting went well as there was a great discussion about the Take it Over Campaign. He states that the purpose of the Take it Over Campaign is to increase voter turnout for the provincial elections on October 6, 2011 but to also increase awareness and priority of post-secondary education.

M. Scott asks if there were any costs incurred during the May Day rally.

Sandhu states that there were some in-kind resources provided.

M. Scott if there were transportation and rooming costs associated with the Ontario Executive Meeting.

Shepherd states that the Ontario Executive Meeting took place in Toronto and that there were no costs and he did not stay at the hotel.

M. Scott asks if the Take It Over campaign is non-partisan.

Shepherd states that the Take It Over campaign addresses the need for funding towards post-secondary education and that it calls out leaders, parties and platforms that have not provided adequate support and funding for it.

M. Scott states that there are advertisements from the campaign that are made against Premier Dalton McGuinty and asks if that campaign is still non-partisan.

Shepherd states that to be critical of party platforms is not partisan.

Sajjad states that it is important for the Take it Over campaign to happen and it excited to see board and general members passionate about the campaign.

C. Scott states that he has been helping the new executives with transition. He further states that he is getting clubs from last year to pick up their remaining cheques. He states that there will two full-time staff positions hired this year and that Collective Bargaining has been finalized.

Mathur asks what the work-study positions are.

M. Scott states that some of the work-study positions include working assistance with front-desk, sustainability priorities and assistance with clubs administration.

M. Scott asks if the Collective Bargaining Agreement will be made accessible to members of the Union.

C. Scott states that the Collective Bargaining Agreement will be available to board members to come in and view once it has been signed.

M. Scott asks what the CUPE 1281 training was.

C. Scott states that the CUPE 1281 training is training for new incoming executives to learn more about the working relationship between the employers and employees of the Union.

M. Scott asks who organised the training.

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C. Scott states that it was organized by the CUPE 1281 staff and other local unions were able to attend.

VOTE

In Favour:

Abstention:

Opposed: M. Scott

CARRIED

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (pp. 29-57)

MOTION

Moved: C. Scott

Seconded: Sandhu

Be it resolved that the June 8, 2011 minutes package including the following documents be approved by the U.T.S.U. Board of Directors:

- a. Board of Directors (2010-2011), *April 30 (pp. 30-33.)*
- b. Board of Directors (2011-2012), *April 30 (pp.34-40)*
- c. Executive Committee, *May 13, 20, 27 (pp.41-51)*
- d. Mega Commission, *May 26 (pp.52-57)*

VOTE

In Favour:

Abstention: M. Scott

Opposed:

CARRIED

Externalisations

Page 41 (Orientation Coordinators Hiring)

MOTION

Moved: Sandhu

Seconded: C. Scott

Be it resolved that Elliot Coombe and Hong Ngyuen be hired as Orientation Coordinators for the 2011-2012 year.

DISCUSSION

Sandhu states that there were a number of applicants who applied for the Orientation Coordinator positions and that the two individuals who are presented were the most qualified candidates.

M. Scott asks how the motion was carried before the motion went into camera.

Sandhu states that it is a typographical error.

CARRIED

Page 44 (prep for NGM)

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DISCUSSION

M. Scott asks if he can get the motion package of the Canadian Federation of Students' National General Meeting.

Sandhu states that motion package and binders are accessible to members at the Union office.

Page 45 (Rebelles conference)

MOTION

Moved: Shepherd

Seconded: Elamin

Be it resolved that Danielle Sandhu be the Union's delegate to the RebELLEs Conference in Winnipeg. Be it further resolved that the Union cover delegate expenses including registration fee, flight and accommodations.

DISCUSSION

Shepherd states that he felt that this conference is in line with what the Union does and is an excellent way for allies to come together to share ideas and experiences in improving the quality of experience for members on campus.

M. Scott states that he questions the value of the conference given the travel costs associated with these conferences.

VOTE

In Favour:

Abstention:

Opposed: M. Scott

CARRIED

Page 51 (Associate and Other Hirings)

MOTION

Moved: C. Scott

Seconded: Elamin

Be it resolved that Maria Pilar Galvez be hired as an Associate to the Executive for the Summer Term, starting May 1, 2011.

DISCUSSION

C. Scott states that the hiring was towards the most suitable individual.

M. Scott asks if the associate will be paid retroactively for the work done before the hiring date and if so, he finds it problematic as the Board of Directors have not yet approved on such matter.

C. Scott states that the associate was hired based off on submitted timesheets for the work done and that as of yet, there has been no payment made. He further states that the associate hiring structure at the point in time was not yet established.

M. Scott asks how there was a hiring with no structure.

Sandhu states that the hiring for this associate was slightly different than the others but the Executives needed assistance as there was much work to be done at the start of the term.

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VOTE

In Favour:

Abstentions:

Opposed: M. Scott

CARRIED

MOTION TO RECESS

Moved: Foster

Seconded: Sajjad

CARRIED

This meeting recessed at 6:30pm.

The meeting is resumed at 6:40pm.

5. STRIKING OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Budget Committee

MOTION

Moved: C. Scott

Seconded: Sandhu

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

Be it resolved that one director from Division I, one director from Division II, one director from III, and two additional directors from either Division I, II or III be elected by and from the Board of Directors to serve on the 2011-2012 Budget Committee.

D1 – P. Jong

D2- D. Radebe

D3 – N. Zhou

D1/2/3- A. Cudjoe, J. Foster

CARRIED (M. Scott opposed)

Elections and Referenda Committee

MOTION

Moved: C. Scott

Seconded: Sandhu

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

Be it resolved that one director from Division I, one director from Division II, and one additional directors from the Board of Directors to serve on the 2011-2012 Elections and Referenda Committee.

D1- S. Abrahams

D2- A. Azfar

D1/2- M. Ngo

CARRIED (M. Scott abstains)

Policy and Procedures Committee

MOTION

Moved: C. Scott

Seconded: Sandhu

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

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Be it resolved that one director from Division I, one director from Division II, and one director from III be elected by and from the Board of Directors to serve on the 2011-2012 Policy and Procedures Committee.

D1- T. Kandasamy

D2- F. Chowdhury

D3- G. Husain

CARRIED (M. Scott opposed)

Student Accessibility Committee

MOTION

Moved: C. Scott

Seconded: Sandhu

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

Be it resolved that one director from Division I, one director from Division II, and one director from III be elected by and from the Board of Directors to serve on the 2011-2012 Student Accessibility Committee.

D1- J. Valelly

D2- Vacant

D3- Z. Xu

CARRIED

Executive Review Committee

MOTION

Moved: C. Scott

Seconded: Sandhu

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

Be it resolved that one director from Division I, one director from Division II, one director from III, and two additional directors from either Division I, II or III be elected by and from the Board of Directors to serve on the 2011-2012 Executive Review Committee.

D1- L. Valcius

D2- vacant

D3- S. Khan

D1/2/3- R. Janandharan, J. Ahmad

CARRIED (M. Scott opposes)

St. George Clubs Committee

MOTION

Moved: C. Scott

Seconded: Sandhu

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

Be it resolved that one director from Division I, one director from Division II and one additional director from either Division I or II be elected by and from the Board of Directors to serve on the 2011-2012 Clubs Committee.

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Be it resolved that three non-Director members of U.T.S.U. be appointed to the Club's Committee from the applications recommended by the Vice-President, Campus Life.

D1- S. Rokhsfat

D2- M. Siddiqui

D 1/2 – S. Rokhsfat

CARRIED

Organisational Development and Services Committee

MOTION

Moved: C. Scott

Seconded: Sandhu

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

Be it resolved that one director from Division I, one director from Division II, one director from III, and one additional director from either Division I, II or III be elected by and from the Board of Directors to serve on the 2011-2012 Organisational Development and Services Committee.

D1- S. Rokhsfat

D2- M. Siddiqui

D 1/2- S. Rokhsfat

CARRIED

Student Refugee Program Committee

MOTION

Moved: Elamin

Seconded: C. Scott

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

Be it resolved that one director from Division I, one director from Division II and one director from Division III be elected by and from the Board of Directors to serve on the 2011-2012 Student Refugee Program Committee.

D1- S. S. Dhawan

D2- K. Chouhan

D3- Vacant

CARRIED

Book Bursary Committee

MOTION

Moved: C. Scott

Seconded: Sandhu

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

Be it resolved that one director from Division I, one director from Division II and two additional directors from either division I or II be elected by and from the Board of Directors to serve on the 2011-2012 Book Bursary Committee.

D1- C. Degenstein

D2- J. Estafali

D1/2- M. Scott, S. Hwang

CARRIED

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6. STRIKING OF AD HOC COMMITTEE

Unity Ball Planning Committee

MOTION

Moved: C. Scott

Seconded: Sandhu

Be it resolved that the U.T.S.U. Board of Directors strike the Unity Ball Planning Committee with the following composition:

President
Vice-President Campus Life
Division I Director (1)
Division II Director (1)
Division III Director (1)
One (1) additional director from division I and/or II

Be it further resolved that three non-Director members of U.T.S.U. be appointed to the Unity Ball Planning Committee from the applications recommended by the Vice-President, Campus Life.

D1- A. Cudjoe

D2- Chouhan

D3-S. Khan

CARRIED

7. ELECTION OF CIUT REPRESENTATIVES

Be it resolved that the Vice-President Campus Life and two representatives sit on the CIUT Board for the 2011 year.

MOTION TO REFER

Moved: Sandhu

Seconded: Scott

Sandhu states that she would like to refer this motion to the next board meeting. She states that the process by which the representatives are to be selected is not clear. She further states that referring the motion to the next meeting will hopefully allow CIUT to inform the Union as to whether the representatives are to be elected through CIUT or UTSU processes.

CARRIED

8. ADOPTION OF 2010-2011 BUDGETING AND PLANNING FRAMEWORK

MOTION

Moved: C. Scott

Seconded: Sandhu

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors adopt the Recommendation as outlined in "Report and Recommendation: Budgeting and Planning Framework 2011-2012."

DISCUSSION

Scott provides an overview of the UTSU budgeting and planning framework. He states that the framework allows the budget to be a working document, which comes before the board of directors several times as well as passes through the budget committee and commissions. He further states that this allows for a thorough engagement of our members and directors in the process for developing the Union's budget.

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CARRIED

9. MOTION 001 SERVED WITH NOTICE

MOTION

Moved: M. Scott

Seconded: S. Khan

Be it resolved that pursuant to the authority vested in the Board of Directors under Bylaw XI Article 8 of the UTSU, the Board of Directors resolve to strike an ad hoc committee to discuss allegations of misconduct and impropriety arising from the 2011 UTSU Elections. The committee shall further make recommendations for the improvement of the transparency and accountability of the UTSU electoral process. The committee shall be composed of 9 members elected by and from the membership of the UTSU Board of Directors who fulfill the following condition: that 3 directors be elected from each of the Divisions of the UTSU. The chair shall be elected by and from the membership of the ad hoc committee. The committee shall be active until such a time as the committee has presented a report detailing the results of its investigations and recommendations to the UTSU Board of Directors and the report has been accepted and approved by the UTSU Board of Directors. BIFRT the UTSU Board of Directors reserves the power to extend the mandate of the aforementioned ad hoc committee and,

Be it further resolved that the UTSU Board of Directors elect members to serve on the ad hoc committee.

DISCUSSION

Hashemi states that the motion is out of order.

Scott, M. states that he would like to appeal the ruling of the chair.

Hashemi states that the motion is seeking to implement a mechanism that contravenes the Union's bylaws and policies on the elections and referenda process.

Scott, M. states that given the allegations of misconduct surrounding the UTSU elections, where candidates were disqualified, it would be prudent to review the electoral process. He further states that a committee comprised as such would make recommendations on changes that can be made to the Elections and Procedures Code.

Sandhu states that during the 2011 elections, the Elections and Referenda Committee issued a statement around the false allegations of disqualification, and that the Elections and Referenda Appeals Committee had further reviewed the decisions taken. She further states these are the mechanisms by which members and candidates can review the process, and that the Board of Directors had ratified the results of that election satisfactorily. She further states that the creation of the committee as proposed is problematic as those directors were elected through the election cycle referenced. She states she is in favour of the Chair's ruling.

The chair's ruling was sustained.

MOTION

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10. MOTION 002 SERVED WITH NOTICE

MOTION

Moved: M. Scott

Seconded: C. Scott

Be it resolved that the UTSU Board of Directors endorse the concept of a general question and answer period open to the membership of the union during the meetings of the UTSU Board of Directors.

DISCUSSION

Scott M. states that it would be a good practice for the Union to adopt a general question and answer period for members to ask questions of the Directors.

MOTION TO REFER

Moved: C. Scott

Seconded: Sandhu

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

DISCUSSION

Scott, C. states that he would like the Policy and Procedures Committee of the Union, which is tasked with developing the Union's operational policies, to assess the motion.

Sandhu states that while this motion would provide an opportunity for members to ask questions of the Board of Directors, the Union's board meetings are where the directors carry out the business of the Union. She further states that members already have opportunities through the Union's commissions, by contacting their directors and the executives on a daily basis, and accessing the Union office. She further states that the Committee should review and decide on the motion.

VOTE

CARRIED

12. MOTION 003 SERVED WITH NOTICE

MOTION

Moved: M. Scott

Seconded:

Be it resolved that the UTSU Board of Directors endorse oversight committees as a more transparent mechanism of electoral and referenda regulation than a single individual appointed as a chief returning officer.

DISCUSSION

The motion died on the floor.

13. MOTION 004 SERVED WITH NOTICE

MOTION

Moved: M. Scott

Seconded:

Be it resolved that the UTSU Board of Directors endorse the importance of approval by referenda as a necessary prerequisite to the legitimate implementation of matters related to the entry and exit from collective membership in an organisation.

DISCUSSION

The motion died on the floor.

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14. MOTION 005 SERVED WITH NOTICE

MOTION

Moved: M. Scott

Seconded:

Be it resolved that pursuant to Section B Article 1e of the Policy for Compulsory Non-Academic Incidental Fees, the UTSU Board of Directors instructs the Procedure and Policy Committee to formulate a procedure for the change of fees collected by the University as part of the UTSU levy which are collected on behalf of other organisations. The aforementioned procedure once completed shall be presented to the Board of Directors and the general membership for approval such that it may be included in the bylaws of the union.

DISCUSSION

The motion died on the floor.

15. MOTION 006 SERVED WITH NOTICE

MOTION

Moved: M. Scott

Seconded: Abrahams

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors order the publication of the UTSU Policy on Referenda on the UTSU website.

DISCUSSION

Scott, M. states that the Union's Policy on Referenda should be posted on the Union website.

Scott, C. states that at a previous Annual General Meeting, where the membership first decided to publish the Union's bylaws and financial statements on the website, there was a discussion about posting the Union's policies. He further states the membership directed the Union not to post its policies, including the Policy on Referenda, online. He further states that it would be prudent to respect the concerns that the membership had about posting its policies online and making them public.

MOTION DEFEATED

16. MOTION 007 SERVED WITH NOTICE

MOTION

Moved: M. Scott

Seconded: Jong

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors order the publication of the most recent audited and draft financial statements on the UTSU website.

DISCUSSION

Scott M. states that in order to be transparent and accountable to its members, the Union's financial statements should be posted on the Union website.

Scott, C. states that the Union's audited financial statements are currently published on the Union website. He further states it would be irresponsible to draft statements as they are not vetted by the Union's auditors. He further states it would be irresponsible because parties such as the administration and governments would also have access to information such as our allocations to specific campaigns.

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Sandhu states that directors have an opportunity to see the Union's budget at several points during the year to ensure that the Union's resources are being allocated to our services, campaigns and events responsibly to reflect the Union's priorities.

MOTION DEFEATED

17. MOTION 008 SERVED WITH NOTICE

MOTION Moved: M. Scott Seconded: Jong

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors order the publication on the UTSU website information related to all transfers of funds from the union to third parties which are unrelated to market transactions undertaken by the UTSU on behalf of its membership.

Scott, M. states that it would be helpful for members to see how the UTSU allocates funding to third parties.

Sandhu states that the motion is vague and unclear. She asks if the mover can elaborate on the types of transfers to which he is referring.

Scott, M. states that he would like to see the publication of all transfers of funds to third parties through the Commissions and endorsements.

Sandhu states that any transfers to organisations in the form of endorsements take place at the level of Commissions or the Executive Committee and these are all contained within the minutes of these bodies. She further states that these minutes come to the Board of Directors for approval and they are available online for the UTSU website.

MOTION DEFEATED

18. MOTION 009 SERVED WITH NOTICE

MOTION Moved: M. Scott Seconded: Jong

Be it resolved that the UTSU shall maintain a non-partisan, politically neutral stance in the 2011 provincial election.

DISCUSSION

Scott, M. states that it is important for the students' union to take a politically neutral stance in the upcoming election. He states that he has noticed that the CFS' Take It Over campaign materials target the Liberal Party and Dalton McGuinty and would like to see a non-partisan position on the political parties.

Shepherd states that the students' union has a responsibility to engage its membership around the provincial elections. He states that being 'politically neutral' speaks to a sense of disengagement. He further states that it is the Union's responsibility to evaluate the platforms of political parties, for the purposes of voter education. He states that the Union will try to educate members and help improve access to voting by working with Elections Canada to set up on-campus polls.

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Sandhu states that criticising the current government is not based on partisan politics and that the union has a right to evaluate the current policies of the government, evaluating their impact on the current state of post-secondary education, shaping the context for the current election.

MOTION DEFEATED

19. MOTION 010 SERVED WITH NOTICE

MOTION Moved: M. Scott Seconded: Jong

Be it resolved that the UTSU shall maintain a neutral stance on all issues not directly related to the student experience at the University of Toronto except where required by provincial or federal law.

DISCUSSION

Scott, M. states that it is important for the Union to remain neutral when it comes to issues that are not directly related to the student experience.

Janandharan states that the motion is vague as to what constitutes the student experience.

Foster states that the motion is problematic and unclear. He asks who would decide what is related and what is not related to the student experience.

Scott, M. states that issues related to quality of education and funding are relevant to the student experience, but other issues, such as the merger of corporations in Uganda are not relevant to the student experience at the University of Toronto.

Janandharan states that the motion seeks to essentialise the student experience.

Scott, C. states that it might not seem upon first thought that an issue is related to the student experience, such as the war in Afghanistan, but becomes apparent later when members come forward indicating they are affected by the war in Afghanistan.

Sandhu states that in 2009, the Union took a political stance condemning human rights abuses being committed by the Sri Lankan government. She further states that members of the Tamil community on campus had come forward to seek support from the Union. She further states that the Union worked closely with the Tamil Students Association to provide academic advocacy to members affected by the war.

MOTION DEFEATED

20. MOTION 011 SERVED WITH NOTICE

MOTION Moved: M. Scott Seconded: Jong

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

DISCUSSION

Scott, M. states that in order to make meetings more accessible to students, the meetings should be published online on the UTSU website.

MOTION TO REFER Moved: C. Scott Seconded: Sandhu

Scott, C. states that this should be referred to the Organisational Development and Services Committee which reviews the Union's website. He further states that the current capacity of the website does not allow for an events' calendar to be posted and the Committee can review the means by which this calendar can be created.

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21. MOTION 012 SERVED WITH NOTICE

MOTION Moved: M. Scott Seconded: Abrahams

Be it resolved that the UTSU resolve to continue its efforts to reduce financial barriers to student participation in the union.

DISCUSSION

Scott, M. states that the Union should continue reducing financial barriers to students.

Scott, C. states that the motion does not seek any new action from the Union, but asks for the Union to continue its efforts.

Scott, M. states that the spirit of the motion is in line with the mandate of the Union and so directors should support the motion.

MOTION DEFEATED

22. MOTION 013 SERVED WITH NOTICE

MOTION Moved: M. Scott Seconded: Harvey

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors recognizes that the practice of holding “mega-commission” meetings both violates the spirit of Bylaw XI Article 4c and makes participation in the union less accessible to the membership and,

Be it further resolved that the Board of Directors orders the executive to discontinue this practice.

DISCUSSION

Scott, M. states that the practice of holding “Mega Commission” meetings violates the spirit of Bylaw XI Article 4c, and reduces access to the Commission meetings. He further states that students who have to work cannot attend meetings held during the day.

Scott, C. states that the Mega Commission meeting was designed to provide members with an opportunity to learn about the different Commissions of the Union so that they can get involved with the Union. He further states that it is not the intention to regularly host Mega Commission – styled meetings. He states that the Executive anticipates hosting one more Mega Commission meeting in the fall to help new members with understanding the work of the commissions so they may get involved.

Scott, M. states that hosting all five Commission meetings at the same time makes it difficult for students to get involved.

Sandhu states that members were able to participate in all of the Commissions, which functioned as break-out groups. She states that members that participated in any of the Commission discussions were ratified as members of that Commission. She states that the attendees had an

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opportunity to participate in more than one Commission, and thus this increased accessibility for students who may not be able to travel to campus multiple times a week to participate in more than one Commission meeting.

MOTION DEFEATED

23. MOTION 014 SERVED WITH NOTICE

MOTION Moved: M. Scott Seconded: Jong

Be it resolved that the UTSU Board of Directors recognizes the unequal representation of a wide variety of communities in the political process.

DISCUSSION

Scott, M. states that it would be good to reaffirm that some communities are still not represented within political systems such as Queen's Park.

Scott, C. states that while this motion is served with good intent, it does not substantially do work to solve the issue of lack of representation in the political process. He states that motions should provide directives that task board and executive members with directives. Scott states that this motion fails to provide a substantial directive.

MOTION DEFEATED

24. MOTION 015 SERVED WITH NOTICE

MOTION Moved: M. Scott Seconded: Jong

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors calls for the publication of the CFS, CFS-Services and CFS-Ontario budgets on their respective websites and if possible on the website of the UTSU.

DISCUSSION

Scott, M. states that the budget information should be available to members.

Scott, C. states this information is available to members if they visit the UTSU office.

Sandhu states that as local representatives to the provincial and national students' unions, we can suggest publishing the budgets, but that this would be irresponsible. She further states that we do not publish our own budgets online because there are external parties that would be interested in this information, and the same is true of the Federation's budgets.

MOTION DEFEATED

25. FYI- CANADIAN FEDERATION OF STUDENTS NATIONAL GENERAL MEETING REPORT BACK

Shepherd states that there will be a formal report of the National Canadian Federation of Students Annual General Meeting at the next board meeting.

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Scott, M. asks Shepherd to report on the national meeting.

Sandhu states that there will be a report formal report for the next meeting that will cover the national meeting programming and discussions.

26. FYI- NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Scott states that the next board meeting will be held in mid-July.

27. OTHER BUSINESS

28. ADJOURNMENT

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Friday, June 10 2011 – U.T.S.U. Office

In Attendance:

Albi Aziz
Clara Ho
Danielle Sandhu
Corey Scott
Shaun Shepherd

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:50 am.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION

Moved: Ho

Seconded: Aziz

Be it resolved that the June 10 2011 Executive Committee agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

3. INDIVIDUAL EXECUTIVE REPORTS

Discussion

Aziz states that he participated in a meeting with members of the Office of Student Life, trying to find ways that we can collaborate to support clubs. He states that he has been working with Vita on clubs recognition. He further states that the clubs training dates for summer have been set and that next week is the deadline for summer funding. He will be following up with these items. He states that two Campus Life Commission meetings will be taking place in the coming weeks, on June 16th and June 30th.

Shepherd states he has been involved in associate interviews. He states that his commission date is set for June 15th, and subsequent meetings will likely be on the 15th of each month. He further states that he is looking to set up Cinema Politica screenings, beginning in July. He further states that he has been collaborating with Ruba from the UTMSU on hosting joint disOrientation events. He further states that June 25th will be the one year anniversary of the G20, and that he is interested assisting with programming around that date.

Sandhu states that this is a great opportunity to work with the UTMSU and we should coordinate programming together.

Scott states that he has some ideas for promotion, based on his experience with Queer Orientation, which may assist in promoting disOrientation across the two campuses.

Ho states that she has been updating the contact lists for various student unions, councils and the administration. She further states that she has been thinking about the priorities for the Academic and Student Rights commission as well as setting up a meeting for the Sustainability Commission so that commissioners may be selected and priorities set. She further states that there are upcoming Governing Council meetings that she will be attending. She further states she is looking to establish programming for Open Access week.

Sandhu states that she would like to see our executive team make an effort to connect with the college and faculty councils to establish a relationship and see how we can work together on issues that affect our members.

Ho states she would like to participate in the upcoming board meetings of the college and faculty councils and do a presentation for the councils about the Union.

Scott states that he has been conducting associate hiring and preparing for the board meeting. He further states he has been supporting other executives with their portfolio work. He further states he has been working with Sandhu to carry out management items.

Aziz states that Scott has been incredibly helpful with supporting the Campus Life portfolio, especially with clubs items.

Sandhu states that she has been supporting the organizing of the New U conference through working with the UTMSU and SCSU. She further states that they are now finalizing speakers and workshops. She further states that she was in a meeting with the union's lawyers and the university's lawyers to work on the operating agreement of the student commons. She further states that she has been participating in various meetings, supporting Orientation planning as well as all executives with their projects.

5. ORIENTATION UPDATE

Discussion

Aziz states that the headliner artist has been finalized, and the opening artist is almost finalized. He further states that he was in a meeting with the Orientation Coordinator and the VP University Affairs with a staff member of the Arts and Science Students' Union. In that meeting, the logistics regarding course union participation in the clubs' day was negotiated.

Sandhu states that the Committee will be working on developing the programming for the Orientation Concert and after party.

6. ASSOCIATE HIRING

Discussion

Scott states that interviews were conducted this week. He states that an associate structure has been created for ten associates that would see each individual fulfill different roles and responsibilities, such as research, campaigns work, supporting services and communications. He further states that he can provide an overview of the interviews and put forth recommendations.

MOTION to go in camera

Moved: Scott

Seconded: Aziz

CARRIED

The meeting went in camera: 12:23 pm.

MOTION to go out of camera

Moved: Aziz

Seconded: Shepherd

CARRIED

The meeting went out of camera: 12:56 pm.

MOTION

Moved: Scott

Seconded: Ho

Be it resolved that the following be hired as associates to the executive effective June 13, 2011.

Midhat Siddiqui
Navdeep Johal
Shaun Poon
Christine Hsu
Yolen Bollo-Kamara
Danielle Smalling
Gowthaman Kurusamy
Sana Rokhsefat
Fatema Pardhan

CARRIED

7. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Moved: Shepherd

Seconded: Sandhu

CARRIED

The meeting ended at 1 pm.

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Executive Committee Meeting #5 of the University of Toronto Students' Union
Friday, June 17 2011 – U.T.S.U. Office

In Attendance:

Albi Aziz
Lena Elamin
Clara Ho
Angela Regnier
Danielle Sandhu
Corey Scott
Shaun Shepherd

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:25 am.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION

Moved: Shepherd

Seconded: Elamin

Be it resolved that the June 17, 2011 Executive Committee agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

3. INDIVIDUAL EXECUTIVE REPORTS

Discussion

Aziz states that he has been working on clubs recognition as well as club executive training, working with Carlino and Nikolaevsky. He states that we hosted our second Campus Life Commission meeting which was productive and saw a good turnout. He further states that he is working on the Montreal Reading Week Trip. He states that the next Commission meeting will be June 30th, 4-6 pm in Sid Smith 2101.

Regnier states that she has been working on human resource items and catching up on other items now that she is back in the office. She further states that she is also working on some G20 one year anniversary initiatives, and transitioning with Clara on University Affairs items.

Elamin states that she has been communicating with faith-based clubs with the hopes of hosting a religious conference. She states that our WUSC immigration documents have been received by Citizenship and Immigration Canada. She further states that we will be having a meeting with the director of the Centre for International Experience to collaborate on International Students Orientation. She further states that she attended the Social Justice meeting of the Graduate Students' Union and shared some of the initiatives discussed. She further states that the Social Justice and Equity Commission will be meeting on June 28, at 5 pm.

Ho states that she has been attending various meetings. She further states that the next Academic and Student Rights meeting will be June 27, 2011 from 4-6 pm in UC148. She further states that she has set up some meetings with Maria to transition and develop research priorities for the year. She further states that she is doing a lot of research on university governance and student codes of conduct.

Scott states that he has been coordinating associate hires which are now complete. He states that executives should be contacting their respective associates to start familiarizing them with our work. He further states that he has been participating in the hiring process for the Policy and Student Rights Coordinator. He further states that he has been supporting other executives with Commission meetings and participated in the End the Ban action yesterday.

Sandhu states that she has been working on the NEW U Conference and provided an update on the logistics, programming and workshops. She states that she has been participating in the UofT Pride Planning committee. She further states that she attended the Engineering Society and Innis College Student Society meetings. She further provided an update on the accessibility and equity initiatives that were being funded by the Office of Student Life through Zoom Funding. She further states she attended the reception for Connie Guberman, outgoing Status of Women Officer.

Shepherd states that he has attended a meeting on the composition of the new provincial credit transfer website. He further states that he met with other CFS-O executive members on the development of a parking fees campaign. He further states that he recently hosted his second commission meeting. He further states that he has received a couple of requests for endorsement and funding.

4. PRIDE PLANNING UPDATE

Discussion

Scott states that folks in the GTA are interested in pursuing the goody bags with information and materials that were produced for Pride 2010. He further states that UTSU has taken on gathering condoms and dental dams for the kits. He further states that UofT Pride is apparently being sponsored by TD Bank, as indicated on the programming poster. He further states that some members and groups are concerned about this sponsorship given the nature of the UofT Pride theme (i.e. Can't buy our pride).

5. ORIENTATION UPDATE

Discussion

Aziz provides an update on sponsorship. He states that the staff is excited for orientation, and is looking at how we can maximize our presence given that orientation is over two days this year. He provides an update on orientation kits. He further states that Carlino is continuing to manage talent bookings for the concert.

Sandhu asks about the status of orientation kit insert items.

Elamin states that she will be ordering buttons.

Ho states she is interested in pursuing the student rights' poster and student rights' card.

Regnier states that folks should be sharing the final drafts of materials with members of the team with a keen eye for communications and graphics.

Scott states that Speight is coordinating the health and dental and additional services' inserts.

Shepherd states that he is interested in putting materials for disOrientation and the Take It Over campaign.

Regnier states that we should be promoting all of the alternative orientations.

Sandhu states she will connect with the Mature Students Association about Mature Students' Weekend.

Aziz states that the Commission discussed possibilities for doing a rave card about the Campus Life Commission and event information, as well as product inserts.

6. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Discussion

Sandhu states that we now have meetings scheduled with Lucy Fromowitz and Jill Matus to discuss orientation. She further states that the executive should brainstorm any other items we might want addressed in these meetings.

7. TAKE IT OVER

Discussion

Shepherd states that the GTA students' unions have committed to doing outreach on the 6th of every month leading up to October 6th. He further states that there will be weekly meetings on campus for the campaign, likely on Tuesday afternoons. He further states that the executive will be doing outreach to pull more members into the campaign.

8. G20 ANNIVERSARY EVENT

Motion

Moved: Scott Seconded: Aziz

Be it resolved that the U.T.S.U. endorse the G20 Redux Freedom Festival at Queen's Park, and;
Be it further resolved that the Union provide \$250 for the event.

Discussion

Shepherd states that the event is a family-friendly festival, which is marking the one-year anniversary of the G20 in Toronto.

Regnier states that she has been working with other executives and other campus groups on issuing a joint statement and letter tying together the campus closure and the unwarranted persecution of activists during the G20.

CARRIED

9. CUPW

MOTION

Moved: Shepherd Seconded: Sandhu

Be it resolved that the UTSU stand in solidarity with Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW) during the lock-out and oppose back-to-work legislation

Be it further resolved that the UTSU send representatives to attend a CUPW solidarity rally on June 22, 2011.

Discussion

Shepherd states that austerity measures have been a recurring theme in the public sector and that back-to-work legislation undermines workers' right to organize and collectively bargain. He further states that it is important for UTSU to stand in solidarity with CUPW since the lock-out affects our members.

Sandhu states that it is vital to support CUPW in their fight against a two-tiered wage system proposed by Canada Post as this will have a negative effect on future workers, many of whom are currently members. She further states that many members are workers already and it undermines their future job security. She further states that back-to-work legislation will have a detrimental effect on the future of collective bargaining.

CARRIED

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Moved: Ho

Seconded: Elamin

CARRIED

The meeting ended at 11:45 am.

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Executive Committee Meeting #6 of the University of Toronto Students' Union
Friday, June 24 2011 – U.T.S.U. Office

In Attendance:

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:35 am.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION

Moved: Shepherd

Seconded: Elamin

Be it resolved that the June 24 2011 Executive Committee agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

3. INDIVIDUAL EXECUTIVE REPORTS

Discussion

Aziz states that he met with the organizers of the Canadian Sport Film Festival. He further states that he has been working with Carlino and Scott to prepare for the Clubs Training session taking place next week. He further states that the next Campus Life Commission meeting will be June 30 from 4-6 pm.

Elamin states she had been working on the religious conference, meeting with campus groups such as the Muslim Students Association and Campus Catholic Fellowship. She further states that there is a need for more women's-only gym hours, and she had been working with the MSA and individual students on how to access more space. She further states that we have an opportunity to send a Welcome Package to our WUSC student, or prepare something for the student when they arrive. She further states that she was contacted by the Equity Director of the New College Student Council to organize a social justice fair.

Scott states he has been doing interviews all week. He further states that he has been doing design work and preparing the Club Executive Training manual. He further provides an update on the associates and their tasks. He further provides an update on the orientation kit inserts. He further states that the next Board of Directors meeting will take place on July 19th and executive reports are due July 11, 2011.

Ho states that she has been doing some individual academic advocacy support this week, including support for a student concerned about the quality of their academic experience and the University's financial assistance guarantee. She further states that the Academic and Student Rights Commission will be meeting on June 27, 2011. She further states that she attended the Governing Council meeting last evening. She further states that she will be meeting with Galvez next week to work on the Scholarship and Governance guides.

Shepherd states that he tabled with some of the associates this week. He further states that he met with representatives from the Faculty of Physical Education and Health to discuss a food bank initiative. He further states that he will be working on the Take It Over campaign and that weekly Take It Over coalition meetings will take place on Tuesdays at 3 pm in Sid Smith lobby.

Sandhu states that she has been participating in interviews all week alongside Scott. She further states that she has been attending various meetings, of note including the last Governing Council meeting of the cycle. She further states that she has been working with CUPE 3902 to develop a strategy for outreach around their collective bargaining. She further states she has been working with the UTMSU and Medical Society around the issue of unapproved fee collection involving the Mississauga Academy of Medicine students.

4. PRIDE PLANNING

Discussion

Scott states that there are a series of events being hosted by the UofT Pride Planning Committee and Pride Toronto that everyone should plan on attending.

Ho states that she will look into acquiring condoms and dental dams for the GTA Pride Outreach kit.

5. ORIENTATION

Discussion

Aziz provides an update on artists for the concert. He further provides an update on the after party programming. He further notes that we will be meeting with Vice-Provost, Students Jill Matus to discuss the fees associated with Facilities and Services.

Shepherd states that he has contacted the Provincial office for Take It Over kit inserts.

Shepherd states that disOrientation is coming together and the logistics are being worked out.

6. MEETING WITH JILL MATUS

Discussion

Sandhu provides an update on communication with Jill Matus' office regarding orientation and waiver of Facilities and Services cost.

7. G20 ANNIVERSARY EVENTS

Discussion

Sandhu provides an overview of the events being hosted this weekend marking the one-year anniversary of the G20.

8. NEW STAFF HIRES

MOTION to go into camera Moved: Shepherd Seconded: Scott

CARRIED

The meeting went into camera at 11:55 am.

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

CARRIED

The meeting went out of camera at 12:04 pm.

MOTION Moved: Elamin Seconded: Ho

Be it resolved that Dina Skvirsky be hired as the Policy and Student Rights Coordinator.

CARRIED

MOTION to go into camera: Moved: Aziz Seconded: Elamin

CARRIED

The meeting went into camera at 12:06 pm.

MOTION to go out of camera: Moved: Aziz Seconded: Elamin

CARRIED

The meeting went out of camera at 12:14 pm.

MOTION Moved: Shepherd Seconded: Aziz

Be it further resolved that Meghan McPhee be hired as the Operations Coordinator.

CARRIED

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN Moved: Elamin Seconded: Aziz

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm.

Minutes

Executive Committee Meeting #7 of the University of Toronto Students' Union
Friday July 1, 2011 – U.T.S.U. Office

In Attendance:

Albi Aziz
Clara Ho
Munib Sajjad
Danielle Sandhu
Shaun Shepherd

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:45 pm

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION

Moved: Aziz

Seconded: Sajjad

Be it resolved that the July 1, 2011 Executive Committee agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

3. INDIVIDUAL EXECUTIVE REPORTS

Discussion

Aziz states that we had our first executive training for clubs, our meeting with Vice Provost, Students, Jill Matus, and the first budget meeting for the Campus Life commission. He further states that our events associate is coordinating programming for Caribana.

Shepherd states that he has a contact for steel pan drummers.

Sajjad asks what previous programming has looked like.

Sandhu states that we have previously held a patio party on Sid Smith patio featuring Caribbean food, a DJ and music. She further states that we partner with numerous campus clubs on this event.

Sajjad states that he has completed the report on the U-Pass implementation. He further states that the UTMSU has chosen their QSS chair, which will be Kumari Giles. He further states that Mark Overton has issued an apology over the issue with doctored QSS minutes that suggested that campus fees were approved for Mississauga Academy of Medicine students without proper formal approval from students and student unions. Sajjad states that the UTMSU will be conducting focus groups to get input for a Student Centre expansion campaign, and conducting outreach for the Take It Over campaign.

Sandhu states we should ask for a response from Jill Matus' office and potentially file a complaint with the Ombudsperson regarding the University's violation of its own policies.

Shepherd states that he began doing outreach for the Take It Over campaign last week. He further states that next week he will be looking to finish the orientation kit insert and commission budget. He further states that he will continue doing outreach next week, coordinating a schedule for the rest of the team.

Ho states that she had a commission meeting where a lot of great discussion took place, with avid participation from students looking to revise the Academic and Students Rights publications such as the governance and scholarship guides. She further states that the commission wants to focus on governance reform, cuts to critical area studies and outreach around academic and student rights. She further states that the commission discussed course reader fees and copyright as well as split tuition fees. She further states that she has been doing some individual academic advocacy to support a couple of students. She further states that she attended the recent UTEAU meeting.

Sajjad states that he wants to compile a document on split tuition fees and would like to collaborate with Ho.

Sandhu states that she has been meeting with CUPE 3902 to discuss bargaining. She further states that a plan for doing outreach and making materials focusing on quality of education is in progress. She states that she and other members of the executive met with Lucy Fromowitz and members of the Centre for International Experience to discuss International Student orientation. She further states that the team met with Jill Matus to discuss the waiver on Facilities and Services costs for orientation. She further states that she attended the meeting of the Advisory Committee on the Temporary Use of Space. She further states that she had a meeting with Cheryl Champagne to discuss new initiatives at CAPS. She further states that the Operations Coordinator began this past week.

Sajjad states that it would be great to partner up on International Students orientation again and will connect with Elamin.

4. PRIDE PLANNING

Discussion

Sandhu provides an overview of the Pride events that are happening over the weekend. Shepherd states that we have the opportunity to table at the Community Fair on Saturday.

5. ORIENTATION

Discussion

Aziz states that clubs day registration is going well, with over 50 groups currently registered. He further states that we met with Jill Matus to discuss the waiver for Facilities and Services costs. He further states that she wants to see the Union's orientation budget and approve of UTSU orientation materials prior to committing the waiver.

Sandhu states that we should coordinate a risk assessment at the OMC and work with the nightclub to develop a security plan for the after party.

Sajjad states that this meeting should include SCSU and UTMSU executives as well.

Sandhu states that we need to have a significant number of volunteers from all three councils with sufficient training around security, crowd control, alcohol and drug education and harassment.

6. TEACHING AWARDS

Ho states that she is working with Nikolaevsky, UTSU Member Services Coordinator to organize the undergraduate teaching awards. She states that the ceremony is likely to be in the fall. She states that we currently have four nominees selected and are hoping to add two more from the summer session which would include one from the UTM campus.

Sajjad states that the UTMSU coordinates an awards ceremony as well.

Sandhu states that we should coordinate with the UTMSU and APUS on the teaching awards. She further states it would be nice to put in a call for summer nominations and to host the ceremony in November.

Scott states that we could create an ad hoc committee for the teaching awards.

7. YOGATHON

Ho states that this is a tri-campus event with proceeds going to Students without Borders. She further states that she has been working with the staff to coordinate the event, which will take place on November 6, 2011. She further states that the executive could help coordinate the event and help elicit sponsorship for prizes.

Aziz states that we may want to touch base with New College Student Council and the campus life coordinator there to partner with them.

Sandhu states that we may want to incorporate this into our fitness and wellness series for the year, in an effort to promote wellness with our members and partner with the Athletic Centre and Varsity Athletics.

8. OUTREACH

Sandhu provided an overview of the outreach schedule she and Shepherd have coordinated for the executive for next week.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Moved: Shepherd

Seconded: Aziz

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Minutes

Executive Committee Meeting #7 of the University of Toronto Students' Union
Friday, July 8 2011 – U.T.S.U. Office

In Attendance:

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 am.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION

Moved: Shepherd

Seconded: Elamin

Be it resolved that the July 8 2011 Executive Committee agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

3. INDIVIDUAL EXECUTIVE REPORTS

Discussion

Shepherd states that he has been spending time working on the disOrientation insert, which is ready to be finalized, as well as coordinating for the Take It Over campaign.

Scott states that he has been working on human resources items, helping with orientation kit inserts and calling the board meeting. He states that associate meetings will begin next week. He further states that there will be a Queer Orientation meeting that he will be attending at the same time of the associate meeting next week and he needs someone to chair the associate meeting.

Shepherd states that he can co-chair the associate meeting with Kufner.

Ho states that she is setting up a meeting to elect sustainability co-commissioners. She further states that she is working on the orientation kit inserts, and preparing for the next Academic and Student Rights commission meeting. She further states that she has been working with Nikolaevsky on the Teaching Awards.

Elamin states that she has met with a representative from the Centre for International Experience to discuss ISO. She further states that she has contacted the Athletic Centre in regards to the prayer space issue. She further states that she has set up a meeting with Multi Faith Centre Director Richard Chambers to discuss Multi-faith Centre programming.

Scott asks if the programming has been set or still needs to be determined.

Elamin states that there is a proposed calendar of events which will be discussed at the next meeting with the CIE. She further states she wants to touch base with the UTMSU on programming.

Sajjad states that the UTMSU representatives for QSS and COSS have been selected. He further states that his team is working to complete motions for the CFS-O AGM. He further states that the UTMSU has been working on student centre expansion project, with focus groups held this week. He further states that next week the executive will spend a lot of time doing outreach.

Sandhu states that she has been focusing on human resource items, supporting the development of the orientation programming as well as orientation inserts. She further states that she had a meeting with a couple of U.T.S.U. members who are looking to launch a new online media platform. She provides an overview of the platform and suggests that the group do a presentation to the executive at a future date.

4. COMMISSION BUDGETS

Discussion

Sandhu states that each of the executives needs to prepare their budget proposals for the next board meeting.

Scott states that all proposals must go to the Board of Directors so that they can be referred to the Budget Committee for review.

5. OFFICE HOURS

Discussion

Sandhu states that the Executive should consider adopting a policy on standard operating hours for the Union office. She presents a draft that she will be submitting to the Policy and Procedures Committee.

Sandhu states that she would like to see our office hours extended to accommodate the needs of our membership. She further states that the hours of 10 am to 6 pm would be more accessible to members than the current hours.

Shepherd states that as a student prior to his involvement in the Union as an executive, he was unable to come to the office prior to 5 pm.

Scott states that we can bring up the change in the standard operating hours at the next Labour Management Committee meeting.

Sajjad states that the change in hours would make the office more accessible to members, as there are more students who arrive between 4 – 6 pm than would arrive at the office prior to 10 am.

Sandhu states that this is an important change to make as soon as possible, at least when summer hours come to an end. She further states that we can work with the staff to implement the new hours and address any concerns, but that the Executive should move forward with implementing the new hours, which could be operationalised in policy.

6. JOINT EXECUTIVE MEETING WITH UTMSU

Discussion

Sandhu states that she and Cassar have been coordinating the joint executive meeting. She further states she will take proposed time to the UTMSU for confirmation. She states that the executives can submit agenda items.

7 . HUMAN RESOURCES UPDATE

Discussion

Motion to go into camera

Moved: Ho

Seconded: Elamin

CARRIED

The meeting went into camera at 10:50 am.

Motion to go out of camera

Moved: Sajjad Seconded: Elamin

CARRIED

The meeting went out of camera at 10:56 am.

9. Take It Over

Shepherd states that we had a productive first coalition meeting. He states there were new members who had joined the coalition, and we came up with a lot of ideas for new materials. He further states that we did outreach at the Pride Community Fair. He further states that the Union station action on July 6th was exciting. He states that we filmed another ballot box chase and did outreach with leaflets to a thousand members of the community.

Sandhu states that the coalition meeting was efficient and effective, and that executives did a great job of contributing to the planning and discussion.

Shepherd states that the executive will be coordinating the GTA locals tabling at Afrofest and shared the schedule for outreach. He further states the schedule will be posted in the office for all to see.

10. Orientation

Sandhu states that the contracts for the concert artists should be signed soon. She further states there has been no update from Facilities and Services in regards to the fees for Orientation events. She further states that the graphic designer has submitted several drafts for the poster design and the poster should be finalized soon.

11. Caribana

Sandhu asks for an update on Caribana programming.

Shepherd states he will touch base and coordinate with Aziz on programming.

12. Outreach

Sandhu states that we should be evaluating the outreach we did last week and look at what changes we can make this week. She further states that we should consider location, and switching up classes.

Shepherd states that some professors did not allow class talks.

Elamin states that we should seek tabling space at Hart House, in the café.

Sandhu states that she and Shepherd will coordinate the outreach schedule and update the rest of the team.

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Moved: Elamin

Seconded: Shepherd

CARRIED

The meeting ended at 11:45 am.

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

June 27, 2011

Minutes

Academic and Students Rights Commission Meeting #1 of the University of Toronto Students' Union
Wednesday June 27, 2011 – UC148

In Attendance:

Voting Members:

Clara Ho
Thuwanika Kandasamy
Gowthaman Kurusamy
Corey Scott
Midhat Siddiqui
Michael Scott

Non-Voting Members:

Yolen Bollo-Kamara
Adolf Toran

1. CALL TO ORDER

This meeting was called to order at 4:20 pm.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION

Moved: Ho

Seconded: Scott, C.

Be it resolved that the June 15, 2011 Community Action Commission agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION TO AMEND

Moved: Scott, C.

Seconded: Ho

Be it resolved that the agenda be amended to change governance guide version two to governance reform and to include critical area studies for discussion.

CARRIED

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA CARRIED

3. INTRODUCTIONS

Each of the attendees introduced themselves in turn.

4. RATIFICATION OF NEW MEMBERS

MOTION

Moved: Ho

Seconded: Scott, C.

Be it resolved that the following be ratified as voting members of the Academic and Student Rights Commission for the 2011-2012 year:
Yolen Bollo-Kamara and Adolf Toran.

CARRIED

5. ROLE OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT RIGHTS COMMISSION

Ho states that the Academic and Student Rights Commission looks at and advocates upon academic, governance, and student rights issues at U of T. For example, the Commission created the "Save Arts and Science" campaign last year to counter cuts made to numerous social sciences and humanities programs.

6. BRAINSTORMING

Governance reform:

Ho states that the governance guide entitled "Who runs this joint anyway?" was created to help students navigate the organisational structure of the senior administration at U of T. She states that the Governing Council governs the entire university with the exception of the federated colleges. Ho states that governance reform is a significant issue because of the lack of student representation on Governing Council (8 of 50 members.) She states that most members are appointed and many are a part of large corporations with a vested interest in this school. Ho states that she would like to update the guide this year.

Toral suggests videotaping Governing Council meetings and creating skits to re-enact what happens for students. They should be accurate but entertaining, with the purpose of showing the lack of student representation on Governing Council.

Kurusamy asks whether we are allowed to go to Governing Council meetings.

Ho states that we are allowed and that the skits would be good material for a Governing Council reform campaign.

Scholarship guide:

Ho states that U.T.S.U. created a scholarship guide over a year ago, called "Show me the money." It included scholarships available from the Faculty of Arts and Science. Ho states that she would like to update this and put it online. She would like to make it more accessible by sorting the scholarships by faculty and college. She states that UTM scholarship information will be included as U.T.S.U. represents them as well.

Toral suggests dividing by campus instead of by college.

Ho suggests that it may make more sense to divide by college and have a separate one for UTM, as well as one for professional faculties.

Academic advocacy resources:

Ho asks what resources can be created for students, such as telling students they do not have to use Turnitin and some of their potential options, including an oral presentation, annotated bibliography, and sending in all drafts.

Toral asks how Ho is aware of these options.

Ho states that she experienced this with a professor. She states that as an alternative to Turnitin, she had to do an annotated bibliography as well as an oral presentation. She states that the options available depend on the professor, but they have to provide one.

Scott, C. suggests an awareness campaign so that people know they can say no to turnitin.

Toral asks about the effectiveness of petitions and suggests using one.

Ho states that she agrees and that this would provide support for our campaign by showing that thousands of students are concerned.

Scott, C states that petitions educate students and allow them to get involved with campaigns even if they do not have time to spare. Sometimes they help to achieve the stated goal but often the purpose is just to educate students and get them involved.

Ho passes around an Academic and Student Rights poster for attendees to see. She states that it is very important for students to know their rights, to ensure that these rights are respected. For example, it is important to know that professors cannot change the syllabus of a course after it has begun without the majority vote of students. Students rights cards were made last year, and they are wallet-sized, and thus students can keep them on hand to challenge professors in class, if necessary. Ho states that she would like to see a handbook of student rights and responsibilities produced for each faculty.

Open Access Week

Ho states that Open Access Week is organized by an association of librarian advisory committees to promote open access, the idea that online information should be available to everyone, free of charge. Ho states that writers lose rights to their articles when they submit them to publishing companies. Companies with monopoly can raise prices. However, since most published research is publicly funded through government research grants, it is strange that the public has to pay to access this information. A number of institutions practice open access, one example being the Harvard Faculty of Arts and Science. Ho asks for ideas to promote the concept of open access.

Scott, C. suggests a movie screening of an anti-copyright movie from Cinema Politica. He also suggests a mash-up party for a copyright club night. He states that a possible issue is that UTSU's Halloween club night falls during Open Access Week.

Ho recommends Remix Manifesto, a film that discusses music copyrights.
Toral asks whether the club night has to be during Open Access Week.

Ho states that it does not.

Kurusamy states that he likes the mash-up club night idea.

Toral agrees.

Ho states that she will talk to the Vice-President Campus Life about it.

Toral asks whether it can be done right after Orientation Week.

Scott, C. states that there is one on the Friday after Orientation Week.

Toral suggests collaborating with other colleges to plan the mash-up party.

Online Textbooks:

Ho states that the University of Toronto pays millions of dollars in copyright licensing fees per year. An alternative option would be to encourage professors to put their articles or textbooks online. This would involve discussing this idea with professors and the administration. Ho states that she would also like to move professors toward putting more course readings online.

Toral states that professors who write textbooks make money off of them and thus have little incentive to put them online for free.

Ho states that a number of professors with course readers already put all their reading material, such as journal articles, online, and a switch from print to online is sometimes a lack of knowledge regarding the use of Blackboard. With textbooks, this is a conversation that can be had with the Library Advisory Committee for suggestions on a phase-in use of free online textbooks.

Turnitin ban/intellectual property rights:

Ho states that the purpose of Turnitin is to detect plagiarism. However, Turnitin takes the copyright from students, which leads to difficulty for students if they want to publish their essay later. Another issue is the presumption of guilt that the use of Turnitin implies, creating a culture of guilt, fear and suspicion on campus. There are a number of other ways to detect plagiarism. She asks for ideas on how to address these issues.

Scott, C. states that the commission could create a number of materials for an awareness campaign about turnitin.com and how it may violate intellectual property rights.

Split tuition fees:

Ho states that the university 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. However, OSAP works on a per semester basis (OSAP recipients get 60% at the beginning of the year and 40% second semester) and so should the university. Both Ryerson and York Universities use a split tuition fee structure.

Toral asks about possible drawbacks to split tuition fees.

Scott, C. states that a major drawback is that the university would have to rehash its budget and operating funds.

Scott, M. states that for full year courses, if a student drops a course late in first semester then the university would lose the revenue for the second half of that course.

Bottled water campaign:

Ho states that a number of campuses in Ontario are bottled water free. Bottled water is both a health and environmental issue. Ho states that tap water is tested very frequently and thus very safe to drink. One of the goals of this campaign is to encourage phasing out the sale and use of bottle-water on campus, retrofitting old water fountains, and encouraging the installation of water fountains in new buildings.

Scott, M. asks why this is being brought up at an Academic and Student Rights Commission meeting and who the budget would be allocated to.

Ho states that it would be a collaborative effort as it involves sustainability issues as well as policy change which the Academic and Student Rights Commission focuses on.

7. PRIORITIES FOR THE YEAR

Scott, C. lists priorities and their requested budget allocations as the following: governance and reform: \$2000-3000, which covers the publication and the videography idea; \$500 for the scholarship guide; \$2000 for academic advocacy; \$2000 for Open Access Week; \$1500 for the campaign to ban Turnitin, including stickers, brochures, posters etc; and a \$500 contingency.

Toral asks whether the budget for academic advocacy considers profits from club night.

Scott, C. states that there may be profits but that they don't necessarily come back to the commission.

8. CRITICAL AREA STUDIES

Kurusamy gives a brief overview of the issue that the faculty of arts and science is cutting many critical area studies programs and courses. One example is the South Asian Studies program. He asks what we can do about it.

Toral states that we should find out what went wrong and go from there.

Kurusamy states that one problem- is that many South Asian Studies courses are privately funded. He asks why the university is not paying for them.

Scott, C. states that a similar thing happened with the Disability Studies program. She states that panel discussions are a good idea to educate students about this issue.

Ho agrees. She suggests inviting professors and students to talk about the importance of this program and interest in it.

Scott, C. states that we should increase the budget for academic advocacy to \$3000 to accommodate for issues like these.

Scott, M. states that this issue should be under the purview of ASSU. It is not relevant to UTM students, those in the professional faculty, for example, whom UTSU represents as well. Thus, UTSU should not be devoting revenue collected from these students toward this issue.

Ho states that UTM students take courses at the University of Toronto's St. George campus and thus can be negatively affected by cuts to such programs.

Scott, M. asks attendees how they would define a critical area study.

Scott, C. states that this includes courses that encourage critical thinking and are nontraditional and specialized.

Ho states that they also tend to be multidisciplinary.

9. NEXT MEETING

Ho states that the next meeting will be on a Monday or Tuesday in two weeks.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

Moved: Ho

Seconded: Scott, C.

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Minutes of the Community Action Commission

**June 15, 2011
July 15, 2011**

In Attendance

Voting members:

Jodi Arthurton
Yolen Bollo-Kamara
Lena Elamin
Clara Ho
Esther Mendesohn
Corey Scott
Michael Scott
Shaun Shepherd
Danielle Sandhu

Non-Voting Members:

Tommy Stuleanu

Guest:

Sally Elabasery

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 PM.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION

Moved: Shepherd

Seconded: Mendesohn

Be it resolved that the June 15, 2011 Community Action Commission agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION TO AMEND

Moved: Scott, M.

Seconded: Mendesohn

Be it resolved that the agenda be amended to add item 7: Report-back from the National General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students.

DISCUSSION

Scott, M. states that the executives had an opportunity to participate in the National General Meeting and he would like to hear a report-back.

Sandhu states that the executives can provide a brief update and a provide a full update at the next Board of Directors' meeting.

MOTION TO AMEND CARRIED

CARRIED

3. INTRODUCTIONS

Attendees introduced themselves.

4. RATIFICATION OF NEW MEMBERS

MOTION

Moved: Shepherd

Seconded: Scott, M.

Be it resolved that the following be ratified as voting members of the Community Action Commission for the 2011-2012 year:

Tommy Stuleanu

DISCUSSION

Mendesohn states that Tommy is a fine, upstanding student and she will be voting in favour of the motion.

CARRIED

5. ONTARIO PROVINCIAL ELECTION: TAKE IT OVER CAMPAIGN

DISCUSSION

Shepherd states this is a provincial campaign focusing on voter education and getting students to vote. He states that this is a non-partisan campaign. He further states that the campaign was launched on June 6th, with a video.

(Video is played).

Mendesohn states that she recalls from the Mega-Commission meeting that we were still developing the campaign and is wondering when the video was filmed in relation to the meeting.

Scott, M. states that he wishes to share some of his concerns. He states that he is concerned about voter education. He states that this is not a non-partisan campaign and notes that the campaign website has platforms for the Conservatives, Liberals and the NDP and is notably missing the platform of the Green Party and a few others.

Sandhu states that this campaign was launched on June 6th, to get folks engaged in the provincial election. She further states that it is non-partisan and that folks still have an opportunity to help shape the campaign.

Shepherd states that he can request information about adding grades of platforms on the website.

Scott, M. states that the Ontario Executive of the CFS-Ontario has been playing a role in shaping the campaign and is concerned that the Executive is not in touch with students.

Sandhu states that the CFS-Ontario is made up of representatives from each member student union in on Ontario who represent their constituencies and they have the responsibility of engaging members locally in the campaign.

Arthurton states that the video had a great concept but the chase may have been a bit long.

Sandhu states that she would like to hear ideas as to how we can engage students, through issues that concern them in the campaign.

Scott, M. states that it is unfair to criticize the McGuinty government in the messaging around how tuition fees have increased over the last few years.

Ho states that she would like to see a display created where we can give students the opportunity to indicate the issues that matter to them, such as affordable housing, funding for education, high tuition fees, etc.

6. DISORIENTATION

DISCUSSION

Shepherd provides an overview of disOrientation.

Mendesohn states that we might want to feature a session on sex work and legislation.

Scott, M. states that he would like to see a focus on the issues, such as sex work. He states that when we frame issues narrowly – using terms like globalization and doublespeak – this can be limiting. He further states that he wants to bring in moderate people for the events.

Steleanu states that he does not want to see U.T.S.U. focus on off-campus issues, such as sex work.

Scott, C states that disOrientation exists to engage students in a political community, which they may not otherwise know exists. He states that he comes from a small region where the only avenue for getting politically involved was to work with a political party. He further states for him getting involved with disOrientation provided a necessary avenue for getting involved in social justice. He further states that events like the block party are good opportunities to engage with community groups that are relevant and provide an opportunity for students to get involved.

Elamin states that it is important to raise awareness about issues to the student population. She further states that she is taking classes on subjects such as globalization and sex work and that this is something the Union should focus on. She states that she would like to see a session on sex work.

Scott, M. states that he would like to see talks that are neutral. He states that we should be inviting the Conservative Party to come to campus – though he disagrees with almost everything they say – in the vein of having every single group an opportunity to participate.

Mendesohn states that if the goal of disOrientation is to engage students politically, then we should have issues presented in a way that creates discussion and debate, and encourage different viewpoints. She further states that if events are presented in a biased fashion, that they may not engage some students.

Shepherd states that disOrientation is about engaging students with all different perspectives in debate and discussion. He further states it is part of the Union's alternative set of orientations which are designed to create unique and safe spaces for our diverse membership to participate.

Sandhu states that disOrientation provides an important opportunity for marginalized groups and perspectives to be represented. She further states that the perspective of a presenter or panel in and of itself does not limit the engagement of other perspectives which can occur through discussions that follow.

Steleanu states he would like to distinguish between marginalized issues and marginalized perspectives. He further states that sex work is an example of marginalized issue and that a radical perspective on sex work is a marginalized perspective.

Mendesohn states that if disOrientation is designed to present one political perspective, then the Union should not be engaging in it. She further states that there should be an opportunity for debate.

Scott, M. states that if we accept that we do accept the idea of representing marginalized perspectives, which he does not think we should because for example, radical, marginalized perspective of Nazis should not be represented, we should be trying to represent all political perspectives.

Sandhu states that marginalisation does not necessary refer to perspectives that are unpopular or ones that are not prevalent, but more so to power dynamics that exist in communities and society. Marginalised perspectives often have a dialogue that counters a mainstream narrative or ideology.

Shepherd states that radical is a subjective term and perhaps should not be utilised without Qualification or the understanding that it can be used to marginalise viewpoints.

Scott states that disOrientation filters the information that students have access to and it distorts the perspective that is presented to students.

7. REPORT BACK OF THE NATIONAL GENERAL MEETING

Shepherd states that the meeting took place from May 31st to June 4th. He states that it was a productive meeting that allowed us the opportunity to interact with student unions from across the country. He states that it was an opportunity to connect about issues that resonate across the country (such as anti-racism measures) and to bring ideas to our campus.

Sandhu states that it is a striking feeling to hear from student union representatives from across the country and to realise that issues are relevant at campuses from British Columbia to Ontario to Nova Scotia. She further states that it is an incredible opportunity to learn from colleagues who undertake similar issues, campaigns or initiatives to improve the reality of being a student. She further states that U.T.S.U. representatives had an opportunity to participate in discussions in all facets of the meeting, including workshops, committee and constituency meetings as well as the general assembly. She further states that this afforded the representatives to represent the membership well, and bring back ideas and best practices to our campus.

Scott, C states that there will be a full report in the next board meeting.

Scott, M. states that there was a motion on accepting the outcome of a recent referendum at the University of Victoria Student Society, pending the remittance of outstanding dues. He further states that there was a motion to amend the process for referenda, moving from the model of an oversight committee to a chief returning officer. He states he would like to know how the Union voted on these motions. He further states he would like to know the cost involved for sending the delegation.

Sandhu states that the Union voted in favour of the motions to accept the outcome of the UVSS referendum and changing the process for referenda. She further states that she does not have the exact amount for expense related to attending the meeting, but could provide this at a later time.

Mendesohn asks about seeing the cost.

Sandhu states that this information will be available in the Union budget under the line item for Meetings.

Scott states that he would like to know how many delegates were sent from the Union.

Shepherd states that six representatives were sent, comprising of members of the Executive Committee.

Scott, M. states that he would like to know why the executive director attended the national meeting.

Scott, C states that the discussions at the meeting pertain to all aspects of the work of a students' union, and these discussions are relevant to both staff and elected representatives who carry out the services, campaigns and events of the Union. Thus, the meeting is open to staff members from students' unions as well as elected representatives.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

Sandhu asks when the next Commission meeting will be held.

Shepherd states that the next meeting will be on July 15th, 2011.

Steleanu asks about the time of day.

Shepherd states that the meeting will be at 5:30 pm.

Scott M. states that there was confusion about the timing being either 5:00 or 5:30 pm for the June meeting.

Shepherd states that he will endeavor to ensure the timing is clear.

9. ADJOURNMENT Moved: Scott, C. Seconded: Bollo-Kamara

The meeting adjourned at 7:08 pm.

CARRIED

Minutes

Community Action Commission Meeting #3 of the University of Toronto Students' Union
Friday, July 15, 2011 – UC144

In Attendance:

Voting members:

Shaun Shepherd
Yolen Bollo-Kamara
Michael Scott
Abigail Cudjoe
Clara Ho
Esther Mendelsohn
Sana
Albi Aziz
Danielle Sandhu
Rebecca Harvey

Non-Voting Members:

Navdeep Johal

Guests:

Lo-Ming Lum
Gina

Konjarski

#1 CALL TO ORDER

This meeting was called to order at 5:39 PM.

#2 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION

Moved: Shepherd

Seconded: Cudjoe

Be it resolved that the July 15, 2011 Community Action Commission agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION TO AMEND

Motioned: Scott, M.

Seconded: Mendelsohn

DISCUSSION

Be it resolved that the agenda be amended to add item 7: Other Business.

Scott states that he wants to add an Other Business section and states that there should always be one.

MOTION DEFEATED

#3 RATIFICATION OF NEW MEMBERS

MOTION

Moved: Shepherd

Seconded: Bollo-Kamara

Be it resolved that the following be ratified as voting members of the Community Action Commission for the 2011-2012 year: Navdeep Johal.

CARRIED

#4 TAKE IT OVER REPORT-BACK

Cudjoe states that we did community outreach on July 6 at Union Station. She further states that we had a variety of shirts that each covered different issues. She further states that an executive from the York Federation of Students was dressed up as a ballot box and coalition members would chase him every so often, an action which generated considerable public interest. She further states it was very successful and we got over a hundred signatures for the campaign.

Aziz states that throughout the past couple weeks we've been involved in a lot of membership outreach. He states that we got some signatures in class talks as well as during tabling at Sidney Smith.

Sandhu enters the meeting at 5:49 PM.

Shepherd states that the goal of the Take It Over campaign is to encourage candidates to prioritize post-secondary education in their platforms by putting student issues at the forefront of the upcoming provincial election campaign.

Shepherd passes around some of the issue-based posters that have been created.

Shepherd states that we did outreach at Afrofest. He states our goal is to make the campaign more relevant to students on this campus. He further states that we've also talked about other promotional materials including stickering on campus. He states another idea is creating a brick wall with each brick dedicated to a particular issue. He states that there is a sign-up sheet for the

Take It Over campaign if people are interested. He also states that the Take it Over coalition is planning a major activity for the 6th of every month.

Mendelsohn asks what the cost of the Take It Over campaign will be.

Shepherd states that it will be cost effective, but that the budget has not been proposed to date. He further states that this will be discussed later in the meeting.

Scott states that he disagrees that the campaign is a grassroots initiative which is shaped by students who wish to get involved. He states that this idea conflicts with Shepherd's reference to "rolling out" campaign activities. He also asks whether this campaign was developed by CFS-Ontario.

Shepherd states that it was developed through the CFS-Ontario, whose campaigns are membership driven.

Harvey asks what is done with the signatures collected.

Shepherd states that a database is created and that quick updates are sent to students regarding the progress of the Take It Over campaign. This is also a way for people who cannot attend coalition meetings to get involved by emailing him their ideas.

Scott states that this campaign cannot be considered grassroots because it was initiated by the CFS-Ontario and has a top-down nature. CFS is made up of student leaders and individual students do not have the opportunity to take part in the shaping of its campaigns. He further states that the NDP, LP and PC platforms are included on the Take It Over website. He states that the website does not include the platforms of other parties or candidates.

Shepherd states that the CFS is made up of student representatives, not student leaders. He states that students have the opportunity to participate during coalition meetings and that Scott should come to these if he would like to be part of the campaign.

Sandhu states that CFS representatives have experience as students themselves, and that campaigns are based on their experiences as well as the experiences of all members. She further states that members have an opportunity to shape the campaign by coming to coalition meetings. She further states that discussions are open to all members, not just student union representatives, however it is the responsibility of student union representatives to engage members.

Shepherd suggests limiting each speaker to two comments per line item in consideration of the time.

#5 DISORIENTATION REPORT-BACK

Shepherd states that disOrientation is one of the alternatives to the regular orientation week. He states that it is designed to engage members that would like to be politically active on campus and gives them the tools to do this. He further states there will be 10-11 different events, including a privatization game on post-secondary education, a media fair and block party, and panel discussions on union busting among others.

Scott asks about union busting and whether an example of this is parliament's recent use of back-to-work legislation to send postal workers back to work.

Sandhu states that member working on disOrientation were interested in discussing the rights of labour unions as one of dis-O issues.

Scott states that he is concerned about the limited range of viewpoints that are presented at dis-Orientation. He cites his previous experience with Dis-Orientation and further states that dis-Orientation alienates students who cannot relate to the viewpoints presented.

Sandhu states that she likes the privatization game because it is an interactive workshop that explores an issue that's relevant to the members. She further states that previous events like the Open Mic night are also crucial in engaging students and allowing them to express different views in creative ways.

Ho states that she also likes the privatization game and that it is important to critically think about how corporations are becoming increasingly involved in the university, and what this does for the quality of education.

Scott asks if all major political parties are going to be invited to present at dis-Orientation. Shepherd states that this was discussed at the disOrientation planning meetings and the committee can look at incorporating this idea.

#6 BUDGET PROPOSAL

Shepherd provides an overview of the Community Action Commission initiatives discussed to date, including: the Take It Over campaign, Education is a Right, Alternative Transit, Campus forums and movie screenings, Advocacy and lobbying, Coalition and solidarity work, Orientation kit insert and Dis-Orientation.

Sandhu states that at the SJE commission it was helpful to provide a brief description of each initiative before assigning an amount.

Take It Over

Shepherd states that the goal of the Take It Over campaign is putting student issues at the forefront of the provincial campaign. He states it means highlighting issues such as the fact that we have the lowest per-student government funding in Canada.

Sandhu states that this is going to be a larger priority relative to other items and this should be kept in mind when we allocate funding.

Education is a Right

Shepherd states that the Education is a right campaign speaks to access to education more broadly, highlighting the cost and societal barriers that keep students from accessing post-secondary education.

Alternative Transit

Ho states that the Alternative transit campaign looks at the concerns that our members have with access to public transit and alternative transit. She states that the majority of our members are commuter students and use public transit on a daily basis. She states that it entails looking at city hall's recent decision to remove some bike lanes which endangers bike riders. She states it entails working to maintain the post-secondary metropass, as well as the city's cutting of bus routes, especially in communities such as Scarborough. She states this is an important issue for our members as it can impair their ability to get to class.

Campus Forums and Film Screenings

Shepherd states that Campus forums and movie screenings would entail hosting Cinema Politica films on campus, which we would like to make a monthly event.

Advocacy and Lobbying

Shepherd states that Advocacy and lobbying would involve supporting members who wish to do advocacy work on specific issues related to the Commission.

Coalition and Solidarity Work

Shepherd states that this involves working with others and gives our coalitions means to do the work that they do.

Ho states that this is very important in terms of how the Union approaches its work, in that we do not work in isolation but work with other community and student groups that care about similar issues.

Orientation Week Insert

Aziz states that as the Vice President Campus Life, he knows that it is important to market to students and get them involved in UTSU early. He states that it is very important to promote the Community Action Commission. He further states that we need inserts for a few thousand kits and that the inserts are printed using vegetable ink and post-consumer products.

Scott asks how much energy consumption is necessary to produce vegetable ink as opposed to other conventional inks. He further asks who writes the inserts.

Sandhu states that the content comes from the Commission and members, and the executives and staff of the Union do the day to day work of producing the insert.

Shepherd suggests highlighting our priorities and then making allocations.

Sandhu suggests that each member identifies their top three priorities, so we can vote and identify what our Commission's priorities are.

The commission voted to indicate priorities.

Shepherd states that the three top priorities of the Commission are Take It Over, Education is a Right and Alternative Transit.

Cudjoe asks what the total budget for the Commission is.

Sandhu states that there is no cap for the Commission's request, but in terms of last year's budget it would be prudent to not go over \$15,000. She provides a brief explanation of the budget process.

Orientation week Insert

Shepherd recommends \$500 for the orientation week inserts because the amount reflects the estimated cost of production.

disOrientation

Shepherd states that dis-Orientation is still being developed but currently will span about 11 events. He states that expenses include honorariums for speakers, food, booking equipment for the media fair and open mic, and hosting workshops including silk screening.

Alternative transit

Shepherd states that the expenses would include flyering and ensuring materials go out to educate students. He recommends \$1000-2000.

Scott states that he would recommend \$4000 because transit highly impacts the day-to-day lives of students, and given it is a municipal government issue, we have the opportunity to make a big difference.

Cudjoe asks for last year's budget to use as a reference.

Shepherd states this budget will be a preliminary budget and he can provide that information before the Commission makes its revised budget.

Mendelsohn states transit is an important issue and this can bring more members into the Union. Sandhu states that we can do a preliminary budget and revise later on. She also states that \$4000 is a bit high for printing materials, and as a reference, previous campaigns similar or larger in scope had about \$3000 allocated.

Mendelsohn suggests \$3500.

Take It Over

Shepherd suggests \$2000 to continue to organize campaign actions and initiatives.

Harvey asks if this budget will include costs already incurred.

Shepherd states that it will.

Mendelsohn states that this is another high priority issue and should get more money because students will get engaged in this.

Sandhu states the allocation should be on par with alternative transit, if not higher because of events that we'd be running in addition to developing campaign materials. She suggests \$4000.

Mendelsohn suggests investigating search engine features that preference your webpage for the campaign.

Harvey states that feature is significantly expensive.

Education is a right

Cudjoe asks about what the campaign entails.

Mendelsohn suggests a large amount of money because it is a year-long campaign as opposed to Take It Over which ends in October. She suggests \$5000.

Sandhu states that this campaign looks at the role of the federal government, calling for a national post-secondary education act to cover disparities in access to education across the country.

Campus forums and movie screenings

Shepherd states the expenses include accessing the rights to movies and access to cinema politica library.

Mendelsohn suggests working with other groups to screen films to make it cheaper and since this is a lower priority event, she suggests \$350.

Scott states that U of T also has a very good library system from which we can get movies.

Johal asks where the films would be screened.

Shaun states screenings would be on campus.

Ho suggests making it \$400, since it will be eight films at \$50 for food and speaker honoraria if we host panels discussions.

disOrientation

Shaun suggests \$1000 for dis-O.

Sandhu suggests between \$1500 and \$2000, since the planning committee is looking at bringing speakers to campus, and the programming is expanding this year.

Scott states that candidates running in the elections are looking for opportunities to speak and we would not have to pay them for doing so. He suggests \$750.

Aziz states that because it is an orientation event, we will hopefully have lots of new members attending, so we should not go lower than \$1000. He further states it's good to have a bit of a contingency with regards to orientation events.

Sandhu states that this event is important because it introduces members to the work of the community action commission and the Union.

Mendelsohn states that this event is lower down on priorities and caters to a smaller demographic of students. She suggests \$1000.

Shepherd suggests \$1500.

Advocacy and lobbying

Shepherd suggests \$1500.

Coalition and Solidarity work

Shpeherd suggests \$1000 because this is relevant for the whole year.

Mendelsohn suggests \$500. She states that the item is vague, and she does not know what the money is going toward.

Scott states this item was low in priority on the list and should be budgeted as such.

Cudjoe states that if we plan on working with a lot of groups then \$1000 would be appropriate.

Sandhu states that this commission sees the most requests for partnership out of all the commission groups and it is one of the ways that UTSU can partner with on-campus and community groups which is very important for the work of the Union. She suggests \$2000.

Mendelsohn states that a lot of money is not needed because this item was not a top priority. She states more funds could go to the top three which are much broader and appeal to a greater amount of students.

Shepherd suggests \$1000.

#7

DISCUSSION ON TTC

Mendelsohn states that she was not aware that transit was part of the Take It Over campaign. She states she would like to address issues of aggressiveness of workers toward passengers,

especially students and younger people. She further states she appreciates the \$99 Metropass, but if possible wants to work to lower the cost.

Scott asks if we have any advocacy with regards to the regional transit system like Prestocard and Metrolinx.

Shepherd states that he can connect with people that are involved with this. He states it is important to look at the rider experience from the perspective of inefficiencies and lack of resources within the system.

Mendelsohn asks Shepherd to bring up these concerns with the TTC when possible.

8 ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOTION Moved: Shepherd Seconded: Cudjoe

Be it resolved that Lo Ming be granted speaking rights.

VOTE CARRIES

DISCUSSION

Lo Ming states that she wants to talk about Bill 183, which seeks to increase the Ontario Ombudsman's power. She states in the interest of full disclosure that she is seeking nomination for the NDP, though this is a non-partisan issue. She states that the Ombudsperson oversees the delivery of public services, including institutions such as universities, hospitals, police, Children's Aid Society and more. She states that the Provincial Liberals voted this bill down in its second reading. She states the Ombudsman could investigate senior abuse, allegations of children being unfairly taken away from parents, and more. She states that currently, complaints go to the Ombudsman's office which does not have power to address them. She states she would like to see this become an election issue and encourages Commission members to raise awareness about this issue.

Scott states that in the interest of full disclosure, he is a Liberal party member. He states that U of T has an ombudsperson.

Sandhu states that U of T does have an ombudsperson and though she has not used its services, it is true that this office is linked with the university administration. She states that members have stated that they are concerned the office is not independent. Sandhu suggests that members of the Commission inform themselves about the Bill.

Ming distributes informational materials.

#9 ADJOURNMENT Moved: Shepherd Seconded: Sandhu

The meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm.

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5. BRAINSTORMING

Orientation:

Aziz asks what should be included in kit inserts for Orientation.

Abrahams suggests USB keys.

Botlani asks what the budget is.

Aziz states that the budget is not finalized yet, as it will be presented in September.

Scott states that the budget for the Campus Life Commission last year was \$13,000. The Budget Committee decides. Also sponsorship is possible; other groups can cover costs

Botlani suggests USB keys pre-loaded with a schedule of events for the year.

Jara suggests freebies like thermoses.

Abrahams suggests water bottles.

Aziz states that water bottles will already be given out.

Botlani suggests key chains.

Poon suggests key chains with bottle openers.

Abrahams suggests cell phone charms.

Aziz says deadline for kit inserts is June 30th - thousands of kits being ordered

Caribana:

Aziz states that U.T.S.U. is usually involved in Caribana (now known as the Scotiabank Caribbean Carnival).

Scott states that U.T.S.U. does a food fair usually outside SS. Last year U.T.S.U. got involved with different clubs like Culinary Arts Society. This is usually effective.

Aziz states that the objective is to involve as many groups as possible.

Poon suggests collaboration with York who has their own band. He mentioned this at the Associates meeting but it may now be too late. He also suggests setting up a booth that includes a water station. This can be used to promote sustainability and the bottled water campaign specifically. It is important to promote this booth to U of T students beforehand.

Aziz asks about possible club collaborations.

Poon suggests the Caribbean Studies Course Union.

Scott- suggests One Love (Students for Jamaica) and the Caribbean Students Association.

Abrahams suggests the Black Students' Association.

Scott asks if people like the food fair idea.

Botlani suggests it might not be worth the effort.

Blue and White Spirit Week:

Aziz provides an overview for Blue and White Spirit Week. This involves teaming up with varsity and includes a football game and other week-long events.

Scott states that last year's football team won the homecoming game. Overall, the event was successful

Aziz asks when Blue and White Spirit Week takes place.

Scott states that it occurs in the last week of September or first week of October and is around Nuit Blanche usually

Aziz states that there is a problem with marketing and asks how it can be more effectively promoted.

Botlani states that colleges always do their own events. It is important to reach out to colleges so that a combined event is possible

Scott mentions the engineer/New College parade and tailgate parties.

Poon suggests biggest objective is to work with all colleges and to do something collectively.

Scott suggests that it would be difficult to have a collective tailgate party.

Winterfest:

Aziz states that Winterfest is similar to Orientation.

Abrahams states that she attended a coffee house at St. Michael's College that was good.

Bollo-Kamara agrees.

Botlani liked pub crawl but not the semi-formal. This should not have been held at Victoria College.

Aziz asks how it can be promoted further.

Abrahams states that she saw posters everywhere; it was well promoted.

Aziz asks about possible new events. He states that cold weather affects turnout and we should plan accordingly.

Albert states that information was given out too late last year. It was during exams and people didn't pay attention. Events should be planned sooner.

Aziz agrees. He then asks about other suggestions

Botlani suggests a charity/community outreach aspect. For example, a trip to a donor clinic.

Poon suggests serving dinner at a shelter or a clothing drive.

Sehgal agrees.

Albert suggests a waffle day with optional donations. He states that he organized a charity drive last year with Poon to raise money for earthquake survivors in Japan- raised \$700.

Ouellar suggests club nights to raise money.

Aziz moves to Halloween- Suggests haunted house on campus.

Poon suggests the basement of Sid Smith. It already has flickering lights, wires exposed, and psychology experiments are conducted there.

Botlani suggests another party in Robarts.

Aziz suggests an old building like University College.

Albert suggests the New College dungeon.

Scott suggests using a basement.

Poon likes the University College idea because the building is very old.

Albert suggests Hart House.

Abrahams suggests a creepy clown theme.

Poon suggests U of T event at Screamers, with the Campus Life Commission subsidizing tickets for students. This would be cheaper and easier.

Aziz agrees.

Albert states that it costs \$32.25 with tax, plus \$10 if you want to bypass lines.

Botlani states that she doesn't think Screamers is worth it.

Aziz states that an event on campus is difficult logistically - cleaning, lighting, sound system, volunteers etc..However, a campus event would be more accesible. Screamers is easier but potentially more expensive.

Albert asks about renting buildings on campus for a party. He suggests a haunted house party as opposed to just a haunted house.

Scott states that it depends on building. Difficult if serving liquor, amount of space, clean-up, etc.

Albert suggests an inflatable giant house.

Albert suggests Burwash Hall for the haunted house

U.T.S.U.'s Got You:

Aziz provides an overview of U.T.S.U.'s Got You. He states that it is a de-stressor for students during the peak exam periods. He asks how it should be marketed and what foods should be served.

Scott states that to expand to more libraries more funds would be needed.

Sehgal asks if we buy food.

Scott states that we make it (like sandwiches).

Albert suggests delegation to different councils.

Scott states that delegation is difficult. This event has a very small budget.

Everyone likes the idea of sandwiches.

Scott states that sandwiches are less work than rice krispie squares.

Winter Clubs Week:

Aziz provides an overview for Winter Clubs Week. He states that tables are set up for clubs in Sid Smith and asks for more ideas.

Scott states that previously clubs would come to U.T.S.U. and tell them what events they'd like to do. Last year there were three focused events- a winter clubs day, winter clubs pub night (execs meet and greet), and a Harbourfront skating day. Both methods have worked in the past but it is difficult to accomplish things with only a week planning since break. It is difficult to plan beforehand as there are exams before the break.

Sehgal asks if clubs approach us.

Scott states that we hold a meeting and invite everyone from clubs listserv.

Albert says why not plan during winterfest week? (right after break)

Scott states difficult to plan two events at the same time, especially the first week after the break- need about a week to plan.

Scott suggests the Medical Science building for the clubs fair because it would engage science students rather than the traditional arts crowd.

Poon suggests the new space at Robarts Library as there is lots of traffic on second floor. Also, eating and talking is possible and there is lots of space.

Aziz asks about key locations away from the central core.

Albert suggests Kruger Hall (Woodsworth College)

Unity Through Diversity:

Aziz states that Unity Through Diversity is an opportunity to get involved in cultural clubs. Two years ago it was held in Bahen Centre with several clubs bringing food for a cultural food fair.

Poon suggests supplying coolers.

Albert states that we should use the opportunity to promote sustainability by not using bottled water and using reusable plates

Reading Week Trip:

Aziz states that he would like to collaborate with other campuses for this trip. He asks what people think about Montreal?

Poon, Jara and others like idea. First years who are not legal yet will enjoy this event.

Poon states that the Montreal trip lacked day events- supplementary events should be included for those interested. For example, a Habs vs. Leafs game. However, tickets could be expensive and we should look at the hockey schedule and buy tickets in advance. Also the location should have been closer to old Montreal.

Albert suggests one of the supplementary events including live jazz club. Also suggests including colleges who could subsidize events. Also suggests a NYC trip that might appeal to 3rd and 4th years.

Nuit Blanche:

Scott states that U.T.S.U. held a film screening last year. Snacks were given out as well as U.T.S.U. related materials- buttons, condoms. He also states that Nuit Blanche could conflict with Blue and White Spirit Week.

Albert suggests an event at St. Michael's College or Victoria College which are closer to Bloor where the main Nuit Blanche events are. However, there is not much traffic there.

Aziz states that marketing earlier is important.

Jara suggests live music.

Club Nights:

Aziz states that the Orientation afterparty is at Government and asks how we can build on this.

Poon suggests a (local artist) guest to draw people- Shawn Desmond? However they would be expensive.

Aziz states that this is possible. He asks what else we can do.

Poon suggests moving events to Friday.

Albert states that clubs don't like to do all ages events on Fridays. He suggests different venues that people don't usually go to. For example, This Is London as opposed to XS and other common venues.

Poon states that conflicts with different colleges make it difficult to plan events. Bigger parties that include all colleges would be better.

Scott, Aziz and others agree.

Poon suggests meeting with other colleges to plan events.

Aziz agrees.

End of Year Concert:

Aziz states that they've been very successful in the past. Marketing is important. He asks what artists people would like to see?

Albert states that we should wait to see what artists are big closer to that time.

Poon states that it is important to book early.

Albert suggests collaborating with Ryerson and York as has been previously done to get a bigger crowd and draw bigger artists.

Poon suggests the Molson ampitheatre.

Scott states that this is too expensive.

Aziz agrees.

Aziz suggests Convocation Hall.

Event Tickets:

Poon asks how well tickets sell

Scott states that movie tickets usually sell out but not sports.

Poon suggests rewarding frequent buyers. For example, you could have your name entered into a draw if you buy tickets. He also suggests Leafs tickets and Argo tickets

Jara suggests that Leafs tickets are pricey and no one wants to see the Argos.

Poon suggests tickets for plays/musicals.

Albert suggests choosing specific dates for tickets rather than selling them all year. This would be more cost-effective.

Unity Ball:

Aziz provides an overview of this event. It is a semi-formal that is organized for the purpose of recognizing clubs. Awards are given.

Albert asks when the Unity Ball takes place.

Scott states that it is in February.

Aziz suggests a talent show and fashion show at Unity Ball.

Aziz notes that the Campus Life Commission plans lots of events and that these ones discussed are just a few. Looking forward to working with the Campus Life Commission this coming year.

6. NEXT MEETING

Aziz states that the next meeting will be on June 30th 2011 at 4 pm in Sid Smith 2101.

Poon asks whether the Campus Life Commission plans other non-party events.

Aziz states that the Campus Life Commission is responsible for all events including promoting sustainability, educational events and more. He encourages suggesting ideas to him. Meetings are once a month and he asks that you let him in advance if you want to add motions.

Corey states that there is a sub-committee for Unity Ball. People should let him know if they are interested in joining.

7. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Moved: Aziz

Seconded: Botlani

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 5:37 pm.

Minutes

Campus Life Commission Meeting #2 of the University of Toronto Students' Union
Thursday, June 30, 2011 – Sidney Smith 2101

In Attendance

Voting Members:

Albi Aziz
Yolen Bollo-Kamara
Andrew Jara
Prescilla Jong
Andrea Ouellar
Sana Rokhsefat
Corey Scott

Guests:

Albert Chau
Ritwick Uban

1. CALL TO ORDER

This meeting was called to order at 4:20 pm .

2. INTRODUCTIONS

Attendees introduced themselves.

3. BRIEF REVIEW OF PRIORITIES

Aziz asks what members would like to talk about and handed out draft budget proposals.

4. DRAFT BUDGET PROPOSAL

UTSU's Got You

Aziz states that last year Corey Scott budgeted \$1500 for this event but he has increased this amount to \$2000.

Aziz reviews the budget proposal and provides an overview of each item.

Rokhsefat states that it should be made earlier so that it is accessible to commuter students.

Chau asks whether it will be during both exam periods during the school year.

Aziz states that it will occur during both exam periods.

Jong asks why the budget for this event has increased,

Aziz states that we would like to expand to different locations so that we can have more of a presence on campus.

Caribana

Aziz states that Shaun Poon, one of the associates, is working on collaborating with York University.

Blue and White Spirit Week

Aziz states that we collaborate with Varsity and the Phys-ed department for this event.

Chau suggests getting everyone and engineers in particular on board early to plan blue and white spirit week.

Aziz agrees. He states that most of funds allocated will go towards food for the BBQ

Commuter Students Orientation

Aziz states that this involves drop-in events during the daytime so that commuter students can attend.

Winterfest

Chau states that he was previously on the committee for Winterfest and gives an overview of last year's events. This year's events are still being planned and he welcomes new ideas.

Aziz states that colleges generally plan events while UTSU provides assistance

Unity through Diversity Food Fair

Aziz states that we collaborate with different clubs and campus groups for this event. Our goal is to engage students and showcase different cultures and foods. We also plan to hold a small talent show

Rokhsefat asks what the money will be used for.

Aziz states that it will be used for food and marketing.

Montreal Trip

Aziz states that UTSU planned trip two years ago. Last year New College and UTM each planned their own trips but we'd like to do a tri-campus trip again this year. The \$2000 allocated in the budget goes toward ticket deposits.

Halloweek

Aziz states that we collaborate with different colleges for this event. The \$1500 allocated mainly goes towards a movie screening and a club night. He asks for specific suggestions and mentions the haunted house idea discussed at the last commission meeting.

Ritwick states that UTSC's haunted house was not a success and suggests a subsidized trip to Fearfest at Wonderland instead.

Chau suggests Screamers at the Ex instead because it is cheaper and closer.
Aziz states that both Screamers or Fearfest would be easier logistically.

Orientation Kit Inserts

Aziz states that we will hand out rave cards, which are standard 4x6 cards that will be used to promote the Campus Life Commission. The deadline for kit inserts is next Friday. Left over flyers will be used by UTSU for tabling, to promote the Campus Life Commission throughout the year.

GTA Concert/Club Night

Aziz states that UTSU collaborated with York and Ryerson's student unions and got Far East Movement to perform at last year's event. \$3000 has been allocated because UTSU wants more involvement in planning this event and we would like to secure a bigger artist.

Chau asks if the concert will be free this year.

Scott states that this will be decided closer to the end of the year depending on how much money is left.

Sporting/show tickets

Aziz states that \$1500 has been allocated, which is the same amount as last year. He asks about specific events that people are interested in and suggests Toronto FC tickets.

Scott states that Toronto FC tickets would need to be purchased soon.

Chau states that it would be better to put more money into fewer, bigger games

Nuit Blanche

Aziz states that the amount allocated has been increased this year to cover food, snacks and entertainment.

Canadian Sport Film Festival

Aziz states that there is a group that will be screening mainstream and non-mainstream sports films on campus. The films have diverse topics with a sports element. For example, one previous movie was about a German women's soccer team during the Nazi regime. \$250 has been allocated to sponsor this group, which is a not-for-profit organization.

MOTION

Motioned: Aziz

Seconded: Rokhsefat

Motion to send budget proposal to the board of directors

DISCUSSION

Scott states that three priorities should be identified.

Rokhsefat states that UTSU's Got You is a very important event and should perhaps be allocated more funding, especially to make it accessible during the day.

Scott agrees that it would be a good idea to have events during the day so that it is more accessible to commuter students.

Aziz suggests that the Montreal trip also be identified as a priority.

Chau suggests Blue and White Spirit Week. Although this event occurs too early for student councils to get involved, it is very important to get students involved early.

Aziz states that the 3 priorities will be the Montreal trip, UTSU's Got You and Blue and White Spirit Week.

CARRIED

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Moved: Aziz

Seconded: Jong

CARRIED

The meeting ended at 6:30 pm.

Minutes of the Social Justice and Equity Commission

June 30, 2011

Minutes

Social Justice and Equity Commission #2 of the University of Toronto Students' Union
Thursday, June 30, 2011 UC 144

In Attendance:

Voting Members:

Stephanie Abrahams
Lena Elamin
Lisette Ferrari
Prescilla Jong
Thuwanika Kandasamy
Sana Rokhsefat
Danielle Sandhu
Michael Scott
Maxwell Trower
Jonathan Vally

Non-Voting Members

Robert Boissonneault
Yolen Bollo-Kamara
Christine Hsu
Navdeep Johal

1. CALL TO ORDER

This meeting was called to order at 5:15 pm.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION TO AMEND

Motioned: Scott, M.

Seconded: Boissoneault

Be it resolved that the agenda be amended to add item 11: Other Business.

CARRIED

MOTION

Moved: Abrahams

Seconded: Sandhu

Be it resolved that the June 30, 2011 Social Justice and Equity Commission agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

3. INTRODUCTIONS

Each of the attendees introduced themselves in turn.

4. RATIFICATION OF NEW MEMBERS

MOTION

Moved: Jong

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:

Robert Boissoneault
Christine Hsu
Navdeep Johal
Yolen Bollo-Kamara

CARRIED

5. OVERVIEW OF COMMISSION

DISCUSSION

Elamin provides an overview of the purpose of the Social Justice and Equity Commission. Its goals include inclusiveness, equity, accessibility, and creating safe space.

6. WUSC STUDENT REFUGEE PROGRAM

DISCUSSION

Elamin states that WUSC, or the World University Service of Canada, is an organization that gives students from developing or war-impooverished countries the opportunity to have an education in Canada. She states that the required documents for Citizenship and Immigration Canada were submitted in April and she has received confirmation of their receipt.

Ferrari asks where the student is being housed and whether they are taking part in the International Students' Orientation.

Elamin states that the student will be housed in New College and will arrive in August. We will remain in contact and help them to adjust. The student may attend ISO and will receive any other assistance they may require.

Scott states that the WUSC levy accounts for \$40,000 in revenue and it costs \$20,000-25,000 to host a refugee. He states he would like to know what happens to the other 15,000 collected in the WUSC levy.

Sandhu states that there is a set amount for the WUSC levy that has to be collected from members. The revenue goes solely towards the Student Refugee Program, including support for the student's tuition fee and non-tuition fee related expenses, including residence and food expenses. She further states that the costs can vary year to year. She further states that there is an overlap in-between sponsorships during the summer which the funds help cover. She further states the funds can be used for doing programming around refugee issues, if the Student Refugee Committee of the board chooses to do this programming. She further states that over time if there is a substantial amount of money that is carried over from year to year, the Committee could consider sponsoring an additional student.

Bossionneault asks where the student is coming from.

Elamin states that the prospective student is coming from Rwanda. She states that we will arranging for an airport pick up and helping the student settle in upon arrival. She further states she will keep commission members updated.

Ferrari asks how students are chosen.

Elamin states that WUSC sends profiles and the Committee reviews these profiles and indicates their preference.

Sandhu states that the University of Toronto shortlists candidates who are eligible for study, and shares the profiles with the various sponsoring committees at UofT. She further states that each committee indicates their preferences, largely based on helping the shortlisted students adjust to different communities on campus related to their field of study or personal interests.

7. WOMEN'S ONLY GYM HOURS AT THE ATHLETIC CENTRE

DISCUSSION

Elamin states that she received information about accessibility concerns that a student had with women's only gym hours at the Athletic Centre. She states that the current time slots are Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 12 to 1pm, and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5 to 6 pm. She states that the student has not been available during that time, and is looking for support. Elamin proposes using another gym to accommodate this. She states she has been looking at the New College gym which is often empty. She states the New College gym administrators are on vacation at the moment, but updates are pending. She further states that a potential problem with this option is that people can see through the glass windows at the gym, which is a concern for the student. She states that she consulted the Muslim Students' Association, who suggested Hart House. She asks if we want to seek longer time slots for women's only hours in the morning and evening.

Sandhu states that she discussed expanding and promoting specialized hours with representatives from Varsity. She states it is difficult to get more hours if there are not many people using those currently available and thus promotion of these hours will be key.

Vallely suggests staggered scheduling, changing the times to starting on the half hour or fifteen minutes past the hour, such as from 12:30-1:30, so that a greater number of students will be able to attend. He asks if Trans swim nights still exist.

Hsu states that Trans swim nights still exist, but are under-promoted and under-attended.

Trower states that groups should be accommodated with as little disruption as possible to the general public who pay for use of the facilities. He states that ideally we should avoid segregation. However, we should spread times out to make it accessible during different times so that a larger group can attend.

Elamin states that it is important to accommodate different groups and cultures and notes that everyone pays for access to these facilities, and thus no groups should be excluded from using them.

Trower states that he is concerned that we might accommodate these groups to the point that we hamper general public access.

Sandhu states that we should remember that general public hours exist during most of the day and that we should be careful not to preclude access for the women who are also paying for access to the gym.

Kandasamy states that promotion of womens' only hours is important.

Bossionneault suggests that these hours be for longer periods of time, but occur less often, an example being from 9am-12pm, one day a week. This would make it more accessible to women who require these hours but less disruptive to the general public.

Hsu states that hours come from studies done to identify peak times that women and men use the gym. She further states that there are many different groups that use these facilities and this has to be taken into account. She states that one of the goals is to promote consistent physical activity and the use of the gym once a week would not accomplish this. She notes that there are different womens' only hours for the swimming pool.

Elamin states that she will meet with representatives from the Athletic Centre in July and will schedule meetings with representatives from Hart House and other gyms on campus as well.

8. INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS' ORIENTATION

DISCUSSION

Elamin provides an overview of ISO as coordinated in the past. She states that the main goal of ISO is to support and inspire international students and help them to adjust to university life in Toronto. She states that this includes international students at UTM. She states that the Centre for International Experience also holds an orientation which is well-attended and she would like to collaborate with them this year as they schedule similar activities and have the same goal. She states that the CIE Orientation is typically held in the last week of August and the first week of September. She asks if there are specific events that Commission members would like to see.

Sandhu states that an effective event was a diverse panel featuring upper-year students that moved to Canada from different parts of the world, were studying in different disciplines and were involved on campus. She further states the panelists spoke on about their experiences of adjusting to university life and life in Toronto, and getting involved in different ways on campus.

9. ORIENTATION KIT INSERTS

DISCUSSION

Elamin states that the Equity Commission has an opportunity to include an insert in the UTSU orientation kits. She further states that her suggestion would be to include the "Challenge" series of buttons produced by CFS-Ontario, which target challenging various forms of discrimination and one that says "Unite for Equity".

Sandhu states that depending on the cost related to producing them, we can include an assortment of two or three buttons in each kit. She further states that all of the buttons in the series will be available in UTSU office.

Attendees expressed that they liked the idea of using buttons as the Commission's insert.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISCUSSION

Elamin states that the next Community Action Commission meeting will take place on Friday July 15, from 5:30-6:30 in UC 144. She further states that the next Social Justice and Equity Commission meeting will be on Thursday July 14 at 5-6:30, also in UC144.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

DISCUSSION

Scott asks about the total cost of the equity garden.

Sandhu states that the cost is variable, and not particularly significant. She states it is related to the cost of purchasing seeds and seedlings, tools and soil. She states that there is also a human resources expense associated with the garden coordinator hired to manage the garden.

Scott asks what last year's cost was, including labour.

Elamin states that she will update him.

Trower states that he is concerned about the lack of advertising for the Commission meeting. He suggests creating a Facebook event in the future that includes a posted agenda so that people can prepare in advance.

Elamin agrees that this would be useful.

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN Moved: Bossionneault

Seconded: Sandhu

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 pm.

Minutes of the Sustainability Commission

July 5 , 2011

Minutes

Sustainability Commission #1 of the University of Toronto Students' Union
Tuesday, July 5, 2011 U.T.S.U. Building

In Attendance:

Samantha Carreira
Clancy Catelin
Clara Ho
Chanda Pal
Danielle Sandhu
Corey Scott
Shaun Shepherd
Midhat Siddiqui

Non-voting
Melissa Matlow

1. Call to Order

This meeting is called to order 10:10am.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion

Moved: Ho

Seconded: Scott

CARRIED

3. Ratification of New Members

MOTION

Moved: Ho

Seconded: Scott

Be it resolved that the following new members be ratified as members of the Sustainability Commission for the 2011-2012 year:

Chanda Pal
Samantha Carreira
Clancy Catelin

4. Presentation from World Society for the Protection of Animals on Cage Free Eggs

DISCUSSION

Matlow states that WSPA is an international animal welfare organisation that exists in over 150 countries and works with over 1000 organisations. She explained that the Canadian organisation has over 35,000 supporters, primarily in Ontario.

Matlow further states that WSPA's current campaign is about encouraging institutions to have more ethical food practices by using eggs produced outside of caged procedures. She states that caged

production of eggs has shown to be painful for hens and puts them in inhumane settings where they are beaten, tightly bound and incapable of growth and sustainable life.

Matlow presents alternative methods of caged-free egg production where hens continue to produce high amounts of eggs but are able to graze and reproduce. She specifically presents methods that have been used en masse by Amish communities. Melissa counters some of the dominant opinions that the cost of eggs will increase exponentially with the notion that egg costs will go up but not at a huge rate that would make them unaffordable. She presents a side-by-side picture frame of the ethical cost of 10 to 20 cents.

Matlow states that 18 universities and colleges in Canada have switched to cage-free eggs and that over 350 universities and colleges across the globe have switched to cage-free eggs.

Matlow states that WSPA is requesting an endorsement of the campaign; taking on some responsibility in lobbying administrators; coordinating tabling schedules; and pushing an online action centre at www.choosecagefree.ca/uoft.

Carreira states that they will be meeting with Jacko in mid-August.

Catelin states that contractors on campus are typically interested in progressive food options, but that university administrators are much more hesitant. She states that the administrators are receptive to the idea but students need to do the ground work.

Shepherd states that there are numerous contractors and levels of decision making regarding this process and that it is difficult to navigate.

Catelin states that Hart House just switched to caged-free eggs.

Sandhu states that there are two campuses that also have their own policies and procedures. She states that the students' unions also have their own food services that would be very interested in the opportunity to go caged-free.

Pal suggests partnering with UTERN and becoming more involved with the Enviroweek planning.

5. Brainstorming and Budgeting

DISCUSSION

Pal states that the Bottled Water Free Campaign continues to be an important campaign. She states that it is continually important to work with the Public Water Initiative and Graduate Students' Union to campaign for a bottled water free campus.

Sandhu asks what the state of lobbying for more composting on campus.

Pal states that there are three green bins across campus and that the Campus Agricultural Project has various self composting sites.

Catelin states that several libraries have moved towards a double-sided printing initiative. She states that the students primarily working on it have graduated this year.

Pal states that there has been some hold out for Victoria College Students' Administrative Council going Bottled Water Free. She states that there has been progress with most of the other colleges and student societies.

Catelin states that there is a presence of tap-phobia on campus where people are afraid of public water. She states that this stigma has to be countered and that a water fountain audit may be interested.

Scott states that it is also good to continue work on ethical food and ethical food-labour relations. Scott states that it is good to work with WSPA and other organisations on lobbying for better food diversity and ethical procedures on campus.

Pal states that it is good to have discussions with labour unions about how food is produced and better practices.

Catelin states that transportation issues are also a big issue municipally. She states that there are several students that have also been working on Bike Boxes on the University of Toronto campus. She states that the University has been working towards Sharrows, which are lanes that incorporate bike lanes and car lanes in the same lane.

Sandhu states that there is still considerable effort to close down St. George Street. She states that the University has reopened Devonshire, but that the city has given permission to close down St. George Street.

Pal states that there has not been as much work around climate justice over the past year. She states that a teach-in has been discussed and that there should be more educational aspects.

Sandhu states that it would be interesting to host panel discussions around several of these issues to get the various understandings and opinions around environmental justice. she states that there is a lot of differing opinions between indigenous communities, women's issues and global climate justice.

MOTION

Moved: Ho

Seconded: Siddiqui

Be it resolved that the following allocations be requested for the Sustainability Commission for the 2011/2012 year:

Priority 1: Public Water/Bottled Water Free Campus - \$1000.00

Priority 2: Transit and Transportation - \$500.00

Priority 3: Food and Labour Justice - \$1000.00

Priority 4: Outreach and Materials - \$1500.00

Priority 5: Climate Justice - \$500.00

Priority 6: Coalition Work - \$500.00

CARRIED

6. Electing a Sustainability Commissioner

DISCUSSION

Scott states that there is currently a Sustainability Associate position that will be ratified at the next Sustainability Commission meeting.

7. Adjournment

MOTION

Moved: Shepherd

Seconded: Sandhu

CARRIED

This meeting is adjourned at 11:40am.

Budget Priorities

Executive Committee Budget Priorities 2011-2012
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U.T.S.U. Budget Priorities, 2010 – 2011: Executive Committee

Submitted By: Danielle Sandhu
Submitted To: Board of Directors
Submitted On: July 11, 2011

As in years previous, the Executive Committee has seen Engagement, Visibility and Outreach as critical in planning for the year ahead. Our commitment to equity, accessibility, unity, our services and numerous campaigns, we believe that this is a priority that goes hand in hand with our other priorities and campaigns. As a result, the Board of Directors is being asked to approve:

Priority #1: Communication, Visibility, Engagement and Programming
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Rationale: The Executive Committee has decided that improved communication with our members is of the utmost priority. From an improved website to expanding advertising to our services, we feel that a better communications strategy could increase use of our services by our membership and awareness of our advocacy.

Our membership outreach strategy this year includes print items, promotional materials, improved web presence, flags, banners and advertising in campus newspapers. It is recommended that this priority include a significant investment in promotional material related to our campaigns, projects, events and services for 2011-2012.

The Union should also consider events, contests, workshops and initiatives with like-minded groups that will help generate interest in the U.T.S.U. We have identified that our efforts to unite our campus, reach out to professional faculty students and students' unions and efforts to engage our clubs are also part of this priority.

Timeframe: Throughout the year.

Asking for: \$10 000



Priority #2:	Equity and Accessibility in Post-Secondary Education
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Rationale: As per the students' union Mission Statement and Purpose, central goals of our union is to make higher education accessible to all classes of Canadian society and to work towards building an environment free of systemic societal oppression.

The Executive Committee takes these goals very seriously and has prioritized Equity and Accessibility in Post-Secondary education in our budget to reflect this. From improved academic advocacy on campus to campaigns calling for equity in funding for different courses to campaigns advocating for the end of differential fees for students in professional programs and for international students, to campaigns advocating to the end of flat fees in all faculties, to the Task Force on Campus Racism and addressing systemic marginalization on campus to the campaign to Take-It-Over (Queen's Park), there are many issues which require effective advocacy for our membership.

In terms of the budget, these initiatives include organizing for the Take-It-Over campaign, printing publications detailing these issues as well as campaign materials to further inform and engage our membership.

Timeframe: Throughout the year.

Asking for: \$3 000



Priority #3: Student Rights

Rationale: The Executive Committee has set as a priority efforts to further establish our rights as students on campus as well as ridding the sense of students being submissive to the administration by empowering our members with a sense of pride in our history, with unity through a recognition of our strength in numbers, and by engaging with them in discourses of pedagogy that advocate for student agency in education as an integral and enriching aspect of tuition

This priority includes the development of a charter of student rights, public consultations in rewriting the Code of Student Conduct, lobbying for more student representation on administrative bodies, and fostering awareness around the actions of the governing council.

Timeframe: All year.

Asking for: \$3 000

Priority #4: Coalition and Solidarity
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Rationale: This line item will be used to provide solidarity funds to coalition partners and to engage groups who are low in funds throughout the year to show our support and solidarity.

Timeframe: Throughout the year.

Asking for: \$2 000



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U.T.S.U. Budget Priorities, 2011-2012: Campus Life Commission

Submitted By: Albi Aziz, Vice-President Campus Life
Submitted To: Board of Directors
Submitted On: July 11, 2011

The Board is being asked to approve, in principle, the following areas of priority for the Campus Life Commission. The Commission aims to build a social community that is inclusive and enhances the student experience by addressing a diversity of student life issues, needs and interests. Central to this goal is encouraging student involvement and fostering a positive atmosphere.

Section #1 – Priorities

Rationale: The Campus Life Commission discussed three priorities which were deemed absolutely necessary to program:

Timeframe: All year

Budget: \$7500 (See Appendix for Breakdown)

i) Blue and White Spirit Week

Blue and White Spirit Week (formerly Homecoming Weekend) is an event that was restarted in 2009. The Commission decided that this was an event that must continue to be well funded in order to become a solid tradition. The spirit week will include a pep rally barbeque, a campus pubcrawl, a parade, the game and an after party.

ii) U.T.S.U.'s Got You

Exam de-stressers are among the most important and valued events the Campus Life Commission provides. The Commission plans to expand the amount of sessions and to expand sessions to various libraries throughout the campus.

iii) Montreal Reading Week Trip

The Montreal Reading Week trip was done two years ago as a tri-campus excursion, and was planned for last year. This year we would like to re-introduce the trip and establish it as a yearly tri-campus or collaborative with the divisions. Branding the trip as the ultimate Reading Week getaway for our members is essential to a fun and healthy lifestyle while balancing academic studies.



Section #2 – Seasonal / Cultural

Rationale: The Commission identified the need to organize regular programming of an inclusive nature that encompasses different cultures, so as to better serve members. The type of programming can vary year to year, and can be connected to prominent seasonal and cultural observances. The organization of regular programming on a small-scale in 2011 to 2012, would see an event each for Caribana, Halloween, Winterfest, Nuite Blanche, and more. For Caribana, clubs would be invited to assist the Commission in hosting local events, such as the Caribana BBQ / Food Fair celebrating Caribbean culture at the University. This presents new opportunities to engage clubs in campus-programming, and offers clubs valuable opportunities to develop membership and gain increased recognition on campus. Halloweek presents another opportunity for collaboration with the Divisional Social Chairs across campus on Halloween events including different socials, club night, and a movie night.

Timeframe: All year

Budget: \$4500 (See Appendix for Breakdown)

Section #3 – Cross-Campus Collaboration on events

Rationale: The Commission has identified opportunities for collaborating with other UTSU commissions, students' unions and campus organizations to provide programming of a diverse nature to members, capitalizing on our individual expertise. Collaboration will be beneficial for sharing best practices, building relationships and sharing costs. Recognizing that many students do not identify with or feel comfortable attending Orientation, a number of Alternative Orientations have been developed to cater to these students. The Commission identified participation in Commuter Orientation as an important step to the development of student engagement on campus, and an important opportunity for Off-Campus students to integrate into campus life. Many students do not participate in traditional Orientation and would benefit from a day long, commuter sensitive orientation to campus. Other programming includes providing monthly commuter breakfasts in Sid Smith and co-coordinating with college and club commuter representatives. The Commission also recognized the need to reach out to Scarborough and Mississauga campus to collaborate on large events such as a tri-campus boat party and smaller events such as having downtown students attend UTM Clubs Day.

Timeframe: All year

Budget: \$5750 (See Appendix for Breakdown)

Section #4 – GTA Collaboration



Rationale: The Commission identified collaboration within the University of Toronto campuses as well as with neighbouring schools in the GTA as a Commission target to develop tri-campus and GTA spirit and solidarity. The initiatives, GTA Concert and a GTA Club Night, serve as large projects which will see high participation from our members and will cater to different member interests. By pooling resources, GTA schools can save funds through bulk buying services and sharing expenses. Through pooling funds, UTSU will have the availability of better artists, better venues and better costs for events.

Timeframe: All year

Budget: \$6000 (See Appendix for Breakdown)

Section #5 – Commission Expenses

Rationale: The Commission and its working groups will be holding meetings over the course of the year and expenses are necessary to conduct these meetings and encourage participation. These expenses will also include the necessary advertisement and promotion of getting involved in the Campus Life Commission such as inserts into the Orientation Kits and swag for volunteers.

Timeframe: September / All year

Budget: \$800 (See Appendix for Breakdown)

Section #6 – Contingency

Rationale: The Commission recognizes that the budget requested is a conservative estimate of expenses to be incurred in the execution of Commission projects. The Commission further recognizes that actual costs may exceed what has been budgeted and would like to safeguard against such discrepancies. This would prevent campus life programming from being terminated due to budgetary reasons. The Commission also recognizes that new ideas or initiatives may be developed at a later date and such initiatives may require additional financial resources than allocated above.

Timeframe: All year

Budget: \$3000 (See Appendix for Breakdown)



APPENDIX A:

Priorities	Budget
Blue and White Spirit Week	3500
U.T.S.U.'s Got You	2000
Montreal Reading Week Trip	2000
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	7500
Seasonal / Cultural	
Caribana	500
Halloweek	1500
Winterfest	1500
Unity Through Diversity Food Fair	1000
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	4500
Cross-Campus Collaboration	
Commuter Breakfast	500
Commuter Orientation	500
Tri-Campus Club Nights	4000
UTM Clubs Day Trip	500
Canadian Sport Film Festival	250
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	5750
GTA Collaboration	
GTA Concert	3000
GTA Idol	3000
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	6000
Commission Expenses	
Campus Life Kit Inserts	500
Meetings	300
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	800
Contingency	
Contingency	3000
TOTAL	27,550



U.T.S.U. Budget Priorities, 2011-2012: Sustainability Commission

Submitted By: Clara Ho, Vice-President University Affairs
Submitted To: Board of Directors
Submitted On: July 11, 2010

Priority #1 Public Water Issues

Rationale

The commission intends to raise awareness of the issues around the privatization of water, and to work towards building a world where everyone has access to clean and safe drinking water. The commodification and sale of water in bottles turns water into a privilege that is more accessible to those who can afford it. The sale of bottled water on campus means that it currently benefits the university financially to not invest in public water infrastructures, which corresponds to the minimal presence and unsanitary conditions of water fountains on campus. The production and distribution of bottled water is also a waste of resources; Additionally, the bottles pose health threats.

The campaign has the following three objectives: to raise awareness of bottled water issues, to pressure the administration to stop the sale of bottled water on campus, and also to work with administration to increase the presence and ameliorate the conditions of public water infrastructure on campus.

Resources are needed to produce educational and outreach material, and also to host events. The Bottled Water-Free Campaign has been listed as one of the priority campaigns of the U.T.S.U. in the 2011-2012 year.

Timeframe: All year

Budget: \$1000.00

Priority #2 Food and Labour Justice

Rationale

The commission wants to work towards making nutritious and ethically-grown foods more available on campus, and to also raise awareness more generally around issues in food production and consumption. Some of the objectives under this priority include promoting and expanding the presence of the Good Food Box program on campus, supporting the Campus Agriculture Project, and to increase composting facilities on campus. The commission has also expressed interest in collaborating with labour groups in ensuring that good labour practices and labour conversations are made to ensure ethical labour practices on the farm and in the kitchen.

Resources are needed to produce educational and outreach material, as well as for hosting events. It is also likely that funds will be allocated towards the Campus Agriculture Project to support their programming.

Timeframe: All year

Budget: \$1000.00



Priority #3 Climate Justice

Rationale

The University, with its mandate for innovation and progress, should be at the forefront of acting to stop or slow down climate change – especially its inequitable effects. Under this priority, the commission intends to advocate for the University to sign onto tangible targets for reductions in greenhouse gas emissions. As well, we intend to raise awareness in general about climate change and our role therewithin, by, for instance, partnering with the Sierra Youth Coalition to organize a week of classroom teach-ins and collaborating with Indigenous communities.

Resources are needed for educational and outreach material, as well as for hosting events such as roundtables, panels, guest speakers and teach-ins.

Timeframe: All year

Budget: \$500.00

Priority #4 Sustainable Transit

Rationale

Sustainability Commission members intend to work with the Community Action Commission to advocate for more financial and infrastructural accessibility in public transit. We also intend to work with Bikechain and Bike Share to promote biking as a sustainable form of transportation. The Commission wants to play an active role in protecting and expanding bike lanes and experimenting with bike boxes.

Resources are needed for educational and outreach material, and also for hosting events.

Timeframe: All year

Budget: \$500.00

Priority #5 Coalition and Solidarity Work

Rationale

It is expected that campus and community groups will approach the commission to partner on projects, and that it makes sense for us to support initiatives that aim to make the campus more sustainable. Having coalition and solidarity work as a priority will also give us some flexibility to take on worthwhile projects that come up during the course of the year and that might not fall under any of the other priority headings.

Resources would be needed to support other organizations in their production of educational and outreach material, and their hosting of events – specifically Enviroweek held in September. The commission may also decide to offer financial support for other items.

Timeframe: All year

Budget: \$500.00



Priority #5 Outreach and Materials

Rationale

The commission has stressed the need for more outreach materials and lobbying documents that will benefit the Bottled Water-Free Campus, Transit and Transportation, Climate Justice and Food and Labour Justice priorities. The commission suggested wall posters to promote BPA-free water bottles and the dangers of bottled water.

Commission members stated that well researched documents with timelines for phasing out bottled water would provide the extra push to encourage many food locations to go bottled water-free.

Timeframe: All year

Budget: \$1500.00

TOTAL BUDGET REQUEST: \$5,000



U.T.S.U. Budget Priorities, 2011 - 2012: Academic and Student Rights Commission

Submitted By: Clara Ho, Vice-President University Affairs
Submitted To: Board of Directors
Submitted On: July 11th, 2011

The board is being asked to approve, in principle, the following areas of priority for the Academic and Student Rights Commission. The Commission aims to focus its resources and be responsible for advocacy on academic, cultural, educational, environmental issues and university governance issues. Central to this goal is empowering students with the knowledge about their student rights and mobilizing students around issues that directly affect their academic experience at the University of Toronto.

Priority #1: Governance Reform

Rationale

The priority involves two aspects: updating the governance guide and creating materials that actively engage students in the governance process at the university. The first version of the governance guide was created two years ago and contains information about the governance structure of U of T, particularly the senior administration and governing council structure. It contains biographies of the members who are part of these decisions making bodies and outlines groups that make decisions on student services and ancillary fees, such as the Council on Student Services. Most importantly, the guide calls for greater student representation in these governing bodies that have a significantly low number of student members. This year, resources are needed to update and print the governance guide, especially in the areas of biographies, layout and general information.

Furthermore, we are looking to create materials that call for governance reform at the university's governing bodies, specifically for governing council to increase its student seats, which are currently 8 out of 50. Low student membership in the council coupled with a high number of appointed seats raises the question of who is directing the vision and course of our university, and who has a voice in guiding the quality of our education. Resources are needed to produce materials, print or online, regarding these issues of student representation.

Timeframe: All year
Budget: \$3000



Priority #2: Scholarship Guide

Rationale

The first version of the scholarship guide was created two years ago and includes scholarships, listed by department, that are offered by the Faculty of Arts and Science. It is a pdf. file posted online. This year, we want to update and expand the scholarship guide to include scholarships offered by the colleges, professional faculties, and the Mississauga campus. We are also looking to move the scholarship guide online, so that it can be easily organized and accessible through a search engine. This scholarship guide will serve as a guidebook that will help our members find financial resources available in the form of scholarships and bursaries that will serve as an important source of money for students all across the university.

Resources are needed to support costs for some printed copies and any website hosting or service fees.

Timeframe: All year

Budget: \$500

Priority #3: Copyright Reform & Textbooks Online

Rationale

Scholarly publishing is the primary means by which knowledge is distributed and disseminated to professors, researchers, graduate students, and the public. However, skyrocketing subscription prices, due to the monopoly ownership of copyrights by publishing companies, paired with cuts in government funding to our university have reduced budgets for library acquisitions. Since the majority of published research is publicly funded, it is unreasonable to make the public pay again through user fees to gain access to research. Furthermore, creating a financial barrier to research slows the dissemination and growth of findings and collaboration. Open access means that everyone can access the research free of charge. Recognizing the research benefits and increased accessibility of open access, a number of prestigious research institutions practice open access such as Harvard's Faculty of Arts and Science. Resources are needed to host events, such as screenings, panel discussions, or a mash-up music dance party, to educate students about copyright reform and open access research.

As well, under the Canadian *Copyright Act*, our university pays millions of dollars in copyright licensing fees each year to publishing companies, thereby forcing students to pay hundreds of dollars each semester to simply purchase photocopied journal articles bound into course packs. However, there are cheaper alternative options to purchasing expensive photocopied material, such as encouraging professors to put their course materials online, rather than forcing students to purchase a printed and bound course reader. Not only is it more environmentally sustainable, but it increases access to scholarship articles by removing the financial burden of copyright licensing fees. Resources are needed to develop materials for such an awareness campaign.

Timeframe: All year

Budget: \$2000



Priority #4: Academic Advocacy and Student Rights

Rationale

This priority involves two aspects: academic advocacy regarding cuts to critical area studies and the development of a Student Rights and Responsibilities guide.

Critical area studies, which tend to be focused on a critical analysis in a non-traditional area of study and may be interdisciplinary in nature, have been on the chopping block ever since the advent of the Academic Plan proposed by the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences. For example, South Asian Studies has suffered cuts to their Specialist and Major programs, and now only offers a Minor program. Resources are needed to create programming and events that elucidate the importance of preserving such critical area studies at the University.

As well, in the interest of creating academic advocacy materials, resources are needed to develop a comprehensive Student Rights and Responsibilities guide that include rights extending to numerous faculties. It is important for students to know their rights in the classroom and other academic matters, as this empowers them to ensure their professors are following their teaching guidelines, that professors are not exploiting their authorities, and that students' rights are being respected and upheld.

Timeframe: All year

Budget: \$3000

Priority #5: Campaign: Banturnitin.com

Rationale

Turn-it-in is a for-profit organization that is used by professors as an anti-plagiarism tool. It checks for signs of possible plagiarism by comparing submitted papers to several databases using an internal algorithm. Since Turnitin archives all the essays it receives and sells its services, including the essay database, for profit, the company has been charged with violating student copyright laws since creators are granted exclusive rights to reproduce the material. In other words, students lose the copyright to their original work and Turnitin owns the material once it is submitted. Furthermore, the use of Turnitin in Canadian universities has been criticized as the American government may be able to access the submitted papers and personal information in the database under the U.S.A. Patriot Act.

There are numerous alternative methods that can be used by professors and teachers alike to confirm the originality of a students' work, without creating an atmosphere of fear and guilt from the use of anti-plagiarism websites. Oral presentations, annotated bibliographies, and drafts can be handed in. Students should be allowed to protect the intellectual property rights of their academic work and be given the choice to not use Turnitin.com.

Resources are needed to develop materials for a Banturnitin.com awareness campaign, as well to support any events that may arise from campaign work.



Timeframe: All year
Budget: \$1500

Priority #6: Campaign for Split Tuition Fees

Rationale

The University of Toronto currently charges students tuition and ancillary fees twice per year - once in September, and once in May - as students enroll in courses. All fees must be paid by the beginning of the next academic session in order for a student to enroll in further courses. Interest begins accruing on outstanding amounts in November, thereby increasing the amount that students have to pay. Current interest rates are at 1.5% monthly, compounded monthly (19.56% per annum). This often results in an increase in tuition fees to several hundred dollars per semester.

However, it is recommended that students have the opportunity to be charged and pay tuition and ancillary fees per semester and without penalty. Charging fees per semester will save students from having to pay extra interest fees. This is because, for students using the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP), the per-semester loan and grant payout structure of OSAP would match that of a per-semester tuition charge structure, thereby preventing those on financial assistance from being further penalized. This is in line with the University's own commitment to ensuring access for those under financial stress. The concept of charging extra fees to financially marginalized students directly contradicts the Student Access Guarantee by creating an unnecessary barrier to post-secondary education.

In Ontario, there are many universities who have adopted a split tuition fee structure by charging students on a per-semester basis, most notably York University and Ryerson University. The prevalence of this alternative speaks to its feasibility and relative ease with which it can be implemented. Not only will splitting fees bring the University in line with other, similar institutions, but it will reflect the growing reality of trimester systems and the drastic increase of half-year courses.

Resources are needed to develop materials and support events that educate students about a split tuition fee structure.

Timeframe: All year
Budget: \$500



U.T.S.U. Budget Priorities, 2010-2011: Community Action Commission

Submitted By: Shaun. Shepherd, Vice-President External
Submitted To: Board of Directors
Submitted On: July 15, 2011

Priority #1 Education is a Right Campaign

Rationale

Ontario currently has the highest post-secondary tuition fees in Canada and the second lowest level of per-student funding in North America. Faced with inadequate funding from the province, universities in Ontario have downloaded their operating costs onto students, resulting in continually increasing tuition fees – particularly for international students and students in higher capped fee programs such as engineering, law, and many other professional programs. The recent implementation of flat fees in the faculty of Arts and Science on the University of Toronto St. George campus is another direct consequence of the lack of adequate funding from the province.

High tuition fees restrict access to education – larger tuition fees disproportionately affect populations that are marginalized by gender, ethnicity, class, and other identifying variables. U.T.S.U. is mandated with ensuring that post-secondary education at our institution is accessible – which means advocating for lower tuition fees and for the provincial and federal government to step up in their responsibility to fund post-secondary education.

The lack of governmental funding also means that post-secondary institutions are turning increasing to corporations and other privatized sources of income. We have seen decisions regarding research and teaching at this university become increasingly steered away from serving public interests. For universities to remain accountable to the public, post-secondary education needs to become more of a priority at both the provincial and federal levels of government.

This campaign advocates for reforms to the Ontario Student Assistance Program, the creation of national post-secondary education act, and the prioritization of education in the Ontario provincial budget, among other objectives.

Resources are needed to produce educational and promotional materials to outreach to our membership and the broader community. Since this is an issue that concerns all students (and one of the mandates of the students' union), we anticipate doing much education and outreach. Events will also be held to facilitate the gathering of students – to have real-time dialogue and to engage in collective action.

Timeframe: All year

Budget: \$3000

Priority #2 Take it Over: Provincial Elections

Rationale

Municipal elections are set to happen on October 6, 2011. As your representative and liaison to different levels of government, we would like to bring candidates and elections-related programming on campus, to facilitate discussions around how provincial issues affect students, and to facilitate the communication of student concerns to premier and ward candidates. Organizing around the provincial campaign ties into our overall efforts to empower students and increase student engagement. We have been working with the Government, Institutional and Community Relations division of the University administration, Hart House, and Centre for Community Partnership to develop programming for engaging students in the provincial elections.



Resources are needed to produce educational and promotional materials, and also to cover the promotional and logistical costs of hosting events that facilitate student engagement with electoral issues/processes.

Timeframe: Fall, possibly all year
Budget: \$1000

Priority #4 disOrientation

Rationale

disOrientation is a week of programming that intends to introduce students to political activism around issues that many community-based groups in Toronto work on. disOrientation is a joint project between U.T.S.U. and the Ontario Public Research Interest Group (OPIRG) – Toronto. Workshops and other events that do not fit into the schedule of disOrientation may be organized as a series that continues through the year. disOrientation is one way in which we try to facilitate the bridging of knowledge (what students learn in classrooms) with action (community initiatives).

Resources are needed to produce promotional and outreach material, and also to cover the costs incurred by events for items such as food, speakers' honoraria, and the renting of equipment and facilities.

Timeframe: September 17-23
Budget: \$1,500

Priority #5 Alternative Transit Campaign

Rationale

We want to advocate for a fully public transit system that is financially and structurally accessible, since many students use public transport and find it costly and inefficient. We are working alongside the TTC Riders' Union to place pressure on the municipal government to stop transit cuts, and develop a plan to bring better and faster services to neighborhoods across the city, especially in Toronto's inner suburbs.

The campaign will also focus on cycling as a sustainable transit option. Resources will be used to pressure the City of Toronto to reinstate the Jarvis bike lanes, as well as develop strategies which promote cycling as a viable form of transportation. Resources are needed for educational and outreach material, and also for hosting events.

Timeframe: All year
Budget: \$500

Priority #6 Campus Forums and Screenings

Rationale

The commission intends to hold seminars, workshops, events, speaker series, film screenings and panel discussions on social justice issues. We are members of a not-for-profit arts initiative -- Cinema Politica -- that makes accessible independent and politically engaging films. The membership fee is \$250 for the whole year. We are also hoping to have panel discussions and refreshments at the film screenings.

Resources are needed for educational and outreach material, and also to cover the logistical costs of hosting events.



Timeframe: All year

Budget: \$500

Priority #7 Other Forms of Advocacy and Lobbying

Rationale

Other issues – not listed above – that students want to take stances on are likely to come up during the year, such as protecting against government austerity measures, pushing for particular legislation (such as Bill 183), other instances of state injustice (such as cutting the Special Diet Assistance). We should be prepared to assist those students who are affected and/or who want to take action in these circumstances.

Resources would be needed for educational and outreach material, and also for hosting events.

Timeframe: All year

Budget: \$2000

Priority #8 Coalition and Solidarity Work

Rationale

Many campus and community partners do work that promotes student engagement with communities external to the university, and we should seek to partner with and support those initiatives that matter to students.

Resources would be needed to support other organizations in their production of educational and outreach material, and their hosting of events. The commission may also decide to offer financial support for other items.

Timeframe: All year

Budget: \$1000

Priority #9 Orientation Kit Insert

Rationale

To have promotional material for our events in the orientation kits is an effective way of advertising our events widely. The commission intends to use orientation kit inserts to promote priorities that include programming for the Fall, such as disOrientation and engaging students in the provincial elections. As well, the inserts advertise the Community Action Commission, encouraging members to join the discussion.

Timeframe: Summer/Fall

Budget: \$500



Report back from the Semi-Annual General Meeting Canadian Federation of Students

May 31-June 4 -at the Best Western, Gatineau, Quebec

Overview

As local 98 of the Canadian Federation of Students, the University of Toronto Students' Union was represented by Shaun Shepherd, Corey Scott, Albi Aziz, Adam Awad, Danielle Sandhu and Angela Regnier. The meeting allowed Local 98 to take part in setting the direction of the national student movement and provided a great opportunity to discuss issue in post-secondary education and learn from student representatives from across the country.

The Federation conducts its meetings by facilitating discussions on motions brought to plenary at the constituency, caucus, and sub-committee levels. Constituency groups are formed of individuals who share a common characteristic. Caucus groups are a group of member local associations with common features. Finally, sub-committees have representation from the constituencies and caucuses, and the general delegate body. The constituency, caucus, sub-committee structure of Federation meetings is designed to allow different communities to meet and discuss items of common concern together.

Our delegation was able to participate in conversations in the queer, racialized and women's constituencies. Local 98 was represented on the Ontario and large institutions caucuses.

Local 98 was present in each of the 4 subcommittees: Budget, Campaigns and Government relations, Organisational and Services Development, and Policy Review and Development Committee.

The National General Meeting was well attended with some 300 delegates representing campuses in all provinces.

Workshops and Presentations

A seminar on Current Issues in Higher Education was delivered by National Chairperson David Molenhuis and Government Relations Coordinator Ian Boyko. David's portion of the seminar provided an overview of the issues in student financial assistance. As a result of two decades of steady tuition fee increases, the cost of post-secondary education is outpacing per student contributions from the Canadian Student Loan Program and Canadian Student Grant Program. As a result, national student debt has surpassed \$15 billion as of September 2010. Ian spoke to the influence the federal government has over core funding and research in post-secondary



education. The federal and provincial government share jurisdiction over post-secondary education (PSE), with the province holding most of the direct administrative authority over PSE. Ian spoke briefly to the history of the Canada Social Transfer and the need for a federal PSE Act.

Chris Muldowney, the Assistant Director of Operational Policy and Research of the Canada Student Loan Program was present for a lobby session. Muldowney spoke to student loan and grant policy and debt management and repayment. Delegates presented Muldowney with individual experiences in accessing loans and repaying debt. Much of this discussion was focused on difficulties in obtaining loans and the ambiguity in discerning monthly repayment amounts.

The panel discussions covered three topics. The first discussed the merits of ethical bulk purchasing. By virtue of the Federation's economies of scale, locals have been afforded with the benefit of reduced costs for orientation materials. Keeping in line with the policies and principles of the Federation, materials available for purchase through the bulk purchasing system are fairly traded and produced in a single mother's co-operative in El Salvador. Denise Taschereau, co-founder of Fairware, and National Chairperson David Molenhuis spoke to the power that we have as student unions to hold business to higher ethical and sustainable standards. Claudia Quintanilla, founder of the Single Mothers Cooperative of El-Salvador provided a testimonial of how the Federations bulk purchases enhance the livelihood of workers in the Cooperative.

The second panel discussed victim blaming in instances of sexual assaults. Sunny Mariner from the Sexual Assault Support Centre of Ottawa, University of Ottawa Professor Janik Bastien, and National Graduate Caucus Chairperson Kimalee Phillip discussed the current state of the *No means No!* campaign and facilitated discussion on how to effectively respond to sexual assaults on campus.

The final panel discussion looked at the results of the May federal election and what implication this has on the work of the Federation. David Robinson, Associate Executive Director of the Canadian Association of University teachers, Armine Yalnizyan, Senior Economist at the Canadian Centre of Policy Alternatives, and Joel Harden from the Canadian Labour Congress spoke at the panel.

Local 98 delegates attended two briefing sessions. The first was a discussion on Free-Trade Agreements and the Privatization of PSE. Stuart Trew, Trade Campaigner for the Council of Canadians, spoke to the Comprehensive Economic Trade Agreement and its effects on public PSE.



The final briefing session was a presentation of a public opinion poll conducted by the Federation and Canadian Association of the University of Teachers. Ian Boyko, British Columbia Research and Communications Coordinator, was the speaker for this event.

Notable Decisions

Local 98 voted in favour of a motion calling for full public consultations to be held prior to further changes to the Canada Student Financial Assistance Act (CSFA). The CSFA sets out a lending ceiling of \$15 billion, the cap for the total amount of debt repayable to the federal government at any given time. In September 2010, student debt surpassed the CSFA's \$15 billion dollar loan ceiling for the first time. In response, the federal government amended the CSFA to exclude "risk-shared" loans from its broader definition of loans. In effect, this hid \$2 billion in federally repayable loans from CSFA loan ceiling calculations. The move has allowed federal student debt to surpass the \$15 billion dollar mark. In recognition that the redefined \$15 billion federal loan ceiling is estimated to be surpassed in fall 2011, local 98 delegates supported action which stopped amendments to the CSFA without public consultation. The motion was passed.

Local 98 voted in favour of a motion to denounce austerity measures and promote accessible education for all through solidarity with students' organizations across the globe. Social programming and education cut-backs tend to be the result of austerity measures. Recognizing that student organizations face challenges to accessible education worldwide, local 98 stands in solidarity with students nationally and globally. The motion was passed.

Local 98 voted in favour of a motion to charge the CFS National Executive with writing a letter in condemnation of the Parti Québécois decision to make French the only official language for CEGEPs. The Quebec delegates spoke widely in favour of this motion. Local 98 recognized that limiting CEGEPs to French language institutes limits accessibility for francophone students wishing to learn English to attend an Anglophone post-secondary institution. The motion was passed.

Local 98 submitted a motion for the CFS National body to support mobilization efforts around upcoming provincial elections. In the fall of 2011, elections will be held in at least five provinces. Provincial elections are a critical time to influence party and candidate platforms on post-secondary education. The motion was passed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Report back from the 2011 Skills Development Symposium of the
Canadian Federation of Students
June 10 -12 at the University of Toronto Mississauga Campus

Overview

Local 98 sent a delegation including Shaun Shepherd (VP External), Corey Scott (VP Internal and Services), Albi Aziz (VP Campus Life), Danielle Sandhu (President), Lena Elamin (VP Equity), Clara Ho (VP University Affairs), Dimpho Radebe (Engineering Director), Sana Rokhsefat (At-Large Director), Abigail Cudjoe (UC Director), Stephanie Abrahams (SMC Director), Angelo Veloso and Gowthaman Kurusamy. The Symposium offered a great opportunity to learn and share skills and knowledge relevant to our roles as student representatives.

Our delegation was able to participate in all workshops of the symposium. Local 98 delegates also had the opportunity to be involved in the making of the "Take it Over" campaign video. The video has since been released through the CFS/FCEE YouTube channel.

Workshops and Activities

The symposium workshops were as follows:

1. The ABCs of Contracts: How not to get fleeced

As student representatives, we deliver services to our members that are generally established through contractual agreements. The workshop focused on case studies of contractual agreements that had negative consequences for the students' union. The workshop provided student representatives with many strategies to avoid getting 'fleeced' by signing a problematic contract.

2. Building Diversity and Inclusion into Your Students' Union

The workshop focused on facing the challenge of building inclusivity and diversity in the events and day-to-day operations of student unions. As student representatives, we are accountable to a diverse membership and must organize events which are reflective and inclusive of this diversity.



3. Getting Things Done: Effective campaigns and events organizing

The workshop focused on effective planning and execution of campaigns. The workshop included examples of student union victories and an overview of why these campaigns were successful.

4. Making the News...by Learning how to Play (and Win) the Spin Wars

The workshop focused on delivering effective media messaging. The workshop focused on social media trends as well as strategies for dealing with journalists.

5. Student Union Finances and Human Resources

The workshop focused on developing effective budgets that reflect the priorities of the students' union. The presenter spoke to the importance of working alongside staff and touched briefly on strategies to consider when hiring.

6. Sponsorship 101: How to effectively solicit Support for your Events

Presented by Andrew Au, President of Campus Intercept, and Jessica Walker, Account Coordinator of Campus Intercept, the workshop spoke to balancing the principles and priorities of students' unions with the need for external sponsorship. Presenters introduced attendees to strategies and tools to garner the interest of sponsors and retain them for future events.

7. Students' Union Rights and Responsibilities

Presented by a lawyer, the workshop provided an overview of the importance of fiduciary duties and outlined the parameters of individual versus corporate liability in the context of student unions.

8. Successful Meetings: Participation and facilitation

The workshop introduced participants to Robert's Rules of Order and strategies for hosting effective meetings that promote the democratic decision-making process.

9. "Take it Over" Video Shoot

The "Take it Over" campaign is a voter awareness initiative aimed at making student issues a priority in the upcoming Ontario provincial elections. Part of the campaign involves releasing videos or organizing actions on the 6th of every month up until voting day on October 6th. A video was produced from an action that took place at Skills, and released on July 6th. This video can be found on the CFS/FCEE YouTube channel.



10. Who's Who is Post-Secondary Education: Where decisions are made

Presented by Sandy Hudson, CFS-O Chairperson and Krisna Saravanamuttu, CFS-O National Executive Representative, the workshop was an introduction to the government and institutional jurisdictions of various elements of post-secondary education. The goal was to begin discussions about how to have an impact on decisions and effectively influence those who make them.

Respectfully submitted,

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