

# **University of Toronto Students' Union**

**Local 98, Canadian Federation of Students**

## **Board of Directors Package #2**

**For the meeting of  
Wednesday, June 6, 2011**

**Bahen Center  
St. George Campus  
2:00 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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## Board of Directors, University of Toronto Students' Union

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Abrahams	Stephanie	St. Michael's College
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Azfar	Akid	Faculty of Engineering
<input type="checkbox"/>	Aziz	Albi	Vice-President Campus Life
<input type="checkbox"/>	Chouhan	Kishan	Faculty of Music
<input type="checkbox"/>	Chowdhury	Farhana	Faculty of Pharmacy
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Sandhu	Danielle	President
<input type="checkbox"/>	Scott	Corey	Vice-President Internal and Services
<input type="checkbox"/>	Scott	Michael	Trinity College
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Shilensky	Dan	Professional Faculty At-large
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**NB: Vacant seats and non-voting members are not listed.**

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## Board of Directors, University of Toronto Students' Union

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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 June 8, 2011 U.T.S.U. Board of Directors meeting be approved as presented.

3. PRESENTATION OF ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER

4. 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.

5. 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)*

6. 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 2010-2011 Budget Committee.

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 2010-2011 Elections and Referenda Committee.

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.*

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 2010-2011 Policy and Procedures Committee.

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 2010-2011 Student Accessibility Committee.

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 2010-2011 Executive Review Committee.

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 2010-2011 Clubs Committee.

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.

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 2010-2011 Organisational Development and Services Committee.

Student Refugee Program Committee

MOTION

Moved: Elamin

Seconded: C. Scott

Be it resolved that the U.T.S.U. Board of Directors strike the Student Refugee Program Committee with the following composition:

Vice-President Equity  
Vice-President Internal and Services  
Division I Director (1)  
Division II Director (1)  
Division III Director (1)

Book Bursary Committee

MOTION

Moved: C. Scott

Seconded: Sandhu

Be it resolved that the U.T.S.U. Board of Directors strike the Book Bursary Committee with the following composition:

President  
Vice-President Internal and Services  
Division I Director (1)  
Division II Director (1)  
Two (2) additional director from division I and/or II



7. 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 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.

8. 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.

9. 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 2010-2011."

10. MOTION 001 SERVED WITH NOTICE

MOTION

Moved: M. Scott

Seconded:

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.

11. MOTION 002 SERVED WITH NOTICE

MOTION

Moved: M. Scott

Seconded:

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.

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.

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.

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.

15. MOTION 006 SERVED WITH NOTICE

MOTION Moved: M. Scott Seconded:

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

16. MOTION 007 SERVED WITH NOTICE

MOTION Moved: M. Scott Seconded:

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

17. MOTION 008 SERVED WITH NOTICE

MOTION Moved: M. Scott Seconded:

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.

18. MOTION 009 SERVED WITH NOTICE

MOTION Moved: M. Scott Seconded:

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

19. MOTION 010 SERVED WITH NOTICE

MOTION Moved: M. Scott Seconded:

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.

20. MOTION 011 SERVED WITH NOTICE

MOTION Moved: M. Scott Seconded:

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

21. MOTION 012 SERVED WITH NOTICE

MOTION Moved: M. Scott Seconded:

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

22. MOTION 013 SERVED WITH NOTICE

MOTION Moved: M. Scott Seconded:

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.

23. MOTION 014 SERVED WITH NOTICE

MOTION Moved: M. Scott Seconded:

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

24. MOTION 015 SERVED WITH NOTICE

MOTION

Moved: M. Scott

Seconded:

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.

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

26. FYI- NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

27. OTHER BUSINESS

28. ADJOURNMENT

# **Executive Reports**

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**President**  
**Vice-President, Campus Life**  
**Vice-President, Equity**  
**Vice-President, External**  
**Vice-President, Internal and Services**

## **Executive Report – June 8, 2011**

### **Danielle Sandhu – President**

#### **Executive Summary:**

- 1) Executive Transition and Executive Committee Retreat**
- 2) Governing Council Updates**
- 3) New U Conference**
- 4) RebELLEs Conference Report-back**
- 5) Advisory Committee on the Temporary Use of Space**
- 6) CUPE 1281 Employer Training**
- 7) Student Commons Update**

#### **1. Executive Transition and Executive Committee Retreat**

Members of the Executive Committee have been undergoing the transition process this month and are now fully engaged in our portfolios. We will be taking some time at the beginning of June to transition with our full-time staff so to create strong working relationships, develop a better sense of office operational policies and effective use of resources. The Executive Committee is looking forward to working at full capacity with our staff, board members and volunteers throughout the year and are excited to have participated in this foundational training to help prepare us for the year ahead.

The Executive Committee held our Executive Retreat from May 3 to May 6 in Mississauga, Ontario. The retreat was structured to allow for a thorough overview of our roles and responsibilities; review of current services, campaigns and initiatives; and generation of new ideas. We began to set broad goals for the upcoming year, generating a preliminary timeline and setting priorities for our programming and advocacy work. We also discussed strategies for carrying out the priorities for the year, outreach and membership development, and creating new opportunities for our members to get involved with the Union.

#### **2. Governing Council**

The Governing Council met on April 7, 2011 to pass the budgetary reports for 2011-12. UofT President Naylor had extended an invitation to the central students' unions to make a presentation to the Council during his report. Working with the Scarborough Campus Students' Union, and University of Toronto Mississauga Students' Union, we had developed a presentation on tuition fees, public funding and the impact of student debt. At the entrance of the meeting, we were met with members of the Campus Police and University administration that barred student representatives and members of the University community from entering the meeting by locking the doors and at times using force.

With members of the University community barred from participating in the meeting, the Governing Council continued its meeting, reviewing and adopting the proposed budget report for 2011-2012. This budget presupposed the continued implementation of flat programme fees in the Faculty of Arts and Science. The accompanying budget presentation revealed another troubling change in the University's operating revenues: contributions from tuition fees (40%) will surpass public funding from the provincial government (38%) for the first time in history.

The Governing Council also approved the following tuition fee increases:

**Domestic**

1. Arts and Science
  - a. Incoming: 4.5%
  - b. Continuing: 4%
2. Professional Undergraduate and Graduate Programs: 8%
3. Specialised programs\*
  - a. Commerce, Business Administration, Management, Computer Science, Bioinformatics, Communication, Culture and Information Technology and Visual Studies: 8%.

*Average increase for all domestic students in the University: 4.31%*

**International**

1. Most programs
  - a. Continuing students: 5%
  - b. Incoming students: 5%
2. Applied Science and Engineering, tri-campus Arts and Science, OISE/UT, Nursing, some Professional Masters graduate programs
  - a. Incoming students: 10%
3. Specialised programs\*
  - a. Second Year Commerce/BBA: 8%
  - b. Second Year Management, Bioinformatics, Computer Science, CCIT, Visual Studies: 10%
4. UTM programs
  - a. DIFA, MBiotech, MMI, MScBMC: 8%
  - b. MMPA: 12%

\*Students in these programs pay the Arts and Science fee in their first year.

On May 19, the Governing Council met at the University of Toronto Mississauga campus. Here, some student representatives were permitted to participate in the meeting, but many students, alumni and instructors were prevented from entering. Student representatives expressed the frustration and violation felt by members of the UofT community systematically being shut out of the decision-making processes, and the accompanying infringement of fundamental freedoms, including freedom of speech and assembly. Again, members of the UofT community wanting to participate in the meetings – as is their right – were met by force from campus police.

At this meeting, the Governing Council discussed the flat tuition fee model for the Faculty of Arts and Science. Mark McGowan, principal of St. Michael's College and chair of the Program Fee Monitoring Committee, presented the Committee's report to the Council. As we have highlighted at the April 11<sup>th</sup> Faculty of Arts and Science Committee meeting, this report lacks substantive data, and manipulates statistics to make inaccurate correlations to minimize the negative impact of flat tuition fees on students, with a clear goal to assert that flat tuition fees will have a net positive effect on the Faculty. Our own analysis includes qualitative assessment of the impact of flat fees on student engagement (critically lacking from the Committee's report), and illustrates the effects of flat fees on academic performance and access to education. From extensive discussions with members, we know that flat fees will have significant and negative effects on the lives of students. We have also collected over 4,000 signed petitions opposing flat tuition fees in Arts and Science, which have been submitted to the senior administration, and from whom we await a response. Despite flaws in the Committee's report, as well as clear opposition to the tuition fee policy, UofT Provost Cheryl Misak stated that the implementation of flat fees would continue without revision.



Governors spoke against what they called an unfair policy, stating their concerns that the policy would negatively impact student life. Discussions concluded without a formal vote on the tuition fee policy. A motion was passed to review the impact of the flat fee implementation at 3.0 credits next year.

The implementation of the flat tuition fee model in the Faculty of Arts & Science represents a troubling trend in decision-making at the University. Meetings which are to be open and public are now closed and guarded by police officers. Where widespread opposition from students, faculty, alumni, parents and other members of the University community exists to proposed policies, the University administration and Governing Council can make unilateral decisions, seemingly without a vote. These developments directly conflict with the principles of a public institution and accountable, democratic decision-making fundamental to a public university.

We will be addressing our concerns around accountability, decision-making, campus police and closed meetings with members of the senior administration. We will also be educating our members about the decision-making processes at the University, the current undemocratic nature of these processes, and working with our members to explore reforms and alternative forms of governance.

### **3. New U Planning**

We have been supporting the planning process for the New U Conference 2011. This conference for student society representatives across the three campuses is being hosted by the Scarborough Campus Students' Union from June 17-19. We are excited to be supporting the development of the workshops and sessions that will help student representatives adjust to their new roles and responsibilities and serve as a good learning opportunity for relevant skills. The sessions have been designed with feedback from conference participants in the past, surveys of representatives that will be participating this year, as well as areas identified by the planning team as being critical to support the work of student societies year-round. This year's conference will include greater alumni participation in the facilitation of workshops and sessions.

### **4. RebELLEs Conference, May 20-23, Report-back**

As a delegate from our Executive Committee, I recently attended the 2<sup>nd</sup> Pan-Canadian RebELLEs Conference in Winnipeg, Manitoba. This was an opportunity to engage with feminists across the country in discussions about the feminist movement, and to set the course of direction of the RebELLEs movement for the next three years. The conference included many interactive workshops and sessions, including workshops on anti-capitalism and poverty, women and the environment, peace and demilitarisation, anti-racism and decolonisation and violence against women, and sessions on feminist theory, spoken word and a panel on sex work. The weekend presented an important opportunity to have discussions between communities of women within the movement. In particular, the need for strengthening the ways in which marginalised communities are represented within the feminist movement in Canada was demonstrated and how these communities must inform our broader work as a movement. As a delegate, I was able to bring the perspective of an anti-oppression framework which governs our own organizing at the Union, which informed recommendations for future RebELLEs gatherings.

### **5. Provost Advisory Committee on the Temporary Use of Space**

We have been participating in the Provost's Advisory Committee on the Temporary Use of Space, following the adoption of a new space-booking policy at Governing Council in the fall, and the community outcry around the provisions of the policy. While the Committee does not have formal Terms of Reference, it has been stated by university staff that the purpose of the meetings is to make recommendations to the Provost.

Thus far, we have been highlighting how aspects of the space booking policy curtail academic freedom, and prove restrictive for our campus groups that wish to host discussions on broad topics and issues. We have also highlighted our opposition to room booking and associated fees that often become disincentives for our student clubs and negatively impact student life.

While we were informed at an earlier meeting of the Committee that the *Policy on the Temporary Use of Space* was applicable to space managed by the Office of Space Management, at our most recent meeting, the Director, Office of the Vice-Provost, Students, Jim Delaney stated this policy would serve as a guideline for all space use at the University. We are concerned about this change in the terms of reference for the *Policy* and will explore how this will affect independent, decentralised spaces at the University, as well as any additional impact on our members.

## **6. Student Commons Update**

We are pleased that the Student Commons project, which will see a new hub of student activity in a student-run and operated facility at the St. George campus, is moving forward. Most recently, in the April cycle of governance of the Governing Council, the site re-allocation of the Student Commons project to 230 College Street was approved. We are continuing our negotiations with the University's representatives on the operating agreement for the facility. Meanwhile, our internal Student Commons committee is continuing its work to inform the planning process for the new facility. We will soon be striking the broader University Project Planning committee which will see representatives from the University administration and from the Union collaborating on the planning process.

As we begin this term, I would like to wish all of our members a productive and enjoyable year. Our Executive team looks forward to meeting and working with all of you to build unity and spirit in our tri-campus community. We are here to provide services and advocacy, to provide a diverse array of events to add to your experience outside of the classroom and to support your initiatives. There are plenty of ways to get involved on campus, through our students' union and through our nearly six-hundred student clubs that do amazing work. Come visit us in the office and we'll be sure to connect you with everything happening on campus. Let this be the start of an amazing year ahead!

Respectfully submitted,  
Danielle

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## **Vice-President Campus Life – June 2011**

I am pleased to be serving as the Vice-President Campus Life for the 2011-2012 term! The Vice-President Campus Life has a very broad portfolio that will require a lot of dedication towards our events, clubs, services, members, and overall efforts towards an inclusive community. One way to extend campus life at UofT is by supporting our various student clubs throughout the year. Another way to foster more interaction is by working with the various constituencies and satellite campuses for more supportive and comprehensive programming. Incorporating campaigns and services into our programming is going to be essential to educating members of the Union on our activities, whether that be incorporating the No Means No campaign into various club nights or having ISIC tabling throughout our diversity weeks. I look forward to working with everyone and making sure that the Campus Life Commission is effective with the portfolio, and following the priorities set out for the year.

### **CAMPUS LIFE**

#### **Orientation**

Orientation planning is well underway. The U.T.S.U. Orientation dates have been finalized and are set. This year, we will be hosting Clubs Day on Wednesday, September 7, 2011 and the Parade, Concert, and Afterparty, is scheduled for Friday September 9, 2011. To support our programming this year, we have our great orientation coordinators, Elliot Coombe and Hong Nguyen, as part of the team. They both have amazing experience in planning events and recruiting sponsorship, and are a huge asset to our Orientation team to help make this year's Orientation even bigger and better than before!

We have begun contacting sponsors to offset the cost of Orientation and to promote the various services of the Union and other campus communities, services and businesses. We have also begun examining concert talent possibilities and logistics for the day. By reviewing some of last year's programming and ways we could make for more efficiency through logistics and costs, we have been able to have similar programming with budgeting that is effective by creating tightened relationships with our sponsors.

The schedule for the U.T.S.U. Orientation will spread across two days: Clubs Day at Hart House Circle from morning to late afternoon on Wednesday, and the Parade through downtown-Toronto streets, the Concert on back campus and an Afterparty at Government Nightclub on Friday. U.T.S.U. directors will be expected to help out on the U.T.S.U. Orientation days, so please feel free to contact me if there are any concerns or questions with regards to this.

As well, please treat me as the primary contact for Orientation. I am open to any suggestions and input, and would love to work with all the directors and orientation chairs very closely!

#### **Commuters' Orientation**

Planning for commuters orientation has begun, and is scheduled for the second week of September with great programming open for all students. The day is dedicated but not limited to, Commuter and Off-Campus students, Mature, UTM, UTSC, International students, and more. Some of the events will include a campus-wide scavenger hunt, barbeque, and possible tour of the greater community or local sporting event that is happening in the day.

Dates for all other alternative orientations are still tentative, and we will be doing our best to collaborate and share resources, so that we are efficient with our budgets and scheduling.

### **Campus Life Commission**

We had our first Mega-Commission on Thursday, May 26 between 3-5pm at Sidney Smith building, and had the opportunity to further break out into smaller commission groups. We set a few of the priorities for the year and I encourage everyone to attend the next commission meeting and encourage as many clubs, student associations and general members as possible. The best way to represent our members is by having greater commission involvement from all.

### **CLUBS**

#### **Student Life Meeting**

I have begun communication with the officers at Student Life in Sussex Clubhouse to ensure that we are able to coordinate each other to strengthen communication and resources for campus clubs. I believe we will have a very productive year in building relationships with clubs and the Sussex Club House, and will continue to reinforce our working relationship with the Office of Student Life.

#### **Clubs Recognition**

The 2011-2012 club recognition process has begun. Many groups have started applying, new and old, and we encourage members of the board to remind club executives to reapply and outreach to new members to form new clubs. We look forward to organizing the recognition process and subsequently organizing the Clubs Handbook and Clubs Training Days in the coming months. I wanted to thank Vice-President Internal & Services, Corey Scott, and Clubs and Events Coordinator, Vita Carlino, for their support in providing clubs with seamless communication and recognition opportunities during this transitional time.

#### **Summer Funding**

The new Summer Funding deadlines for recognized clubs are fast approaching. Funding application deadlines are due June 15th, 2011 at 3pm. A reminder that the maximum allocation is \$250 to be used on one (1) event from May to September. Campus clubs must have been recognized in the 2010-2011 year to receive funding.

I will be setting up regular office hours so members and clubs wanting to discuss campus life concerns, programming and clubs funding will have regular opportunities to do so, and will get members used to frequenting our office all together.

In solidarity,  
Albi Aziz  
Vice-President Campus Life

**Executive Report – June 8, 2011**  
**Vice-President Equity – Lena Elamin**

**Executive summary**

- 1. International Student's Orientation**
- 2. WUSC: World University Services of Canada**
- 3. Food For all Garden: An Equity Project**
- 4. Mega Commission**
- 5. Pride Planning**

Though apartheid, ethnocide, genocide, injustice and oppression are just words, they have real meaning to members of our community. Issues of discrimination happen around us. As the student body and representatives of U of T, we must bring awareness to them. That being said, I am excited to beginning a wonderful year ahead of us. I am look forward to connecting with our campus partners to build solidarity between our struggles and our movements. It will be critical for our cultural and religious clubs, levy groups, unions and all equity-seeking groups to work together. It is our efforts that are the necessary tools to counter injustice, effectively combat intolerance and promote a safe space on campus and the community at large for all.

**1. International Students' Orientation Planning**

The International Students' Orientation is traditionally a two-day orientation event designed to cater to international students at the University. We hope that this will support newcomers adjust to the city of Toronto and to university life, and inspire them to get involved in student life outside the classroom. Programming will create opportunities for international students to meet each other and meet domestic students as well, hopefully creating a shared collective experience. Sessions will include workshops as well as socials. We hope to collaborate with the Centre for International Experience (CIE) on our programming and to introduce students to the services available to them. It is our hope that this event will act as a portal to provide academic, cultural and transitional advising to the students. We are also hoping to work with our cultural clubs to produce a wonderful experience and a warm reception for international students coming to U of T.

**2. WUSC: World University Service of Canada (WUSC) – Student Refugee Program**

The Student Refugee Program organized by WUSC provides youth who have been persecuted and displaced into refugee camps around the world an opportunity to pursue education in post-secondary institutions in Canada. Students are sponsored by local committees who then assist the student in adjusting to life in Canada, and at their post-secondary institution. Each year, the Union sponsors a student through the Student Refugee Program to study at the University of Toronto.

As of now, we are on track to hosting our new student for the year. We have received the dossier for our student and the immigration documents have been submitted to Citizenship and Immigration Canada.

Over the summer, we will be preparing for the student's arrival. Any interested member can be a part of the Union's Student Refugee Committee. Please email [vpequity@utsu.ca](mailto:vpequity@utsu.ca) for more details.

**3. Food-for-all Equity Garden**

We have recently hired our garden coordinator for the summer. She will be managing the Union's Food-For-All Equity garden. The garden is located at the front and back lawn around the premises of our office building. Each fall, we harvest the fruit and vegetables and they go to the Union's food bank to be given to food bank users. Members may have the opportunity to be involved in supporting the garden by helping our garden coordinator with reviewing the garden plots, planning for maximum food production, weekly watering and weeding, and helping to grow fruits and vegetables. There may also be the possibility of

hosting gardening, harvesting and food justice videos or workshops. Any interested members seeking an opportunity to get involved with the Food For All Garden can email [vpequity@utsu.ca](mailto:vpequity@utsu.ca).

#### **4. Mega Commission**

The Mega-Commission was held Thursday, May26, 3-5pm in Sid Smith. The purpose of the meeting was to introduce to our members to some of the ways in which they can get involved in the services, programmes, events, campaigns and the workings of the Students' Union

In the Social Justice and Equity Commission breakout session, we brainstormed events and ideas for the incoming year. We looked at how to build on the events and campaigns hosted by the Commission last year, discussing how to promote and market events, and possible themes for programming. We discussed hosting forums for discussion around issues of racism, discrimination and prejudice; screening documentaries relating to stereotypes; organizing religious conferences, and artistic and poetic evenings to emphasise local and international injustice and oppression. Overall, the Commission meeting was productive and was a great way to kick off the year. Please contact me if you are interested in participating in the Social Justice and Equity Commission this summer!

#### **5. Pride Planning**

Members of the Executive Committee and our Board have been participating in the UofT Pride Planning Committee to plan for Pride 2011. This Committee is open to all student s, staff and faculty at the University. The Committee coordinates events and programming on-campus, including the Pride Pub and dance party, networking social, and a contingent for the Toronto Pride Parade. In the first few meetings, we have elected three co-chairs for the Committee and established our theme: Stop Dreaming, Start Doing! In future meetings, we will have discussions about the programming we want to do this summer, and coordinate our presence in the Parade.

Executive Report of the Vice-President External, Shaun Shepherd  
Wednesday, June 8, 2011

Executive Summary:

1. May Day rally
2. Canadian Federation of Students-Ontario Executive Meeting
3. Pride Committee Meeting
4. University of Toronto General Assembly Anti-Corporatization Meeting
5. Toronto City Council debate on motion for Request for Quotations for garbage collection
6. National Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia
7. Queen's Park Question Period
8. Governing Council Meeting
9. Toronto City Services Roundtable
10. GTA Provincial Elections Organizing

(1) May Day Rally – May 1, 2011

*No One is Illegal* held their 6th annual May Day rally on International Workers Day. *No One is Illegal* calls for migrant and refugee justice, and has worked to stop detentions and deportations, secure access to essential services for migrants, and change federal legislation around immigration. The struggle for status is the fight for movement, good jobs, food, health-care, education, shelter, housing, justice and dignity for all people, regardless of immigration status. Migrant justice is a student issue because many students face restrictive access based on status. Additionally, it is important for the student and labour movements to work together – historically many significant human rights gains have emerged out of this collaboration. Members of the executive committee joined several other students' union representatives from the GTA to march in the students' contingent.

(2) Canadian Federation of Students Ontario Executive Meeting - May  
As Local 98 of the Canadian Federation of Students, UTSU members are affiliated with students across Ontario and the country. The Canadian Federation of Students Ontario (CFS-O) enjoys the collective strength of 36 member locals representing student unions and associations from all over Ontario. The CFS-O produces campaigns and working groups through motions passed at both CFS-O and CFS national general meetings. Both the national and provincial components produce a campaign guide reflecting the motions which pass at their respective annual general meeting. The CFS-O will focus on campaigning around the provincial election that is dated for October 6th. The goals of this campaign are to encourage students to pre-register and participate in the 2011 Ontario election, encourage the inclusion of platform items which address students' concerns, and implement a voter education campaign ensuring student are aware of key issues. During the 2007 provincial election, CFS locals were victorious in pressing for progressive policy reform which included a tuition fee freeze. I have joined three working groups: (1) lobby the Ontario Minister of Research for more funding for non-commercially driven research; (2) work towards establishing a parking fee freeze and stop overselling passes; and (3) investigate student discounts with Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment.

(3) Pride Committee Meeting -- May 9, 2011

The Pride Planning Committee is an organizing body external to the Toronto Pride planning operations. For Pride week, the Planning Committee organizes events which capture the spirit of pride and often complement the multiple city-wide events. This was the first organizing meeting preparing for Pride 2011. Much of the discussion was set on brainstorming themes and events as well as ratifying the Pride Planning Committee Co-Chairs. UofT Pride events will be hosted from July 29th-July 3rd.

(4) UofT General Assembly Anti-Corporatization Meeting – May 11, 2011

The UofT General Assembly is a body committed to developing an alternative, open and democratic form of decision making concerning the University. The General Assembly conducts business through the formation of working groups. The anti-corporatization working group met to strategies against the increasing corporatization of the University.

(5) Toronto City Council Debate on Motion for Request for Quotations for Garbage Collection – May 17, 2011

A motion was presented to City Council for the private collection of garbage west of Yonge St. to Etobicoke. There was overwhelming public concern that the quality of service would decrease if garbage collection were privatized. Supporters of privatization would often argue that privatized garbage collection is a necessary step towards ensuring that we avoid a garbage strike such as the one the City experienced in 2009. The motion was passed with some amendments – primarily, any offer made by a private contractor must be proven to be a cheaper alternative than the cost of current public garbage collection.

(6) National Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia – May 17, 2011

The international day against homophobia and transphobia is an opportunity to reach out in solidarity with our external partners. Ryerson Students' Union (RSU) hosted the event at Yonge and Dundas Square reaching out to students and the general public alike. I participated in the RSU's public education campaign by leafleting, handing out balloons and having one-on-one discussions about the importance of anti-homo/transphobic initiatives.

(7) Queen's Park Question Period – May 19, 2011

On May 18th, Trinity-Spadina MPP Rosario Marchese invited the UTSU to submit an item for question period at Queen's Park. Question period is an opportunity for the provincial government to answer to questions presented by the opposition. The UTSU drafted MPP Rosario's question which asked for the government's stance on flat fees and public underfunding of post-secondary institutions.

(8) Governing Council Meeting – May 19, 2011

The highest decision making body at the University, Governing Council held its monthly council meeting at South Building, Mississauga Campus. A number of students had arrived to attend the meeting, however only a select few were allowed to enter the room. I was present inside the meeting room. At the meeting, there was a discussion about the research that was undertaken on the impact of flat fees, to which many governors found to be of low quality. As well, of the governors that spoke to the research surrounding flat fees, the majority considered the fee system itself unsatisfactory.

(9) Toronto City Services Roundtable – May 24, 2011

The City of Toronto is seeking to cut funding to a number of services in response to rectifying the city's current budgetary deficit. A series of public roundtables have been formed to inform city councillors which services the public views as "core". The services review round table was hosted at the North York City hall and was well attended by concerned members of the public. Breakout groups debated and decided which services should be considered core services. Decisions were presented to a facilitator who reported back to the City.



(10) GTA Provincial Elections Organizing - May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Executive members from students unions in the Greater-Toronto Area met to discuss campaigns for the October 6<sup>th</sup> provincial elections. The discussion was organized to develop common strategies, and brainstorm novel methods of ensuring student issues are made a priority in the upcoming elections. The meeting concluded with a commitment by each union to perform an action on the 6<sup>th</sup> of every month leading up to October 6<sup>th</sup>. GTA student union executives have resolved to meet every Thursday for June and July to report back on the elections campaign roll-out. Board members are encouraged to attend these meetings.

In Solidarity,

Shaun Shepherd  
Vice-President External  
University of Toronto Students' Union

Executive Report- Thursday, June 8, 2011  
Corey Scott – Vice-President Internal & Services

## SERVICES

***All members and directors are encouraged to get involved in service promotion and production. If you have a strong passion for any of the items listed below, please consider joining the Organisational Services Development Committee.***

### **Online Book Exchange and Good Food Box**

Over the past few years, we have seen a decline in our Book Exchange Program, which we speculate is due to other competing programs such as the . This year, with the recommendations of last year's Organisational Services Development Committee, we have begun creating an online book exchange program as well as an online service to purchase our Good Food Box orders. We are still in the process of developing this service but we are optimistic it will be available for the next semester. With online sales, we are optimistic that the service will be much more accessible to students and competitive with for-profit book sales.

### **Income Tax Clinics**

This year, the Free Income Tax Clinics were able to help 438 students. We house the program out of the U.T.S.U. basement and students are able to book appointments with our volunteer staff. Thank you to our Member Services Coordinator, Terri Nikolaevsky, Health and Dental Plan Coordinator Dan Gillespie, and all of our volunteer students for staffing the program this year!

### **Member Handbook**

After many months of hard work, the member handbooks for the upcoming year have been completed. Many thanks to Communications and Outreach Coordinator, Tanya Speight for all of her time and efforts on this important project and communications tool. Many students have come in to ask for the handbook already but they will be ready in the last week of August.

Thank you to all the directors that were able to have their picture taken for the Board of Director's page.

### **Clubs Directory**

The UTSU Clubs Directory is a great way for members find out about all of the amazing campus groups and clubs, levy groups and course unions that they might be interested in getting involved. Tanya Speight, Communications and Outreach Coordinator, Vita Carlino, Clubs and Events Coordinator, and the VP Campus Life are currently working on the production of the clubs directory. Much effort is being made to have the directory completed for inclusion in the UTSU Orientation Kits.

### **Summer Mailing**

The summer mailing, our summer newsletter which is directly mailed to all members, is currently in production and it will inform our members of the Union about our services, events and campaigns for the upcoming year. It also features a section on Orientation. Once a comprehensive mailing list is received from the UofT administration, usually in mid-August, we will send out the newsletter.

### **Orientation Bulk-Purchasing Order**

In conjunction with our mandate to support ethical and sustainable items, we have organised a bulk purchasing order, through the ethical purchasing program offered through the Canadian Federation of Students, in preparation for Orientation Day. Some of these items include t-shirts, laundry bags and reusable water bottles. Several clubs and student associations have put in additional requests for these cost-effective, ethical and sustainable items.

In addition to our regular order, we have put in small orders for notebooks and coffee mugs. These items will be used as prizes and merchandise throughout the year and will ideally promote the presence of the UTSU across campus.

### **Discounted Entertainment Tickets**

#### *TFC Tickets*

We are in discussions with the TFC to order discounted group tickets for games throughout the summer.

#### *Wonderland Tickets*

We have just received this year's pricing information and order form for discounted tickets to Canada's Wonderland, a popular sales item throughout the summer. The tickets should be available early June.

### **Website Updates**

We have begun updates for our website, including a slightly new layout design and a complete overhaul of information and content. At this point, we will be removing the traditional U.T.S.U. Calendar and moving towards integrating the Oohlala Calendar – providing the opportunity for linked updates to Twitter, Facebook and other social media outlets, as well as providing the opportunity for clubs and campus groups to post on our website.

We will be updating campaigns, events and documents over the next few weeks. Board members are strongly encouraged to get involved in developing new content and ideas for the website.

## HUMAN RESOURCES

### **CUPE 1281 Training**

Members of the executives were present for the CUPE 1281 training and information forum to ensure that executives are aware of the staff-union relations, format and collective agreement. Programming included: a presentation on the rights and responsibilities as an employer; legislation pertinent to employment law; a thorough reading and understanding of our collective agreement as well as brainstorming; and a discussion on the issues that many students' union executives go through in transitioning to management.

### **Operations Co-ordinator and Policy & Student Rights Co-ordinator Hiring**

The U.T.S.U. began the year with two vacant full-time positions. We have established the hiring committees, posted the positions internally and externally according to hiring guidelines and have begun scheduling interviews. We hope that we can provide a more thorough up-date on the new staff members at the next board meeting.

### **Associate Hiring**

Postings for associates to the executive have been posted online as well as the UofT Career Centre. The deadline to apply was Friday, June 3, 2011 and interviews have been held throughout this week. We will provide a more thorough update on who has been hired as associates to the executive for the next board meeting.

### **Food for All Community Garden – Gardener Hiring**

We have posted and hired the new Gardener for the Food for All Community Garden outside of the UTSU office. The hiring committee has chosen to hire Sandi MacDonald as the U.T.S.U.'s Gardener. Among the responsibilities of maintaining the garden, Sandi has also shown interest in working with the Sustainability Commission and campus organizations to produce workshops as well as co-ordinate fresh food for the Food Bank.

### **Work-Study Applications**

We have put in requests for work-study positions through the Office of Student Life. There will be a further update at the next Board Meeting.

**Collective Bargaining**

As the Collective Agreement with our full-time staff had expired in January 2011, we have been in negotiations with representatives of CUPE 1281 to revise the Agreement. Due to scheduling difficulties, bargaining occurred in April and May. We are pleased to announce that a new collective agreement has been ratified at this time.

**BUDGETING AND PLANNING FRAMEWORK**

Executive Director, Angela Regnier, and I have been busy preparing a balanced budget for the 2011-2012 year. We will be following the 8 step budgeting framework. The first step in it is to approve the budgeting framework which we will hopefully be doing in our board meeting.

**PREPARATIONS FOR 2010-2011 AUDIT**

The 2010-2011 fiscal year ended on April 30, 2011. Our auditors have been in to begin preparations for the audit. Our Executive Director, Financial Coordinator, and Executive Assistant Services have been working to prepare financial information to the auditors, scheduled to begin in July.

In solidarity,  
Corey Scott  
Vice-President Internal  
vpis@utsu.ca

# Minutes

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**Board of Directors 2010-11, April 30, 2011**  
**Board of Directors 2011-2012, April 30, 2011**  
**Executive Committee May 13, 20, 27, 2011**  
**Mega Commission May 26, 2011**

Attendance:

Adam Awad (President)  
Robert Ciszek (University of Toronto at Mississauga)  
Olivia Costantino (University of Toronto at Mississauga)  
Maria Galvez (Vice-President University Affairs)  
Susan Hwang (Woodsworth College)  
Johanna Lewis (Victoria College)  
Jasmine McEachern (Faculty of Nursing)  
Mags Ngo (Transitional Year Programme)  
Danielle Sandhu (Vice-President Equity)  
Corey Scott (Vice-President Campus Life)  
Leonicka Valcius (New College)  
Jonathan Vallely (Innis College)

Ex-Officio:

Angela Regnier (Executive Director)

Guest:

Michael Scott

1. CALL TO ORDER

This meeting is called to order at 12:40pm.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION Moved: Awad Seconded: Adenmosun

Be it resolved that the agenda for the April 30, 2011 U.T.S.U. Board of Directors meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED

3. EXECUTIVE REPORTS (pp. 7-30)

MOTION Moved: Awad Seconded: Adenmosun

Be it resolved that the U.T.S.U. Board of Directors accept the Executive Reports as presented.

DISCUSSION

Awad states that some of the work that has been happening since the last Board of Directors meeting is the U of T Vote Mob. He thanks everyone for their hard work this year, and that it has been a learning curve over the past couple of years. He states that he is amazed by how much the University of Toronto students are genuinely concerned about social justice and poverty.

Scott thanks the directors and volunteers who helped out with UTSU's Got You. He states that there is a lot of transitioning that has been happening over the past month, while wrapping up his duties as Vice-Campus Life. He states that goals have been met such as more services for clubs, providing more commuter support and in addition, more free clubs space on campus.

Sandhu thanks board directors for all their hard work and dedication this year. She states that it has been great to work with different groups on campus when she transition from Vice-President Campus Life to Vice-President Equity. She states that it was a pleasure to meet with senior administration to address some issues on campus that would affect students in both their academic and social life. She states that one victory of the Equity portfolio is winning the gender-neutral bathroom stalls in the new buildings. She further states that it has been a long-lasting relation with groups on campus when collaborating on events this year.

Galvez states that there was a Governing Council meeting on April 7, but she is unable to share what was discussed at that meeting because campus police had blocked entrance even though her and Vice-President Equity, Danielle Sandhu were invited by President, David Naylor to attend. She states that even though the term for her ends today, she states that the Flat Fees Campaign is not over and that on May 19, there will be a vote. She states that a student from Mississauga, she has been impressed by the people she has met and all the time and hard work that they have put in towards the student movement.

CARRIED

#### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION Moved: Awad Seconded: Adenmosun

Be it resolved that the April 30, 2011 minutes package including the following documents be approved by the U.T.S.U. Board of Directors:

- a. Board of Directors, *April 1* (pp. 31-42)
- b. Executive Committee, *April 19* (pp. 43-47)
- c. Clubs Committee, *Feb 1, March 22* (pp. 48-72)
- d. Joint Commission Meeting, *April 15* (pp. 73-85)
- e. Sustainability Commission, *Feb 28* (pp. 86-89)
- f. Student Accessibility Committee, *April 12* (pp. 90-92)

#### MOTION ON BOYCOTT (Page 78)

Awad states that he was not at the Community Action Commission meeting, but that he read the minutes to the Commission. He states that this motion talks about an endorsement to advocate for the boycott of the Federal elections. He states that he disagrees with a boycott movement, because by choosing to not vote, is still advocating for the system, which would be contradictory to what the arguments were. He states that it would be better to offer resources to actively change the system.

Lewis states that she speaks in favour of the motion that was proposed at the Commission. She states that she was at the Community Action Commission meeting because even if the individual act to choose not to vote, it does have some power to force people to question the system. She further states that the electoral system of Canada right now is flawed; the purpose of the motion is to think about the relationship with the state and to build change, community and connections. She states that it is good to provide resources, but for some people, voting is not empowering in engaging with the government, there should also be other methods and conversations to engage with the government.

Valcius states that she speaks against the motion because the word of the motion would not be in spirit of the motion. The purpose of having a Vote Mob encourages and engages people to discuss the electoral system whereas a boycott just says, do not vote. Which is contradictory to what people are seeking, it closes discussion immediately. She states that boycotts are not necessarily effective as people will just choose not to vote, but will just be classified as apathetic. She states that while it may not be the reason to boycott the elections that is how people will perceive it.

Vallely states that he speaks in favour of the motion because it still encourages people to engage in politics. He states that part of the Union's principles is to extend non-monetary resources to increase engagement.

Ngo states that she speaks against the motion, she states that politicians do not care whether students vote or not. She states that it is important for youth to vote and to have dialogue of engagement with the government. She states that it is possible to encourage people to vote and to emphasis and criticize the governance structure.

Sandhu states that in terms of responses of the Union, it is important to attend Governing Council meetings to address concerns, but if we are shut out from these meetings, we continue the fight to allow reform. She states that the motion just explicitly talks about the endorsement of a boycott, but mentions nothing about educating people about the electoral system.

Lewis states that the motion is not necessarily just have a boycott and that it does encourage people to increase political engagement. She states that some concerns have been that there needs to be space for people to discuss the problems of the electoral system and to have alternate perspective.

Awad states that one of the main concerns that he has is that he has not been approached by the group that is promoting the boycott campaign. He states that the campaign is open-ended and is not congruent with the motion and discussion passed.

Vallely states that the fact that the group approached the Union at the Commission is enough and to vote against the motion, is to side one and not the other.

Lewis states that she is support of a motion that states that the Union is support of all initiatives to encourage participation.

DEFEATED

MOTION 13 (Page 83)

Scott states that the motion is not controversial as it makes the Union more democratic and transparent. He states that the purpose of the motion is to have members come in to ask their elected representative questions.

Galvez states that she speaks against the motion, it was not in purview of the Commission, and recommended that it be addressed at a Policy and Procedures Committee meeting as addressed as an internal policy of the Union.

Valcius speaks in favour of the motion, but wants to know what would be asked.

Awad states that he speaks against the motion because the motion calls for a public inquiry – UTSU is a student union and not a government where we are only accountable to our members. He further states that it is awkward to pass an internal operational policy before it goes forth to the Policy and Procedures Committee and have a flushed out discussion.



Scott,M states that regardless of whether addressing this Commission was correct or not, it was done in good faith.

Sandhu speaks against the motion, she states that it is not to limit discussion since that all Board meetings are meant to encourage and find out what has happened. She states that there are proper channels to discuss the policy and states that it makes sense for the Union to serve it to the Policy and Procedures Committee first.

MOTION TO AMEND

Moved: Ciszek

Seconded: Vallely

Be it resolved that the Commissions of the UTSU recommend to the Board of Directors the adoption of a question and answer period for genral members prior to other business section of each Board of Director's meeting,

DEFEATED

5. OTHER BUSINESS

6. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

Moved: Costantino

Seconded: Sajjad

This meeting is adjourned at 1:45pm.

CARRIED

Attendance:

Abigail Cudjoe (New College)  
Lena Elamin (Vice-President Equity)  
Jessie Esufali (Faculty of Nursing)  
Jon Foster (Woodsworth College)  
Rebecca Harvey (Woodsworth College)  
Clara Ho (Vice-President University Affairs)  
Susan Hwang (Woodsworth College)  
Ramya Janandharan (Faculty of Arts & Science At-Large)  
Prescilla Jong (St. Michael's College)  
Saba Khan (University of Toronto at Mississauga)  
Min Kyu-Kim (Victoria College)  
Dimpho Radebe (Faculty of Nursing)  
Lissette Rosado-Ferrari (St. Michael's College)  
Munib Sajjad (UTMSU representative)  
Danielle Sandhu (President)  
Corey Scott (Vice-President Internal & Services)  
Michael Scott (Trinity College)  
Shaun Shepherd (Vice-President External)  
Dan Shilensky (Professional Faculty at-Large)  
Leonicka Valcius (New College)  
Jonathan Valelly (Innis College)  
Yasmine Youssef (University of Toronto at Mississauga)

Ex-Officio:

Angela Regnier (Executive Director)

Proxy:

Gina Husain to Yasmine Youssef  
Aly Madhavji to Munib Sajjad  
Anne Xu to Yasmine Youssef  
Shreena Dhawan to Danielle Sandhu  
Jarrar Ahmed to Abigail Cudjoe seconded to Danielle Sandhu  
Midhat Siddiqui to Corey Scott seconded to Danielle Sandhu  
Carly Degenstein to Min Kyu-Kim seconded to Danielle Sandhu  
Akid Azfar to Dimpho Radebe seconded to Abhishek Mathur  
Kishan Chouhan to Danielle Sandhu seconded to Corey Scott  
Stephanie Abrahams to Shaun Shepherd seconded to Prescilla Jong  
Mags Ngo to Danielle Sandhu  
Ana Deonarinesingh to Danielle Sandhu  
Thuwanika Kandasamy to Danielle Sandhu

Guest:

Olivia Costantino  
Maria Galvez  
Albi Aziz

1. CALL TO ORDER

This meeting is called to order at 2:25pm.

2. APPROVAL OF THE CHAIR

MOTION Moved: Sandhu Seconded: Scott

Be it resolved that Ashkon Hashemi be approved as Chair for the 2011-2012 U.T.S.U. Board of Directors.

DISCUSSION

Scott speaks against the motion, he feels that the meetings have been too closed off. The Trinity constituency is against the motion as the Chair may not have the best institutional memory.

Cudjoe states that there needs to be institutional memory and that if there is a person proposed who has the experience and ability to chair the meetings, the Board of Directors should be in favour of it.

VOTE

In Favour:

Abstentions:

Opposed: Scott, M

CARRIED

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION

Moved: Sandhu

Seconded: Scott

Be it resolved that the agenda for the April 30, 2011 U.T.S.U. Board of Directors meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED

4. INTRODUCTION AND OPENING REMARKS

5. VICE-PRESIDENT CAMPUS LIFE SELECTION

DISCUSSION

Sandhu explained that there were two candidates Alex Wells and Albi Aziz. Alex Wells was not able to be physically present, so he created a video.

The chair explained that he would flip a coin for the order of the presentations.

*Aziz left the meeting.*

Wells made his presentation.

*Aziz entered the meeting.*

Aziz made his presentation.

Scott asked if Aziz worked with a promotion company.

Aziz said that a few of his friends had come together a few years ago to do promotions and that they continue to do event promotion together.

Kyu-Kim asked how Aziz would manage his workload given that he has other commitments, such as a member of the executive committee at New College Student Society.

Aziz said that he was incredibly organized and he doesn't sleep and that he would certainly make his position at VP Campus Life a priority. He said that his colleagues at New College were aware of and supportive of application for VP Campus Life.

Janandharan asked Aziz how he would address current obstacles to student space on campus.

Aziz said that he would go to clubs meetings, discuss with clubs their obstacles in administering space issues.

Valcius asked Aziz to elaborate on his marketing plan with clubs.

Aziz stated that he would work with orientation coordinators and clubs to significantly push to promote clubs during frosh week.

Hwang asked about how to include commuter and part-time students.

Aziz stated that he would try to connect beyond the colleges and reach out by promoting activities in every venue possible so that they are inclusive and accessible to students of all kinds.

Scott, Michael asked what previous positions he had held respecting Frosh and how he would manage being on the executive at New College.

Aziz said that he would collaborate and take on partnerships and he has informed his colleagues at New College of his application at the

Nursing rep said that she was concerned about focusing exclusively on online promotions.

Aziz said that online promotion was only one component of his marketing strategy.

Shilevsky asked what other ways would the candidate promote campus life other than large scale events.

Aziz said that he would attempt to include all students to feel like part of a greater community. He said that events was one way, but then there was collaborating on the campaigns of the Union – around tuition fees and safety on campus.

Kyu-Kim asked the candidate to walk through the promotion of one event.

Aziz said that there was a fundraising event for Tsunami relief in Japan and that it had been really important to quickly plan the event.

MOTION to go in camera

Moved: Sandhu

Seconded: Scott

Be it resolved that the meeting go in camera.

VOTE

In Favour:

Abstentions:

Opposed: Scott, M

CARRIED

*The meeting went into camera at 15:45.*

Motion to go out of camera

Moved: Sheppard

Seconded: Scott, M

CARRIED

*The meeting went out of camera at 15:55.*

*Alex Wells entered the meeting on speaker phone.*

Youssef asked how the candidate would reach out to academic communities, get them involved, and ensure that students are participating in those activities as well.

Wells stated that there are many different activities on campus and that there are so many different ways for students to be involved. He want to help promote speakers that are being invited and guest lectures occurring across campus.

Youssef asked how he would reach out to the students.

Wells said that he would build relationships with ASSU and course councils. He said that maybe there could be a lecture series formed and collaborate with various groups and their connections.

Kyu-Lim stated that he too is concerned about fragmentation of student groups currently on campus – such as certain profacs and ethnic groups. He asked how the candidate would reach out to those students.

Wells said that he would bring in as many people into the discussion as possible such as the Black Students Association and EngSoc. He said that there are many communications methods, facebook emails, and showing up to events and raise awareness about how UTSU can help bring more U of T students into the fold.

Ho asked the candidate what new ideas he has for campus life commission and any new initiatives and methods of outreach that he might have.

Wells said that he wanted to start a sense of community engagement of campus life – on campus and in the Toronto community. There are many groups looking for volunteers. He said that he would partner with Centre for Community Partnerships that he would work with to bring students and community groups together to make student life more meaningful. He said that he would transfer activities that he had at VUSAC, such as volunteer days, pancake breakfasts. He said that he would do more volunteer outreach and bring out a U of T contingent to community volunteer initiatives. He would also like to take on more leadership training for clubs and club heads.

Sandhu asked how Wells would engage students off campus.

Wells states that he had begun to do some high school collaboration, building on what he began at Vic Pride. He said that he would do outreach to high school students to encourage them to see university as an option. He said that we are lucky to be surrounded by Ryerson, St George, York. He said that we can hold events, rallies, and speaker series with other university and college students.

*Alex Wells left the meeting at 16:10*

MOTION TO GO IN CAMERA	Moved: Ho	Seconded: Hwang
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CARRIED

*The meeting moved into camera at 16:11.*

MOTION TO GO OUT OF CAMERA	Moved: Sandhu	Seconded: Scott, C
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CARRIED

*The meeting moved out of camera at 16:20.*

MOTION	Moved: Sandhu	Seconded: Scott, C
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Be it resolved that the U.T.S.U. Board of Directors appoint Albi Aziz as Vice-President Campus Life for the 2011-2012 U.T.S.U. term.

CARRIED

MOTION TO DESTROY BALLOTS

Moved: Scott, C

Seconded: Sajjad

Be it resolved that the ballots be destroyed.

CARRIED

6. APPROVAL OF THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET 2011-2012 (pp. 7)

MOTION

Moved: Sandhu

Seconded: Corey Scott

Be it resolved that the U.T.S.U. approve the 2011-2012 Preliminary Budget as presented.

DISCUSSION

Sandhu asks Regnier to present the Preliminary Budget.

Regnier states that the fiscal year for the previous board ends today and new fiscal year of the Union will begin May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011. She further outlines the budget process, including the framework by which commissions, committees and the staff and executive participate in shaping the budget. She states this is a preliminary budget based on conservative numbers for membership dues, expected expenses and revenues. She states that memberships dues are collected by the university administration and remitted to the Union in installments. She further states that the Union collects membership dues from Mississauga students to remit to the UTMSU, as part of our agreement.

M. Scott asks what there is an expected increase of revenue for Orientation kits.

Regnier states that the Union expects to see as many divisions as possible purchasing Orientation kits, however, the number will change over the over.

M.Scott asks how the Student Refugee Program line item is derived.

Sandhu states that the Student Refugee Program line item is determined by the referendum that was asked several years ago. She further states that the number is based off of what the levy collection amount is.

M.Scott asks why the Union collects \$400, 000 to administer the Health and Dental Plans.

Regnier states that \$3 per student, per semester is collected to administer the Health and Dental Plans.

M. Scott asks if that amount is higher than the standard amount collected.

Regnier states that the amount collected is actually lower than industry standard and that for-profit third party brokers typically charged 10-20%, but our non-profit charges less as we have someone working in-house at the Students' Union office.

Cudjoe asks if the Health and Dental Plans coverage based on when you are enrolled in classes.

Regnier states that coverage period lasts until August of each school year. She further states that if a student changes their enrolment status from full-time to part-time, the student will then be on the APUS plan.

VOTE

In Favour:

Abstentions: M. Scott

Opposed:

CARRIED

7. RATIFICATION OF 2011-2012 SIGNING AUTHORITIES

MOTION Moved: Sandhu Seconded: Scott

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors ratify the following changes to signing authorities on U.T.S.U.'s bank accounts:

- Adam Awad, 2010-2011 President (remove)
- Danielle Sandhu, 2011-2012 President (add)
- Aderola Adenmosun, 2010-2011 Vice-President Internal and Services (remove)
- Corey Scott, 2011-2012 Vice-President Internal and Services (add)
- Angela Regnier, Executive Director (remain)

DISCUSSION

Sandhu states she would like to carry out her duties throughout the year and this would assist in the smooth functioning of the union.

CARRIED

8. NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Sandhu stated that there would be another BOD meeting scheduled for the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of May. She said that there would be a doodle poll with availabilities.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

DISCUSSION

M. Scott states that he would like to declare that he had a conflict of interest as a current member of the BOD and treasurer of Bikechain, thus he would note that he would not vote on any motions related to Bikechain.

M. Scott also reported that TCM had struck a committee to review the TCM and UTSU relations committee. He explained the composition of the committee and the terms of reference of the committee.

M. Scott that he would like to address that he would be filing a request to review all the financial information of the Union as per the *Canada Corporations Act*.

M. Scott stated that he would like to ask about what information can be circulated.

Hashemi stated that unofficial minutes should not be circulated.

Regnier stated that non-members are not entitled to access to official documents and that Board members should check in or refer such requests to the office.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Moved: Foster

Seconded: Jong

CARRIED

The meeting is adjourned at 5:05pm.



# Minutes

Executive Committee Meeting #1 of the University of Toronto Students' Union  
Friday, May 13, 2011 – U.T.S.U. Office

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In Attendance:

Albi Aziz  
Lena Elamin  
Danielle Sandhu  
Corey Scott  
Shaun Shepherd

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:12 am.

## 2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION Moved: Sandhu Seconded: Scott

Be it resolved that the May 13 2011 Executive Committee agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

## 3. ORIENTATION COORDINATORS HIRING

MOTION Moved: Sandhu Seconded: Scott

Be it resolved that Elliot Coombe and Hong Nguyen be hired as the 2011 Orientation Coordinators.

CARRIED

MOTION TO MOVE IN CAMERA Moved: Sandhu Seconded: Scott

CARRIED

*The meeting moved in camera at 10:15 am.*

MOTION TO MOVE OUT OF CAMERA Moved: Sandhu Seconded: Scott

CARRIED

*The meeting moved out of camera 10:18 am.*

#### 4. INDIVIDUAL EXECUTIVE REPORTS

##### Discussion

Aziz states that he has undergone a transition meeting with the outgoing Vice President Campus Life and the Clubs and Events Coordinator. He said he has also been having regular meetings with the Orientation Coordinators. He further states he has already had preliminary meetings with the Office of Student Life regarding clubs matters. He states that he will continue to meet with the OSL regarding collaborations and aligning recognition dates with the U.T.S.U. dates.

Elamin states that she has started discussions with the U.T.M.S.U. Vice President Equity around creating Equity Units/Squads for Orientation. She states that this group would ensure safety and good practices before and during Orientation. She states that she has also begun discussions with campus religious groups, Plan Canada and working on the Student Refugee Program.

Sandhu states that all the volunteers should be trained on equity matters and work to build an inclusive orientation. She states that the concept is interesting and that we should continue discussions around it. She states that it would be good to broaden the mandate so that people would not feel stigmatized for approaching the Equity Squad.

Scott states that he has been working to get the handbook finalized, preparing the team's programming calendar, and assisting with new team members transitioning into their roles.

Sandhu asks when the handbook is going to print.

Scott states that the expectation is that the handbook would go to print today.

Shepherd states that he attended the Canadian Federation of Students-Ontario Executive Meeting where there were discussions around the Ontario elections this October. He states that the campaign will be called "Take it Over" and materials for the campaign have been designed and were reviewed at the meeting.

Shepherd states that he has also had meetings with City of Toronto staff around an International Student Welcome Service. He states that the U.T.S.U. has a seat on the International Student Kits Committee and that the Graduate Students' Union also sits on other committees. Shepherd states that he also attended the Pride Planning Committee to start collaborating across the groups and campuses at UofT.

Sandhu states that she has been attending a vast array of meetings. She states that she has been working on the Flat Fees campaign and coordinating with the UTMSU regarding the Governing Council meeting. She further states that she is also working with the SCSU on developing the New U schedule.

Sandhu states that along with the Executive Director and Vice President Internal and Services, she has been working on bargaining for the Collective Agreement and setting up an executive training session with CUPE 1281. Sandhu states that management meetings have begun and that the job posting for Operations Coordinator has also been posted.

#### 5. TRANSITION REPORTS

##### Discussion

Sandhu asks if everyone has managed to have a transition meeting.

Aziz, Scott and Sandhu have all had transition meetings. Elamin and Shepherd state that they have had minor transitions. Sandhu states that she will help coordinate further in depth transitions for those who have not had full transitions.

## 6. HANDBOOK

### Discussion

Scott states that the member handbook will be going to print tonight and that he is proposing future timelines that will include the full production process to ensure that content and design can be coordinated more effectively.

## 7. FLAT FEES CAMPAIGN

### Discussion

Sandhu states that there have been miscommunications – possibly purposeful – regarding the vote on Flat Fees at the May 19, 2011 Governing Council Meetings. She states that the Provost has issued conflicting information on the final report and whether or not there will be a vote at the meeting. Sandhu states that she has been working with the UTMSU in ensuring a student presence at the meeting.

Sandhu states that the Governing Council is treating the vote as ratification rather than a discussion and vote. She states that the final report was also deemed as a “Fact Finding Group” rather than a Review Committee.

Elamin states that the UTM Campus has been informed that they will be allowed to take six courses rather than the previous limit of five courses. She states that this is a sign that Flat Fees will definitely be on the table for the UTM campus in the near future.

Sandhu states that the question regarding the Flat Fees vote being on the agenda for Governing Council was not evident in the minutes of the last Governing Council Meeting.

Shepherd states that some funding should be allocated for the Governing Council meeting so that we can coordinate transportation, materials and any equipment required for the day of the Governing Council Meeting.

MOTION

Moved: Sandhu

Seconded: Aziz

Be it resolved that \$500 be allocated from the Executive Committee budget for the Flat Fees Campaign.

CARRIED

## 8. JUNE BOARD MEETING

### Discussion

Sandhu states that we need to call a board meeting for the month of June.

Scott states that he will send out a doodle poll to board members for the first week of June.

## 9. PREPARATION MEETING FOR THE NATIONAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE CANADIAN FEDERATION OF STUDENTS

### Discussion

Sandhu states that the majority of executives will be attending the NGM. She states that she will be coordinating a preparation meeting for the executive to review the motions.

## 10. COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE DATES

### Discussion

Sandhu states that each executive should be setting up their commission dates, aiming to host one meeting monthly, with one prior to the next board meeting.

Shepherd asks if it is possible to have a super commission meeting for May. He states it may be useful to pull out more people to give a solid mandate to the UTSU for events and campaigns.

Aziz states that by having a super commission we could also invest in food and extra promotions to pull people into the commission.

Shepherd states that he will book space for the commission.

### MOTION

Moved: Sandhu

Seconded: Aziz

Be it resolved that \$100 be allocated from the Executive Committee budget for the May Super Commission Meeting.

### CARRIED

## 11. ORIENTATION REPORT BACK

### Discussion

Aziz provides an update on the orientation planning process, including a review of the orientation programming calendar, orientation kit development and sponsorship.

## 12. ORIENTATION KIT INSERTS

### Discussion

Scott states that the deadline for executive and commission kit inserts for Orientation Kits is June 30. He states that products are usually more effective than paper inserts.

## 13. BULK PURCHASING SWAG

### Discussion

Sandhu states that the deadline for bulk purchasing swag from the Federation is today.

Shepherd states that it would be useful to order swag for the kit inserts, such as shirts and water bottles.

Sandhu states that it might be interesting to sell products from the UTSU Office.

Scott states that it would be useful to sell the water bottles as part of the bottled water free campaign, but that the number that is purchased should be a small number for the first year.

Sandhu states that it is also possible to omit the Orientation wording on the kit water bottles and order extra for distribution through the year. She states that a travel mug, notebook and clipboards would also be useful.

Scott states that the swag would also be useful for board members and campus allies.

#### 14. REBELLES CONFERENCE

##### Discussion

Sandhu states that a member of the executive should attend the RebELLEs Conference being hosted in Winnipeg from May 20 – 23, 2011. She states that it is a Federation-sponsored conference that will include opportunities for discussion and organizing around women's rights, and building solidarity across networks in the feminist movement. She further states that this is a good opportunity for the Union to develop relationships and connect with others engaging in anti-oppression work.

Scott states that it would be important for an executive to attend, and given that Sandhu is the Women's Commissioner for CFS-Ontario, it would be good for her to attend.

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.

CARRIED

#### 15. ASSOCIATE POSTING

##### Discussion

Scott states that the associate job postings have been put online and is encouraging people to apply. He states that there are two different postings for twelve positions. He states that the positions will hopefully start in the beginning of June.

#### 16. CANADIAN FEDERATION OF STUDENTS-ONTARIO SKILLS TRAINING

##### Discussion

Shepherd states the CFS-O Skills Symposium is taking place from June 10-12, 2011 at the University of Toronto Mississauga. He states that all members of the executive will be attending. He further states that the registration deadline is coming up and there is an opportunity to send additional delegates. He further states if any of the executives have suggestions for delegates to indicate these to him in a timely manner.

#### 17. PROGRAMMING CALENDAR

##### Discussion

Scott reviews the programming calendar developed in consideration of the events and initiatives

discussed at the Executive Retreat. He further states the calendar includes key dates, deadlines and timelines for Union initiatives as well as community dates and holidays.

Sandhu states that each executive should take the time to review the calendar and following that review, the team should revisit and evaluate the programming timeline.

#### 18. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN      Moved: Shepherd                      Seconded: Aziz

CARRIED

*The meeting adjourned at 12:10 pm.*

# Minutes

Executive Committee Meeting of the University of Toronto Students' Union  
Friday, May 20, 2011 • U.T.S.U. Office

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## Attendance:

Albi Aziz  
Lena Elamin  
Munib Sajjad  
Corey Scott  
Angela Regnier (non-voting)

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:22am

### 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION Moved: Albi Seconded: Elamin

Be it resolved that the agenda be approved as presented.

### 3. INDIVIDUAL EXECUTIVE REPORT BACKS

Executive committee members provided an update on their activities for the week.

### 4. HANDBOOK

Scott announced that the handbook had been submitted and gone to print. He said that the handbook had 16 additional pages of content and that the advertising sales were up this year.

### 5. FLAT FEES UPDATE

Scott provided an update on the Flat Fees campaign. He said that there had been a great deal of media and expressions of solidarity from other student groups and even from the United States. Scott said that the police at the meeting were disturbing and that they were not letting students in even though there were empty seats in the Governing Council meeting.

Shepherd said that it would be good to debrief afterwards with other groups on campus and to see where to go with the campaign to save the university from there.

Regnier suggested that it was important to debrief and said that it would be good for executive committee members to consider writing some accounts of the issue as it would be likely that online media outlets would be eager to publish. She said that groups on campus that have been involved in the campaign should be invited to participate.

### 6. JUNE BOARD MEETING

Scott announced that the Board Meeting will be scheduled for June 8<sup>th</sup>, 5pm-8pm.

Regnier explained the process for submitting documents for the board package.

Scott said that he would be creating a volunteer posting for the Sustainability Commissioner position and that committees would be struck at that meeting.

Regnier said that she would talk to Kate about booking a room, preferably a room at the Multifaith centre.

7. CFS NATIONAL GENERAL MEETING PREPARATIONS

Shepherd said that he would be coordinating a preparation meeting for the general meeting with the U of T locals. He said that he would circulate the motions package for delegates to review.

Regnier stated that she would be picking up a rental van at 9am on the Monday morning and that delegates should arrive at 9:30 am for a timely departure.

8. 2011 UNITE ORIENTATION

Frosh T-Shirt Design

Scott asked for someone to take the lead on the backs of t-shirts designs.

Shepherd volunteered to take the lead.

Kit Inserts

Scott stated that there would be a planning meeting for kit inserts on Wednesday at 2pm and that the executive should consider options for limiting the paper inserts.

Regnier circulated a sample of playing cards and said she would get info on pricing on timelines and pricing for the kit insert meeting.

9. CREDIT CARD RENEWAL

Regnier stated that she had been contacted by the bank and that the credit card was expiring. She stated the bank needed a resolution to confirm approval of the credit card renewal.

MOTION

Moved: Scott Seconded: Elamin

Be it resolved that the Corporation is authorized to enter into a borrowing relationship with CUETS Financial, a division of MBNA Canada Bank ("CUETS") and any officer of the Corporation is authorized to sign on the Corporation's behalf, from time to time, and from time to time, any other documents contemplated by CUETS;

AND RESOLVED that the officers and the required combination of those officers that the Corporation verifies to CUETS from time to time, are the authorized individuals to borrow money from CUETS on the Corporation's credit from time to time in the amounts and on the terms that the Corporation shall determine ("Authorized Users");

AND RESOLVED that the Corporation is authorized to appoint individuals as the Authorized User of the Business MasterCard Credit Card from time to time, as the case may be;

AND RESOLVED that the directors of the Corporation are authorized, from time to time, to:

- a) borrow money upon the credit of the Corporation;
- b) Issue, reissue, self or pledge debt obligations of the Corporation;
- c) Give a guarantee on behalf of the Corporation to secure performance of an obligation of any person;
- d) Charge, mortgage, hypothecate or pledge all or any currently owned or subsequently acquired real or personal, movable or immovable property of the Corporation, including book



- debts, rights, powers, franchises and undertaking, to secure any such debt obligations or any money borrowed, or other debt or liability of the Corporation; and
- e) Designate the officers or employees of the Corporation who are authorized to sign cheques, promissory notes, bills of exchange, negotiable instruments, security agreements, letters of credit and all other instruments or documents for the purpose of binding the Corporation in connection with its accounts and transactions with any bank or other financial institution;

AND FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution remains in effect until such time as the Corporation gives written notice to CUETS of any change in its content or continued validity and that CUETS has acknowledged receiving the notice in writing.

CARRIED

10. MEGA COMMISSION

Scott stated that the mega commission meeting was scheduled for Thursday, May 26, 3pm-5pm. He stated that all executive committee members should be assisting in publicizing the commission and following up with board members to attend.

11. CFS-ONTARIO SKILLS DEVELOPMENT SYMPOSIUM, JUNE 10-12

Scott stated that the UTSU could send up to 15 delegates to Skills which was an excellent opportunity to bring out members involved on campus to participate in skills development workshops on event planning, media training, legal liabilities, equity training, and campaign organizing. He said that the symposium was free for delegates.

12. SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSIONERS

Scott stated that there needed to be sustainability commissioners appointed at the next board meeting. He said he would draft a volunteer posting and encouraged executive members to circulate the posting.

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Moved: Elamin

Seconded: Aziz

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 12:16pm

# Minutes

Executive Committee Meeting of the University of Toronto Students' Union  
Friday, May 27, 2011 • U.T.S.U. Office

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## Attendance:

Albi Aziz  
Lena Elamin  
Munib Sajjad  
Corey Scott  
Shaun Shepherd  
Angela Regnier (non-voting)

## Guest

Hong Nguyen (Orientation Coordinator)  
Vita Carlino (Clubs & Events Coordinator)

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:08am.

### 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

#### MOTION

Moved: Aziz    Seconded: Elamin

Be it resolved that the agenda be approved as presented.

#### CARRIED

### 3. INDIVIDUAL EXECUTIVE REPORT BACKS

Executive committee members provided an update on their activities for the week.

Shepherd states that discussions with OPIRG and other campus groups regarding disOrientation have begun. He states that the date is still under question since it was moved earlier last year. He states that he has also been working actively with the Canadian Federation of Students'—Ontario in producing a provincial elections campaign.

Elamin states that discussions around International Students Orientation have begun. She states that she has had some conversations with staff at the Centre for International Experience in collaborating on programming.

Sajjad states that the UTMSU will be hosting their Board retreat this upcoming weekend. He states that there are ongoing issues with the university administration and recognizing Medicine students at UTM as UTMSU members and extending the UPass to those students.

Scott states that he has been working on human resource matters and preparing for associate, casual staff and two full-time position hirings. He states that he has also begun discussions with the Communications and Outreach Coordinator in updating the website and producing publications.

Aziz states that he has booked meetings with the Varsity Centre to begin discussions on Blue and White Spirit Week. He states that preliminary meetings regarding Commuter Students Orientation have also begun. Aziz states that he has been assisting in helping the Orientation Coordinators where he can.

Sandhu states that she has been working on a bunch of projects and assisting other executives where she could. She states that she has been helping coordinate alternative orientations, communication with sister student unions on campus and continuing to push forward with the Flat Fees Campaign.

4. SKILLS DEVELOPMENT SYMPOSIUM

Scott provided an update on delegates for the Skills Development Symposium.

5. ORIENTATION

Carlino asked for an update on coordinating Orientation Kit sales with the Scarborough Campus Students' Union. Sandhu said that she was waiting to hear back from executive members of the SCSU.

The executive committee discussed the draft logo concepts that had been designed by the graphic designer. The committee discussed design concepts for the t-shirts and laundry bags.

6. JUNE BOARD MEETING

Scott said that the board meeting was confirmed for June 8<sup>th</sup> and that the room was booked for Bahen. He went over logistics for the meeting. Scott states that all board members have been notified of the meeting.

7. CFS NATIONAL GENERAL MEETING PREPARATIONS

Scott said that we would be meeting at the office at 9:30am to depart for the general meeting.

8. MEGA-COMMISSION DEBRIEF

Sandhu states that the event went well and that it was good attendance, especially for the spring session. She said that the executive committee ought to be thinking about how to continue to pull out more people to the next events.

9. COMMISSION MEETINGS AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

Scott states that commission meetings should be called and that room booking requests should be made through the Internal Coordinator.

10. ASSOCIATES AND OTHER HIRINGS

MOTION

Moved: Scott

Seconded: Sajjad

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

CARRIED

11. OTHER BUSINESS

Sajjad asked about the details for the board retreat. There was a discussion about potential dates and locations.

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Moved: Sandhu

Seconded: Aziz

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 12:00pm

# Minutes

Mega Commission Meeting #1 of the University of Toronto Students' Union  
Thursday, May 26, 2011 • Sidney Smith 2135

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Attendance:

Voting Member:

Danielle Sandhu  
Corey Scott  
Albi Aziz  
Shaun Shepherd  
Lena Elamin  
Dan Shilensky  
Midhat Siddiqui  
Stephanie Abrahams  
Jarrar Ahmed  
Pricilla Jong

Non-Voting Member:

Shaun Poon  
Angela Zhang  
Esther Mendelsohn  
Jodi Arthurton  
Yolen Bollo-Kamara  
Nathaniel Tang  
Yukting Li  
Stefeni Higuchi  
Andy Golkhandan  
Elias Khawaja  
Noah Mintz  
Maxwell Trower  
Matthew Gray  
Gawthaman Kurusamy  
Michael Galang

Non-Voting Member (ex-officio):

Angela Regnier, Executive Director  
Desmond Miller, Alumni  
Hong Nguyen, Orientation Coordinator  
Elliot Coombe, Orientation Coordinator  
Guled Arale, Chair, UTSC Students' Union

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:16pm.

## 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION

Moved: Sandhu

Seconded: Shepherd

Be it resolved that the Thursday, May 26, 2011 Mega Commission agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

## 3. INTRODUCTIONS

DISCUSSION

Attendees and Executive members introduced themselves and discussed how they got involved on campus.

## 4. OVERVIEW OF THE UNION

DISCUSSION

Shepherd presents an overview of the Union, including the services that the Union provides for members, and the advocacy work that the union does.

Sandhu speaks to the events and orientation programming that the Union organizes for students and discusses the work that the Union does to build a more inclusive University community.

## 5. OVERVIEW OF THE COMMISSIONS

### DISCUSSION

Sandhu explains the process of becoming involved in the commissions, voting and ratification. She speaks to how the commissions help to shape the priorities of the Union, and how members of the commissions are an important part of the work that the Union does throughout the year.

Aziz presents an overview of the Campus Life Commission. He speaks to the numerous events that the Campus Life Commission participates in, including Orientation and states that he looks forward to working with everyone on the Commission this year.

Nguyen and Coombe present an overview of Orientation week. They discuss the different aspects of organizing Orientation events such as Clubs Day, the After Party, and the Orientation Parade and Concert. Coombe states that anyone who is interested in getting involved in Orientation should contact the Orientation Coordinators.

Sandhu states that any clubs interested in participating in Club's

Mendelsohn asks if clubs need to be recognized by the UTSU in order to participate in Clubs Day, and if so how much the cost is.

Sandhu states that the cost has not yet been set, but that both UTSU and Student Life recognized clubs can participate in the day.

Scott presents an overview of the Sustainability Commission, the work the commission does around sustainability both on and off campus, and the other campus organizations that it works with.

Shepherd presents an overview of the Community Action Commission, the work that the commission does and how to get involved.

Elamin presents an overview of the Social Justice and Equity Commission, the work of the commission and how to get involved.

Sandhu provided an overview of the Academic and Student Rights Commission, previous work and campaigns that had been taken on by the commission, and how to get involved.

Sandhu also explained how the commissions can come together and work on joint projects, such as Academic & Student Rights and Campus Life that could team together to host a social event that highlighted the need for fair copyright law, promoting mash-up music and the implications for copyright.

A student asked how students who do not know about these events, how could they find out about the commissions.

Sandhu said that they can contact the executive committee members and schedule a time to chat, or they can come and participate in a meeting at any time. She said that there was information about all of the commissions on the website.

Mendelsohn asked about the details of the Ban Turn-it-in campaign and what had been done in the past. She asked why a campaign to ban turn-it-in when there are many professors who tell you they have the option.

Sandhu said that there are often times, and in her own personal experience, that students are not given the option to not turn-it-in. She said that it is a problem that the university is paying an external

for-profit group to assess student performance in the place of smaller class sizes and higher quality of education.

Sandhu said that the commissions would break out at this time and have a discussion about some of the issues of the commissions and reconvene in approximately 15 minutes.

## 6. COMMISSION DISCUSSION GROUPS REPORT-BACK

### Social Justice and Equity Commission Report-Back

Trowers and Abrahams provided an update on the Social Justice and Equity Commission meeting. They said that they discussed ways of improving attendance for XAO. They also discussed possibly having one theme per day for XAO or having fewer attends per day.

They talked about having a spoken word night or a performance night that would have a focused issue. They also discussed the possibility of having a “haunted house” event where each room would address a particular social justice issue.

They expressed that they talked about having more debate on a social justice issue in order to encourage various perspectives. They said that breakout groups should be encouraged at events so that many people could be involved in

They also discussed improving communications around events and having more pick-up in campus media in order to encourage discussion on these issues.

### Sustainability Commission Report-Back

Li and Higuchi provided a report back on the sustainability commission. They discussed seeking more research on the environmental impact of the use of water bottles and to disseminate it. They discussed that there should be encouragement to use reusable water bottles and to call for more access to public water fountains on campus. They said that the rating for access to public water fountains at UofT was graded at C- and that it would be good to promote access to water fountains. They also discussed the importance of promoting the negative health effects of plastic water bottles.

They also discussed the importance of promoting the purchasing of local and organic food. They discussed the possibility of having food fairs and promoting local food and the benefits of supporting local food producers.

They also discussed encouraging the Union and campus groups to promote events online, rather than using posters.

### Community Action Commission Report-Back

Arale reported back on the discussion of the Community Action Commission. He said that they discussed mobilizing for the provincial election in a non-partisan way that encouraged youth to get involved. He said that they talked about the Flat Fees campaign and finding ways to get students continuously involved in the campaign. He said that there may be a national day of action on education and that it would be important to be involved.

### Academic and Student Rights Commission

Sandhu reported back on the discussion at the Academic and Student Rights Commission. Copyright, course materials online for free, TAs will be in bargaining and it will be important for students to be informed and aware of the issues in bargaining. She also stated that there were discussions on joining with Campus Life Commission on a fair copyright club night event that would include mash up albums and information on turnitin.com. She stated that there were also discussions on program cuts and ancillary fees increases and that there needs to be continued research and lobbying. She states

that there were also discussions on the space booking policy and how it is problematic for student groups.

## Campus Life Commission

Poon reported back on the discussion of the campus life commission. He said that they focused on the need to promote activities to commuters. He said that it is more difficult ways to get them involved. He said that some large-scale events could help get people involved, like tournaments, with giveaways. He said that they discussed having a campus wide Blue Jays event, for example. He said that another way to promote to commuters would be to have events in various regions in the Greater Toronto Area, such as in North York or Scarborough. He said that they talked about collaborating with CINSSU, the Cinema Studies Students Union, on film screenings. They also talked about collaborating with the Ryerson Students Union to save on costs but also to have larger events.

## 7. RATIFICATION OF NEW MEMBERS

MOTION Moved: Siddiqui Seconded: Elamin

Be it resolved that the following be ratified as voting members of the Academic and Student Rights Commission for the 2011-12 year.

- Nathaniel Tang
- Gawthaman Kurusamy

CARRIED

MOTION Moved: Siddiqui Seconded: Elamin

Be it resolved that the following be ratified as voting members of the Community Action Commission for the 2011-12 year.

- Jodi Arthurton
- Esther Mendelsohn
- Yolen Bollo-Kamara

CARRIED

MOTION Moved: Siddiqui Seconded: Elamin

Be it resolved that the following be ratified as voting members of the Sustainability Commission for the 2011-12 year.

- Yukting Li
- Stefeni Higuchi

CARRIED

MOTION Moved: Siddiqui Seconded: Elamin

Be it resolved that the following be ratified as voting members of the Campus Life Commission for the 2011-12 year.

- Shaun Poon

CARRIED

MOTION Moved: Siddiqui Seconded: Elamin

Be it resolved that the following be ratified as voting members of the Social Justice and Equity Commission for the 2011-12 year.



- Maxwell Trower
- Elias Khawaja
- Noah Mintz

CARRIED

8. OTHER BUSINESS

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN                      Moved: Aziz    Seconded: Jong

Be it resolved that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 5:13pm.

# TASKS
