

University of Toronto Students' Union

Local 98, Canadian Federation of Students

Board of Directors Package #8

Wednesday, November 16, 2011

**Board Room
Student Centre
Mississauga Campus
6 pm**

RULES OF ORDER AT A GLANCE

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

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

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION Moved: C. Scott Seconded:

Be it resolved that the agenda for the November 16, 2011 U.T.S.U. Board of Directors meeting be approved as presented.

3. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

MOTION Moved: C. Scott Seconded:

Be it resolved that the U.T.S.U. Board of Directors approve the Executive Reports as presented at the November 16, 2011 Board meeting.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION Moved: C. Scott Seconded:

Be it resolved that the November 16, 2011 minutes package including the following documents be approved by the U.T.S.U. Board of Directors:

- a. Board of Directors (2011-2012), *October 24*
- b. Academic and Student Rights Commission, *October 25*
- c. Budget Committee, *October 25*
- d. Book Bursary Committee, *October 26*
- e. Professional Faculties Committee, *October 26*
- f. Campus Life Commission, *October 31*
- g. Election and Referenda Committee, *November 9*
- h. Executive Committee, *November 10*

5. REPORT OF THE CHIEF RETURNING OFFICER

MOTION Moved: Ho Seconded:

Be it resolved that the Fall 2011 Final Report of the Chief Returning Officer be received.

6. RATIFICATION OF ELECTION RESULTS

MOTION Moved: Ho Seconded:

Whereas there are no outstanding appeals involving candidates;

Be it resolved that the Fall 2011 Elections results be ratified.

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7. STRIKING OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Budget Committee

MOTION

Moved: C. Scott

Seconded:

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

Be it resolved that one (1) director from Division I, one (1) director from Division II, one (1) director from III, and two (2) additional directors from either Division I, II or III be elected by and from the Board of Directors to serve on the 2011-2012 Budget Committee.

St. George Clubs Committee

MOTION

Moved: C. Scott

Seconded:

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

Be it resolved that one (1) director from Division I, one (1) director from Division II, one (1) director from Division III and one (1) additional director from either Division I or II and/or III be elected by and from the Board of Directors to serve on the 2011-2012 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.

Elections and Referenda Committee

MOTION

Moved: C. Scott

Seconded:

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

Be it resolved that one (1) director from Division I, one (1) director from Division II, and one (1) additional director from the Board of Directors to serve on the 2011-2012 Elections and Referenda Committee.

Policy and Procedures Committee

MOTION

Moved: C. Scott

Seconded:

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

Be it resolved that one (1) director from Division I, one (1) director from Division II, and one (1) director from Division III be elected by and from the Board of Directors to serve on the 2011-2012 Policy and Procedures Committee.

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Organisational Development and Services Committee

MOTION

Moved: C. Scott

Seconded:

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

Be it resolved that one (1) director from Division I, one (1) director from Division II, one (1) director from III, and one (1) additional director from Division I, II and/or III be elected by and from the Board of Directors to serve on the 2011-2012 Organisational Development and Services Committee.

Executive Review Committee

MOTION

Moved: C. Scott

Seconded:

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

Be it resolved that one (1) director from Division I, one (1) director from Division II, one (1) director from III, and two (2) additional directors from Division I, II and/or III be elected by and from the Board of Directors to serve on the 2011-2012 Executive Review Committee.

Student Accessibility Committee

MOTION

Moved: C. Scott

Seconded:

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

Be it resolved that one (1) director from Division I, one (1) director from Division II, and one (1) director from Division III be elected by and from the Board of Directors to serve on the 2011-2012 Student Accessibility Committee.

Book Bursary Committee

MOTION

Moved: C. Scott

Seconded:

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

Be it resolved that one (1) director from Division I, one (1) director from Division II and one (1) director from III, be elected by and from the Board of Directors to serve on the 2011-2012 Book Bursary Committee.

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Student Refugee Program Committee

MOTION

Moved: C. Scott

Seconded:

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

Be it resolved that one (1) director from Division I, one (1) director from Division II and one (1) director from Division III, be elected by and from the Board of Directors to serve on the 2011-2012 Student Refugee Program Committee.

8. NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING- DECEMBER 8
9. OTHER BUSINESS
10. ADJOURNMENT

Executive Reports

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

Executive Report – November 16, 2011 Danielle Sandhu – President

Executive Summary:

- 1) National Lobby Week
- 2) Provost Town Hall
- 3) "Too Asian" Revisited
- 4) U.T.S.U. Clubs Funding
- 5) Liberal Party Tuition Fee Waiver

1) Canadian Federation of Students National Lobby Week – October 24-28, 2011

One of the central pillars of the work of the students' union is to engage in lobbying on the local, provincial and national levels on behalf of our members. We recently participated in the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) National Lobby Week in Ottawa, where students' union representatives met with Members of Parliament and Senators to discuss our vision for post-secondary education in Canada. Student union representatives from across the country came together and participated in nearly 200 meetings with representatives from the Conservative, Liberal, Green and New Democratic parties. We shared our broad recommendations for the post-secondary system in Canada. Our five fundamental and broad recommendations included:

i) The creation of a National Post-Secondary Education Act

While post-secondary education is considered the jurisdiction of the provincial government, the federal government can play a more significant role in post-secondary education across the country. The federal government is responsible for funding education through the provision of transfer payments to the provinces. The realities of the post-secondary education systems – including levels of tuition fees and per-student funding – differ greatly across the provinces and territories, with Ontario students paying the most and receiving the least. Through the creation of a National Post-Secondary Education Act, the federal government can, similar to the Canada Health Act, attach some conditions on the transfer payments issued to the provinces and territories to help ensure funding for post-secondary education is regulated across the country.

ii) Reallocation of federal funding for tax credit schemes into needs-based grants

In 2010-2011, the federal government spent \$2.5 billion to provide tax credits to all students who completed a year of full-time study at a college or university, regardless of financial need. This year, Canada Student Loans will lend \$2.3 billion to students. Our recommendation prioritises students with the most financial need, calling for increased funding of the national system of grants won by students and instituted by the Conservative government. This would allow for students from low and middle income families to be supported through upfront, needs-based grants and alleviate the impact of debt from student loans.



iii) *Increased funding for Canada Graduate Scholarships*

Between 1998 and 2008, graduate enrolment increased by 41.5 percent across the country. Unfortunately, the funding available to graduate students through the Canada Graduate Scholarships did not increase. Our third recommendation was to increase the number of scholarships to match enrolment (2003 levels) and for funding to be distributed to Research Councils proportionate to the demand across the disciplines.

iv) *Lifting the cap on Post-Secondary Student Support Program*

The Post-Secondary Student Support Program is a mechanism for the federal government to fulfill its treaty obligation to Aboriginal, First Nations, Metis and Inuit people and their right to education. Unfortunately, there is a two percent cap on the PSSSP, and it is significantly underfunded in comparison to the number of students it needs to support (and the increase in tuition fees over the same period since the cap was introduced). Thousands of Aboriginal, First Nations, Metis and Inuit students eligible for funding do not receive it each year because of this two percent cap.

v) *Investing in Statistics Canada research in the post-secondary sector*

Canada currently does not collect data on 56 of the 97 Organisation for Economic and Cooperative Development (OECD) indicators for the post-secondary sector. With the elimination of the mandatory Long-Form Census, and Youth in Transition Survey, we lack key demographic data on students in the post-secondary system. In addition to allowing for a comparison to the international community, such data would also give rise to the development of policies for the sector.

2. Provost Town Halls – November 2011

Provost Misak hosted the first of her three scheduled town halls on *Towards 2030: The View from 2012* at the St. George campus on November 4, 2011. In this town hall, she provided an overview of the phases of the process by which she would draft the *View From 2012* report. The UTSU was present to highlight members' concerns, including the vision for privatisation outlined in *Towards 2030*. From tuition fees, to campus space, to governance and academic planning, we are concerned about the privatisation and corporatisation of our campus spaces and the subsequent impact on the student experience. Student groups incur great costs to host events and build a community here on campus, and our members continue to sit in large lectures and oversized tutorials. We will be following up on these town halls with a formal submission to the Provost.

3. "Too Asian" Revisited

In a follow up to last year's Maclean's piece "Too Asian" (November 2010) and subsequent community responses, our community coalition against racism has convened to organise a discussion, "Racism, Offensive Content and Freedom of Speech". The talk, which will feature John Miller (Professor Emeritus from the Ryerson School of Journalism), Naseem Mithoowani (Lawyer, Waldman and Associates), Florence Li (Youth Coalition Against Racism), and others, will look at the boundaries between free speech and offensive content, and the role of public money in funding publications. The talk is being co-presented with the Asian Canadian Labour Alliance, Chinese Canadian National Council Toronto



Chapter, Council of Agencies Serving South Asians, Greater Toronto Chapter of the National Association of Japanese Canadians, and the OISE Centre for Integrated Anti-racism Studies.

4. U.T.S.U. Long-term Clubs Funding

The Union is very pleased to announce that we have administered UTSU Long-term Clubs Funding in record time this year. This is part of our ongoing effort to support our clubs and expedite the clubs funding process.

Thank you to our Clubs Committee members and Clubs and Events Coordinator, Vita Carlino, for their work to ensure our clubs receive their funding as soon as possible.

5. Liberal Party Tuition Fee Reduction

During the Ontario Election, the Liberal Party publicly promised undergraduate students in Ontario a 30% tuition fee reduction. The Liberal Party platform outlined that this tuition fee reduction would take the form of a \$1600.00 grant that would represent one-third the average cost of tuition fees for university students across the country.

We welcome this new grant as a mean of reducing student debt for our members. We are concerned that without a cap on tuition fees in the province, the value of this grant will decrease over time. We are further concerned as it appears that neither all of our members nor all undergraduate students in Ontario will have access to this grant. Part-time, independent status and international students are ineligible for the grant, as are students studying in professional programs and those whose family income is greater than \$160,000 per year. We will be following up with the new Minister of Training Colleges and Universities, Glen Murray, and working to ensure all students have access to this grant.

Respectfully submitted,

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Executive Report- November 16, 2011 Albi Aziz-Vice-President Campus Life

Executive Summary:

- 1) Halloween
- 2) Winterfest
- 3) Unity Through Diversity-Clubs Food Fair
- 4) Clubs Recognition
- 5) Clubs Funding

1) Halloween

This year, the UTSU helped to promote several events being hosted by the Divisions during the final week of the month. On Monday October 31st, 2011 the UTSU lawn and building was decorated with Halloween themed materials. The UTSU had a table set up with materials and free candy for all students who also had the opportunity to speak to executive members, volunteers, and associates. We were able to collect signatures from over 300 students for our Drop Fees petitions.

2) Winterfest

This year's Winterfest planning is now underway. The UTSU is currently in the process of finalizing dates and working on a preliminary schedule for early January. The programming will consist of popular as well as new events, and will kick off the second semester with a lot of energy for all students. The finalized programming and dates will be announced shortly, and the UTSU is looking forward to working with the College and Faculty Councils, Board of Directors, Associates, and Volunteers to bring one of the biggest and best Winterfest programming to date.

3) Unity Through Diversity - Clubs Food Fair

On Wednesday November 9th, 2011 the UTSU hosted the annual Unity Through Diversity Food Fair in collaboration with several campus clubs. The event took place at the Bahen Centre from 11 am to 3 pm, and was free to all students. The event proved to be very popular with food running out very quickly and over 400 students attending. This was a great opportunity for clubs to take part in a collaborative event, provide members with tasty food items, and also bring in new members.

4) Clubs Recognition

The U.T.S.U. clubs recognition process continues. As the school year has now begun, many clubs are communicating with the UTSU regarding the services and resources that the Union provides. It is great to see and hear about the events that are being planned by clubs this year, and the UTSU is looking forward to the diversity of them all. There are set drop-in times for club members: Tuesdays 12:00 – 2:00 pm, where clubs can consult with the Vice-President Campus Life for any budget proposals, constitution reviews, event planning, etc.



5) Funding

This year's Long Term funding applications have all been reviewed by the Clubs Committee with the allocations made and approved by the Board. As such, the first round of cheques is ready for pick-up by club executives. This year, the Union disbursed Clubs funding in record time. Special thanks to the Clubs Committee, our Clubs & Events Coordinator – Vita Carlino, and our Operations Coordinator – Meghan McPhee.

In Solidarity,

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



Executive Report- November 16 Shaun Shepherd- Vice-President External

Executive Summary:

- 1) Drop Fees Campaign
 - a. Drop Fees Teach-In
 - b. Halloween Outreach
 - c. Fax Off
 - d. Food Fair
- 2) TTC Riders Meeting (Oct 25)
- 3) HEQCO Financial Literacy Conference

1) Drop Fees Campaign (Ongoing until Feb 1)

As local 98 of the Canadian Federation of Students, the U.T.S.U. will be joining 600,000 CFS members from coast-to-coast in a National Day of Action on February 1st, 2012. The Day of Action (DoA) will be a nation-wide demonstration calling for the government to address student concerns such as the disproportionately rising cost of education and student debt, the need for a national post-secondary vision, and adequate funding for Aboriginal Students through the Post-Secondary Student Support Program.

As a build up to the DoA, local 98 has committed to developing a campaign under the Drop Fees banner. Our efforts will be a part of a Nation-wide student movement, with UTSU members leading the forefront. The campaign has been kicked off this year and here are a few of the efforts we have organized to increase awareness of government student funding models, and the impact that these have had at the University of Toronto.

We encourage UTSU board members to join us on the ground as we engage our members. There is a short time to organize towards the National Day of Action and there are always opportunities for board members to engage their constituents by participating in the campaign. We have already begun initiatives to increase awareness of the state of post-secondary education.

a) Drop Fees Teach-In

On October 28th, the UTSU hosted a Teach-In where members had the opportunity to hear from representatives from the Canadian Federation of Students- Ontario on the history of the Drop Fees campaign and the current relevance of this initiative. A major theme that arose from this meeting was that no great social change has ever come about through mere political will without people coming together pushing for social change. As proponents for equal access to education for all, the UTSU is organizing alongside students unions from coast-to-coast for the February 1st Day of Action where students will rally to show our provincial and national governments that students expect more support.

The Teach-In was well attended and participants were engaged in the conversation through active brainstorming on ways in which the campaign could be developed on this campus. From the Teach-In



new advertising strategies were discussed and a commitment by club executives to incorporate the 'Drop Fees' campaign into their events was struck.

b) Halloween Outreach

On Monday October 31, the UTSU engaged its members with a Halloween display on the UTSU. We also distributed free candy to members. We used this as an opportunity to outreach to members about the many services and campaigns of the union. We collected over 300 signatures.

We collected signatures for our Drop Fees petition, and distributed Drop Fees materials. Overwhelmingly, we had positive responses from students. To note, a handful of UofT alumni engaged us in conversation. They had noted that the price of attending the University was drastically different from the time that they had spent at the University. Of particular interest was an alumnus who graduated from the University's MBA program in the early 90s. He had paid around \$700 a year for his MBA degree and was concerned that the current costs associated with the same program were no longer justifiable.

c) Fax Off

On November 1st, the UTSU had joined student unions across the province in a Drop Fees fax-off. In a single day of outreach 2059 UTSU members signed Drop Fees invoices charging the government for a 30% tuition fee reduction. The fax off was an opportunity to share with our members the realities of government underfunding of our education institutions, as well as sharing with members that our current provincial government was recently elected on the promise that tuition fees would be reduced by 30% for *all students*.

All collected invoices had been faxed to the office of the Minister of Training, Colleges, and Universities, the office of the Premier as well as the offices of the leaders of the New Democrat, and Progressive Conservative parties of Ontario. To note, after faxing the invoices on the night of November 1st the following day the Minister of Training, Colleges, and Universities, MPP Glen Murray, had tweeted to @UTSU98 confirming that students will receive a 30% tuition fee reduction. With the response that we have seen from community members, students, and elected government representatives now, more than ever, is the time for students to continue to organize for affordable and accessible post-secondary institutions.

d) Food Fair

On November 9th, the UTSU had the opportunity to showcase a number of cultural clubs by hosting a Food Fair free to our members. The excitement to participate in the fair continued well beyond the presence of food at the event.

The UTSU committed to Drop Fees outreach during the event. Along with volunteers and clubs executives, we engaged members in conversations about post-secondary funding in Ontario and University wide funding models that pit students against students, such as the University Fund. In total, 400 signatures were collected for the Drop Fees petition.



2) TTC Riders Meeting

On October 25th UTSU representatives attended a meeting called by the TTC Riders' Union. The meeting was highlighted by two notable discussions.

First, attendees were introduced to bill C-305, Olivia Chow's Private Members Bill. The Bill seeks to establish a national vision for public transportation. Currently, Canada is the only G8 member without a national transit strategy. The need for a national transit strategy is supported by the Toronto Board of Trade, the Victoria Chamber of Commerce, as well as the Canadian Federation of Students to name a few organizations.

The TTC Riders' Union meeting concluded with a question and answer session with the TTC's new Chief Customer Service Officer, Chris Upfold. Some of the key questions posed to Mr. Upfold included concerns on the trend of cutting routes in traditionally underserved low-income areas, the growing trend of TTC delays, and the status of a potential fare hike.

3) HEQCO Financial Literacy Conference

On November 3rd and 4th, we attended a financial literacy conference hosted by the Higher Education Quality Council of Ontario (HEQCO). HEQCO is an arms-length agency of the Government of Ontario. The conference centered around the notion that low-income families have an irrational aversion to financial aid programs and their traditional underrepresentation is a function of being 'financially illiterate'.

Our presence at the conference was an opportunity to inject a student perspective of financing education to the conversation. The conference was attended largely by government policy makers, financiers, post-secondary education counselors, as well as organizations involved in promoting access to education in low-income communities.

Student participants spoke against many of the ideas promoted by this event. For one, participants were shocked, and quite offended, to hear from one presenter that family income was a non-factor in who does, or does not, access a post-secondary education. Speakers and organizers of the conference often pointed to *loan aversion* as the cause for low-income students not participating in post-secondary education (PSE). Loan aversion is defined as the irrational fear of loans and similar forms of financial aid. Students and speakers alike rebutted against notions of loan aversion. Students from low income families recognize that the costs associated with post-secondary education and understand that loans are by-and-large the only accessible form of financial aid. These families understand the potential dangers of incurring large loans amounts for the purposes of attaining a Post-Secondary education in an economy where job prospects for graduates are diminishing.

In Solidarity,

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Executive Board Report- November 16, 2011 Clara Ho- Vice-President University Affairs

Executive Summary:

- 1) Governing Council Meeting
- 2) Cage-Free Eggs Initiative
- 3) "Fitness For Food" Zumba-Yogathon
- 4) Outreach at Professional Faculties
- 5) U.T.S.U. Fall By-Elections
- 6) University Committee Membership
- 7) Advisory Committee on U of T Library System
- 8) Career Centre Users Committee

1) Governing Council Meeting

At the October 24th Governing Council meeting, Governors discussed the fundraising initiatives that are set to begin shortly. The final report on the Goldring Centre for High Performance Sport was also discussed. Students had a number of concerns about the campaign fundraising efforts and asked whether the University had made any commitments or had strategies for increasing public funding, and whether the Campaign Priorities Summary of September 2, 2011 was a final draft. The administration responded that they were open to working with students on lobbying the provincial and federal government for more public funding. To the second question, they replied that divisions and faculties would be given more opportunities to submit further campaign budget requests.

Regarding the Goldring Centre for High Performance Sport, we raised concerns about the ramifications of a rejected request for a student fee increase at the Council of Student Services, and whether that rejection would result in a significant reduction in space and services for students. Provost Misak responded that this would be true, and that the percentage that students contribute financially through user fees to the operating budget of the Centre would roughly correspond with the percentage of space and services dedicated to the students. Students want to see the administration contribute more resources towards student services rather than continually increasing student ancillary fees. There were also concerns regarding the intention of a tower, with a projected cost of \$9 million that will be built next to the Centre for High Performance Sport, and whether the Munk School would fill all of the office spaces within that tower. Provost Misak responded that the composition of the tower is still under discussion, and there is hope for a diversity of academic offices within the tower.

While the meeting took place inside the Council Chambers of Simcoe Hall, members of the University of Toronto General Assembly convened outside of the building to express their concerns about the increasingly corporatized nature of the University and the lack of sufficient student representation on numerous governing bodies.

2) Cage-Free Eggs Initiative

The Sustainability Commission has been working closely with the World Society for the Protection of Animals to lobby food service managers to put the chicken before the egg and become a cage-free campus. The vast majority of eggs produced every year in Canada come from caged hens. Typically, five to seven hens are crammed into small, wire "battery" cages, giving each hen a space smaller than a sheet of notebook paper.



After doing petitions and lobby work, three campus food service managers have committed to using cage-free eggs at the Chestnut Dining Hall, Howard Ferguson Dining Hall, and Wilson Hall. This is a huge success and fantastic step towards increasing sustainability and ethical food use efforts on campus.

Members of the sustainability commission will be doing another tabling event on November 16th, 10 am – 2 pm, in the Sidney Smith lobby, to show students how the majority of eggs are produced in Canada and to encourage them to make more humane and sustainable food choices. We hope to make the U of T campus a cage-free egg university.

3) Outreach at Professional Faculties

The UTSU has been working closely with the professional faculty directors to increase our outreach efforts in their respective faculties. The UTSU has been tabling at the Faculties of Medicine and Dentistry to spread the word about our services, events, and advocacy work, and make International Student Identity Cards for students. The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive as students appreciate our outreach efforts and enjoy the services that UTSU provides. The UTSU will host a Lunch n' Learn at the Faculty of Music on November 11th, and give Music students an opportunity to learn about the Union, how to get involved and fill out their ISIC applications.

4) "Fitness for Food" Zumba-Yogathon

The U.T.S.U. worked with Hart House and the Faculty of Physical Health and Education to present "Fitness for Food", a day of zumba and yoga to raise money for our Food Bank. The day started at 10 am and ended at 3 pm. We had a successful turnout of over 50 participants that included students and community members. Participants enjoyed a light lunch in between fitness sessions and a raffle draw of exciting prizes, including \$100 Victoria Secret gift certificates, free monthly passes to the Hart House gym, a free Good Food Box, and many more. Overall, the event was a huge success and participants commented on how well the event was run, how they had a lot of fun, and how they would definitely attend another event like this in the future. In the end, we raised over \$500 for our U.T.S.U. Food Bank, which will go towards purchasing food for students in need. A big thank you for all involved in making this day a big success!

5) Fall By-Elections

The U.T.S.U. Fall By-Elections ended after two days of voting on October 26th and 27th. The entire elections process ran smoothly and unofficial results have been announced. Our new Faculty of Physical Health and Education director is Danielle Emmons; Faculty of Law director is Josh Mandryk; Transitional Year Program director is Brine Mazengwe; Ontario Institute in Studies in Education director is Mike Roxas; and our Faculty of Medicine director is Howard Meng. We congratulate our new directors on their success and look forward to working with them and their faculties in the upcoming year.

6) Student Housing Advisory Committee

UTSU Executives sit on a number of university committees to discuss various issues and campus concerns with administrators. At the Student Housing Advisory Committee, there was discussion about the future of residence spaces on campus and how yearly increases in the number of entering students is placing a strain on guaranteed residence spots for students. There was also discussion on the 60% first year and 40% upper year student model for residence composition and whether it was effective.



7) Advisory Committee on U of T Library System

At the Advisory Committee on U of T Library systems, there was discussion about new parameters that may be implemented as part of "Access Copyright", which would require faculty and students to declare their purpose of research before accessing academic papers. The committee was greatly upset at this newly proposed change, as it would infringe on freedom of academic research and privacy rights. I welcome feedback regarding how the Career Centre can better serve our students, input on our current residence system, and copyright issues at U of T libraries.

8) Career Centre Users Committee

At the Career Centre Users Committee, there was discussion about new initiatives that the Centre would be taking on this year, including an expansion of its resume workshop and one-on-one services into skills development workshops.

In solidarity,

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Executive Report- November 16, 2011 Corey Scott- Vice-President Internal & Services

Executive Summary:

1. Member Services
2. Budget and Planning Framework
3. Annual General Meeting
4. Board of Directors
5. Clubs Funding
6. New Services
7. Extended Office Hours

1) MEMBER SERVICES

U.T.S.U. Book Bursary

The U.T.S.U. Book Bursary form was made available in the office, on our website and via email. The application deadline was Friday, October 21, 2011. While we are glad to support our members through the provision of the bursary, we are concerned about the increasing need of the service as the cost of education rises and students are unable to afford textbooks.

The Book Bursary Committee has been meeting and reviewing applications for the bursary over the past month. The Executive Committee encourages the Board to implement policies to streamline the application process.

U.T.S.U. Student Metropass – Datacard on Campus

The U.T.S.U. hosted Datacard, the company that produces the post-secondary identification cards for the TTC, on campus from August 29 – September 1 and again on September 27 and October 27. They are scheduled to be back on campus in the U.T.S.U. office on January 27. This date was set to accommodate students that will be beginning classes in January.

Overall, the Datacard service has been very popular on each date and students have been appreciative of having it available on campus.

International Student Identification Card (ISIC)

The 2011-2012 version of the ISIC is available at the U.T.S.U. Office. The Union was able to set up tables across campus in high traffic areas where students had the opportunity to sign up for an ISIC. We hope to continue to schedule ISIC tabling in high traffic areas, professional faculty buildings and campus events leading up to the December Break.

Directors are encouraged to volunteer and suggest locations for future ISIC tabling sessions.



U.T.S.U. Food and Clothing Bank and Fundraiser

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

On Sunday, November 6, 2011 the UTSU, Hart House and Faculty of Physical Health and Education hosted a Food Bank fundraiser through Zumba dance and Yogathon. The event was a huge success and saw over 50 people in attendance. This event would not have been possible without the help of the Vice-President University Affairs, Clara Ho and the Programme Coordinator, Zoe Dille. A huge thank you also goes out to Woodsworth Director Rebecca Harvey and UTM Director Anne Xu for pulling out members of the Alpha Phi sorority and making the event such a success.

2) BUDGETING AND PLANNING FRAMEWORK

Budget Process

The Budget Committee has been meeting and reviewing the operations of the Union. The UTSU anticipates a revised operating budget for the December 8, 2011 board meeting.

2010-2011 Audit

The 2010-2011 fiscal year ended on April 30, 2011. Our auditors have reviewed the Union's financial information and have produced an audit for review by our members at the Annual General Meeting.

3) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting was held Tuesday, November 15, 2011 from 6pm-9pm at the Medical Sciences Auditorium. We presented the executive report, audited financial statement, bylaw amendments for review by our members.

4) BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Board of Directors Training

A second Board of Directors training session was held on Saturday, November 12, 2011 from 12pm-4pm in OISE 5160. All board members who were unable to make it to the first training were encouraged to attend the second session in order to familiarize themselves with their duties and responsibilities as Board members.



Board of Directors Meeting Schedule

On August 8, 2011 a Doodle Poll was initiated to navigate Director class schedules. These schedules have been used to determine dates and times for Board of Directors and Committee meetings. The remaining Fall meeting dates are as follows:

- Thursday, December 8, 2011, 6pm-9pm

Board members are reminded that they must fulfill attendance requirements in order to remain a Director. Please review Bylaw X for the attendance requirements.

5) Clubs Funding

The first instalment of clubs funding was made available on November 2, 2011 for all clubs that were allocated long-term funding. This is a huge accomplishment as funding is typically distributed in early December and throughout January. The majority of clubs have already picked up their instalments of funding and have begun filling out reimbursement forms.

6) New Services

The UTSU is introducing new services in order to provide members with cost saving services. The UTSU now provides:

- Free local faxing
- Discounted banner printing for UTSU Clubs
- Discounted photocopying and printing

7) Extended Office Hours

In order to serve UTSU members better, we will be extending our office hours. UTSU hours of operations will be 9 am – 6 pm and will begin upon our return from the December break.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Minutes of the Board of Directors

October 24, 2011

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In Attendance:

Stephanie Abrahams (St. Michael's College)
Albi Aziz (Vice-President Campus Life)
Kishan Chouhan (Faculty of Music)
Lena Elamin (Vice-President Equity)
Jesse Esufali (Faculty of Nursing)
Rebecca Harvey (Woodsworth College)
Clara Ho (Vice-President University Affairs)
Gina Husain (UTM)
Susan Hwang (Woodsworth College)
Thuwanika Kandasamy (New College)
Saba Khan (UTM)
Min Kyu-Kim (Victoria College)
Corey Scott (Vice-President Internal)
Michael Scott (Trinity College)
Shaun Shepherd (Vice-President External)
Dan Shilensky (Professional Faculty At-Large)
Midhat Siddiqui (Professional Faculty At-Large)
Anthony Staibano (Faculty of Dentistry)
Jonathan Valelly (Innis College)
Andrew Ursel (UTM)

Proxies:

Jon Foster to Susan Hwang seconded to Rebecca Harvey
Lissette Rosado-Ferrari to Prescilla Jong seconded to Stephanie Abrahams
Shreena Dhawan to Thuwanika Kandasamy seconded to Clara Ho
Prescilla Jong to Stephanie Abrahams seconded to Lissette Rosado Ferrari
Dimpho Radebe to Clara Ho seconded to Danielle Sandhu
Akid Azfar to Dimpho Radebe seconded to Abhishek Mathur
Abigail Cudjoe to Shaun Shepherd seconded to Danielle Sandhu
Munib Sajjad to Gilbert Cassar
Danielle Sandhu to Corey Scott seconded to Shaun Shepherd
Keshav Uppal to Annie Xu seconded to Shaun Shepherd
Sana Rokhsefat to Corey Scott seconded to Shaun Shepherd
Annie Xu to Andrew Ursel
Keshav Uppal to Annie Xu seconded to Gina Husain

Non-Voting:

Toby Bowers- Bike Chain (in at 6:47 pm)
George Liu- Bike Chain (in at 6:47 pm)

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting is called to order at 6:20 pm.

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2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION Moved: C. Scott Seconded: Aziz

Be it resolved that the agenda for the October 24, 2011 U.T.S.U. Board of Directors meeting be approved as presented.

MOTION Moved: Scott Seconded: Esufali

Be it resolved that the minutes from the October 23, 2011 Clubs Committee meeting be added to the agenda for approval.

VOTE

Abstention: Scott, M.

CARRIED

Agenda approved as amended

VOTE (Main motion)

CARRIED

3. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

MOTION Moved: Ho Seconded: Scott,C.

Be it resolved that the U.T.S.U. Board of Directors approve the Executive Reports as presented at the October 24, 2011 Board meeting.

DISCUSSION

Aziz states the Blue and White Spirit days were a tremendous success. He further states it allowed the Union to continue the great Orientation energy well into the month. He further states that the Clubs recognition process continues.

Elamin states that eXpression Against Oppression (XAO) took place from October 17-24. She further states that the UTSU would like to thank the Board members who helped out with the Week. She further states that the Union is waiting on details regarding the hiring of the University's anti-racism Officer. She further states that the Union has been informed that the University is looking to expand equity offices.

Valelly asks what the expansion of Equity offices entails and what a commitment to it would look like.

Elamin states the Union is unsure of the details.

Scott, C. states that a commitment in the past has meant something on record.

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Shepherd states that the UTSU would like to thank Board members for all their help with the Take It Over campaign. He further states that the Report Cards were a hit and there was much positive feedback from staff as well. He further states that the Nuit Blanche event was a great success with people stopping by to make buttons and play the Take It Over videogame. He further states that the UTSU had a chance to discuss student issues with passersby. He further states that there will be a teach-in this Friday on issues in post-secondary education as the Union gears up for the National Day of Action on February 1, 2012.

Ho states that she attended the Governing Council Academic Board meeting. She further states that Governing Council will be launching a large-scale fundraising campaign. She further states that the Governing Council has approved plans for the Goldring Centre for High Performance Sport and the University plans to hold a referendum with regards to a student levy. She further states that the Provost will be hosting View from 2012 Town halls on all the three campuses to investigate how Towards 2030 implementation is faring. She further states that the Union Scholarship Guide is almost completed.

Scott, M. states that he has heard rumors that the Office of Student Life is investigating a Clubs Funding Levy

Scott, C. states that this has been discussed several times in the past but the Office has not come forward with any concrete plans. He further states that there should not be several different processes for Clubs recognition.

Ursel asks if the University has looked into alternative funding options other than student fees. He also asks if the University has considered opening membership up to the public to generate revenue in that manner

Ho states that the referendum will be held after the building is erected and will decide if students will pay for the Centre. She further states that if the referendum fails the University will have access to a contingency fund.

Scott, C. states that the Health and Dental opt-out period is now closed. He further states that the Book Bursary applications will be reviewed this week. He further states the Union will host data card on campus this week. He further states that the UTSU is now selling discounted Science Centre tickets.

Scott, M. asks who the Chair of the Executive Review Committee is.

Scott, C. states that it is Jarrar Ahmed.

Scott, M. asks when the last day of the summer term at UTM was.

Scott, C. states he is not sure.

Scott, M. states that a certain individual who ran as a part-time student representative for Governing Council was also hired by the UTSU. He further states that this individual was not a member at the time of hiring. He further states that their hiring was inappropriate.

Scott, C. states that to the best of his understanding, the individual was in fact a member.

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VOTE

CARRIED

Opposed: Scott, M.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION

Moved: C. Scott

Seconded: Sandhu

Be it resolved that the October 24, 2011 minutes package including the following documents be approved by the U.T.S.U. Board of Directors:

- a. Board of Directors (2011-2012), *September 27*
- b. Academic and Student Rights Commission, *September 29*
- c. Social Justice and Equity Commission, *October 4*
- d. Campus Life Commission, *September 28*
- e. Clubs Committee, *October 17, 18, 19, 20*
- f. Professional Faculties Committee, *September 28*
- g. Policy and Procedures Committee, *October 19*
- h. Clubs Committee, *October 23*

Externalizations

Clubs Committee Minutes, October 17

Black Students' Association (p. 48)

UofT Lip Dub (p. 48)

Tamil Students' Association (p. 56)

Clubs Committee Minutes, October 18

South Asian Alliance (p. 60)

Undergraduate Women's computer Science Association (p. 67)

Clubs Committee Minutes, October 19

uFashion (p. 73)

South Asian Development Council (p. 73)

Engineering Kompetition (p. 76-77)

NAMUN (p. 77)

Skule Night (p. 78)

EFUT- French Club (p. 79)

African Students' Association (p. 80)

Active Minds (p. 80)

Muslim Students Association (p. 82)

Industrial Engineering (p. 87)

Polish Students Association (p. 88)

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Clubs Committee Minutes, October 20

LGBTOUT (p. 93)

United Against Cancer (p. 94)

Entrepreneurial Leaderships (p. 94)

Argentine Tango Club (p. 95)

Bangladeshi Students' Association (p. 96)

Brazilian Culture in Canada (p. 96)

International Relations Society (p. 98)

Association of Mixed Entertainment and Socialization (p. 99)

Yoga and Fitness Club (p. 101)

Cognitive Science and Artificial Intelligence Students Association (p. 104)

Emergency package, Clubs Committee Minutes, October 23

Arab Student Association

Engineers Without Borders

Pakistan Student Federation

United Nations Society

Quidditch Team

Undergraduate Cognitive Robotics Group

VOTE (on remainder of package)

CARRIED

Chair states that the bylaw changes included in the package required $\frac{3}{4}$ approval of the Board which they received. He further states that the bylaw proposals will be going to the Annual General Meeting for approval by the membership.

MOTION

Moved: Esufali

Seconded: Husain

Be it resolved that speaking times be limited to one (1) minute.

VOTE

CARRIED

Opposed: Scott, M.

DISCUSSION (Main Motion)

Scott, M. lists Clubs and states that they were approved for funding pending their attendance at Clubs training. He further states that all other clubs funding applications he externalized were found deficient but were not disbursed funding. He further states the distinctions seem arbitrary.

Aziz states that if an application was incomplete, the Committee decided whether to disburse the funds depending on the completeness of the application

Scott, C. states that in NAMUN's case, he had a meeting with an executive of the club and they came in for consultation. He further states the Union will be disbursing funding to the Club.

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Scott, M. states that he does not see a distinction between the minutes for those clubs and he is uncomfortable with leaving students in the dark about how their money is being disbursed. He further states that we should send a consistent message.

Kyu-Kim asks how Clubs funding distribution works.

Aziz states that once the applications are handed in and time stamped they are reviewed on a first-come basis. He further states that the Clubs Committee decides how funds are disbursed. He further states that the Committee looks at a number of factors including completeness of application, whether the Club executives attended clubs training, how much external funding the club receives and scope of the club's programming.

VOTE: (provide funding pending receipt of information)

Valelly asks what happens if the motion is voted down.

Scott, C. states that if defeated the Clubs Committee would have to reconvene and vote on the applications again.

VOTE

CARRIED

Remainder of Clubs (Recommendation to table application pending receipt of information)

VOTE

CARRIED

Opposed: Scott, M.

Clubs Committee Minutes, October 17: Black Students' Association (p. 48)

Scott, M. states that the club is receiving a large amount of money, exceeding 5,000. He further states that he thinks we should consider them individually. He states that almost ten percent of the funding went to this group and asks if we are sure that giving one group that amount of funding is a good idea

Kyu Kim asks what the process is.

Aziz states the Clubs Committee looks at membership list size, past experience with the club's events, and completeness of applications. He further states that collaboration with other clubs is also a factor, as is the club's efficiency with resources. He further states the BSA is a large club which throws large-scale events.

Scott, M. asks if the Vice President Campus Life can provide the number of members the BSA has and the number relative to membership of the union and other clubs. He further states that personally, he would like to proceed with ten percent of funding if they have ten percent of members.

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Vallely states that not all members of the students union are members of clubs and some members belong to multiple clubs. He further states that as this is the case, it does not make sense to allocate funding in the manner proposed by Scott, M.

Abrahams states that she knows the BSA has an extensive membership of over 500 members. She further states that Club always sees a large turnout at their events and the club is extensively involved in the community beyond U of T.

Cassar states that he is speaking from a tri campus perspective as he has been involved with clubs at UTM. He further states that the BSA has relevance to the membership across the three campuses and they often collaborate with other clubs. He further states that they take leaderships roles on issues of racism within the community which is very much in line with the work of the students union.

Kyu Kim states that it is not fair to penalize the club as their application was complete and the size of organization speaks for itself.

Kandasamy states that many of the groups whose applications were singled out are cultural groups which contribute to the vibrant community of the campus and beyond. She further states that the groups are limited in resources and should not be singled out as they do have large memberships.

Ursel asks why Scott, M. thinks the money was allocated to the association.

Scott, M. states that he would like to dispel the notions flying around. He has no particular objection to dispersing funds to these groups. He asks why given a limited pool of resources we would like to allocate large sums of money.

Scott, C. states that one of the many factors looked at throughout the funding allocation process is if clubs have picked up funding in previous years. He further states that clubs that have not picked up funding in previous years receive smaller amounts. He further states that there is a committee behind these approvals that looks at the applications in order to ensure fiscal responsibility.

MOTION

Moved: Shepherd

Seconded: Shilensky

Motion to call the question

VOTE

CARRIED

Opposed: Scott, M.

VOTE (on main motion)

CARRIED

Abstentions: Scott, M.

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Clubs Committee Minutes, October 17: Tamil Students' Association (p. 56)

Scott, M. states that \$8,000 is a large portion of the funding.

VOTE

CARRIED

Abstentions: Scott, M

Clubs Committee Minutes, October 18: South Asian Alliance (p. 60)

Scott, M. states that \$6,000 is 4.51 percent of amount of funding the Union is allocating. He further states that the SA community is likely larger than the Tamil Community.

Kyu Kim states that we are talking about clubs and not ethnicity as a political entity. He further states that it should not be a concern that they fall into a similar ethnic backgrounds.

Kandasamy states that membership and scale of events are considered in the process and that is why funding differs.

Scott, M. states that he hopes the SAA caters events to entire campus

MOTION

Moved: Elamin

Seconded: Abrahams

Motion to call the question

VOTE

CARRIED

Opposed: Scott, M.

VOTE (on main motion)

CARRIED

Abstention: Scott, M

Clubs Committee Minutes, October 19: EFUT- French Club (p. 79)

Scott, M. states that 6.8 percent is a large amount of money through he does love the club. Scott, M states that he hopes board members will vote in favour.

VOTE

CARRIED

Abstentions: Scott, M.

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Clubs Committee Minutes, October 19: African Students' Association (p. 80)

Scott, M. states that \$8,000 is 6 percent of what the UTSU allocated.

VOTE

CARRIED

Abstentions: Scott, M.

Clubs Committee Minutes, October 19: Muslim Students Association (p. 82)

Scott, M. states that \$17,000 is the largest amount allocated thus far.

Aziz states that they are one of the largest groups on campus.

VOTE

CARRIED

Abstentions: Scott, M

Clubs Committee Minutes, October 20: LGBTOUT (p. 93)

Scott, M. states that lgbtout received about 5 percent of the funding and that he loves their work.

VOTE

CARRIED

Abstention: Scott, M.

Clubs Committee Minutes, October 20: International Relations Society (p. 98)

Scott, M. states that the IR society deserves a greater allocation than what presented. He further states that they received less from the Trinity Meeting. He further states that their membership is quite large

Kandasamy asks if Scott, M. has a conflict of interest or is a member of the club

Scott, M. states that he is a past executive but was not re-elected.

VOTE

CARRIED

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5. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: NOVEMBER 15

MOTION

Moved: Scott

Seconded: Shepherd

Scott, C. states that the Union is required to hold an Annual General Meeting (AGM) as per the Union's bylaws. He further states that holding the AGM on November 15 gives the UTSU ample time to give notice and find space. He further states the Board of Directors meeting will be held on November 16, 2011.

VOTE

CARRIED

6. REPORT BACK- WUSC LEADERSHIP MEETING

7. REPORT-BIKE CHAIN

Toby Bowers- Bike Chain (in at 6:47 pm)

George Liu- Bike Chain (in at 6:47 pm)

Bowers states that Bike Chain is looking to expand its bike inventory. He further states that Bike Chain will be seeking an increase in their UTSU levy in the near future. He further states that he would like to note that given the economic downturn and inflation, the group has not received a levy increase for quite some time.

Scott, M. states that he would like to congratulate the board of Bike Chain on their great work.

Scott, C. asks what the best way to get involved with Bike Chain is

Bowers states that Bike Chain does hold board meetings once every two months which they post on their website. He further states that students can contact the coordinator listed on the website

8. FYI- NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Scott, C. states that the next Board of Directors meeting will take place on November 16, 2011 at the Mississauga Campus, as per the Union bylaws.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

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10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

Moved: Khan

Seconded: Staibano

VOTE

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm.

Minutes of the Academic and Student Rights Commission

October 25, 2011

Minutes

Academic and Student Rights Commission Meeting of the University of Toronto Students' Union
Tuesday, October 25, 2011 • UC 248

In Attendance

Voting Members:

Clara Ho
Shaun Shepherd
Michael Scott
Yolen Bollo-Kamara
Jon Foster

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:13 pm.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION

Moved: Ho

Seconded: Foster

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

VOTE

CARRIED

3. INTRODUCTIONS

Each of the participants introduced themselves.

4. UPDATES/BRAINSTORMING

Scholarship Guide:

Ho states that the Scholarship Guide is progressing well. She further states that we are hoping to put this on a website page as well as a paper document.

“Don’t Turn It In” materials:

Ho states that she worked with a student who is interested in working with the Commission, but was not able to make the meeting. She further states that this student has helped produce information about Turnitin.

Academic advocacy resources:

Ho asks whether anyone has any ideas for academic advocacy, other than the various Guides that are currently being worked on.

Ho states that she was thinking about providing information to students on campus resources on how to improve academic skills.

Shepherd suggests creating materials with statistics on the university such as class sizes and student-to-faculty ratios.

5. "TOWARDS 2030: THE VIEW FROM 2012" TOWNHALLS

Ho states that Towards 2030 is a planning guide that the President of the University created, concerning planning for UofT. The Vice-President and Provost Cheryl Misak is hosting the town hall.

6. CAREER CENTRE USERS COMMITTEE FEEDBACK

Ho states that this committee seeks student feedback on how their experience at the Career Centre has been. Ho further states that the Career Centre would further like to expand their programming to online tutorials, creating a peer-to-peer program and more, as well as having more events on the east end of campus. Ho reads the mission statement of the Career Centre. Ho asks the Commission about things that she thinks the Career Centre can improve on. She suggests creating more internship fair opportunities as well as providing information on how students can ask professors for reference letters.

Shepherd states that the Career Centre provides more information on certain job sectors, and excludes other students. He further states that the Career Centre should also look into creating more job opportunities for international and ESL students.

Foster suggests making the job search process easier and including information on where jobs are located.

Shepherd suggests bringing alumni that could talk to students and demonstrate the variety of possibilities of a university degree.

Ho states that this idea has been discussed. She further states that at the last meeting they talked about creating online communities that include at least two alumni from particular job sectors.

Shepherd states that this is a good idea but he still suggests that alumni be brought on campus if possible.

7. UPCOMING EVENTS

Open Access UofT:

Ho states that Open Access Week is taking place right now. She further states that all the events are free.

Fitness for Food:

Ho states that the Zumba Yogathon is happening this week, to raise the money for UTSU food bank. She gives an overview of the prizes that will be given out as well as the money

Shepherd states that the Food and Clothing Bank is open only to UofT students. He further states that demand is far outpacing the amount of resources available, which is why we're holding this fundraiser.

Ho states that the next commission meeting will be Monday November 21st

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

Moved: Ho

Seconded: Shepherd

The meeting was adjourned at 5:52 pm.

Minutes of the Budget Committee

October 25, 2011

MINUTES

Budget Committee Meeting of the University of Toronto Students' Union
October 25, 2011 – U.T.S.U. Office

In attendance:

Corey Scott
Abigail Cudjoe
Jon Foster
Prescilla Jong

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting is called to order at 6:18 pm.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION

Moved: Scott, C.

Seconded: Cudjoe

Be it resolved that the October 25, 2011 Budget Committee meeting agenda be approved as presented.

VOTE

CARRIED

3. SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EQUITY COMMISSION BUDGET PROPOSAL

Scott, C. states that the UTSU is on section four of the Budgeting Planning Framework as the budget for the Social Justice and Equity Commission is yet to be approved. He lists the allocations which were previously made by the Committee to Commissions and states that the remainder of the funds would go to the Social Justice and Equity Commission which is approximately \$9500. He further states Committee members should look over the Commission's proposal to allocate the funds. Scott further states that the Board of Directors would approve the numbers in principle and the budgets would go back to the Commissions. The UTSU then drafts an operating budget which is approved in December.

Cudjoe asks what happens as XAO did not have a budget approved.

Scott, C. states that the budget for XAO is typically larger in the second semester as there is a guest speaker and larger event.

Jong asks where the clubs funding goes.

Scott states the Clubs funding line item goes under the Clubs and Projects Subsidy. He further states that we will have a number for orientation costs at the next meeting as the Orientation Report is being finalized this month.

Jong asks why the Budget Committee does not review the Clubs budget

Scott states that duplicating the Committee does not make sense. He further states that it is a big commitment which is why a separate committee was created.

MOTION

Moved: Scott, C.

Seconded: Cudjoe

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Be it resolved that \$9500 be allocated to the Social Justice and Equity Commission

VOTE

CARRIED

4. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

Moved: Scott, C.

Seconded: Jong

VOTE

CARRIED

Meeting is adjourned at 6:37 pm.

Minutes of the Book Bursary Committee

October 26, 2011

Minutes

Book Bursary Committee Meeting of the University of Toronto Students' Union
Wednesday, October 26th, 2011 • UTSU office

In Attendance:

Voting Members:

Corey Scott
Carly Degenstein
Michael Scott

Non-Voting Members:

Danielle Sandhu to Carly Degenstein

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:28 pm.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION

Moved: Scott, C.

Seconded: Degenstein

Be it resolved that the October 26th, 2011 agenda be approved as presented.

VOTE

CARRIED

3. INTRODUCTIONS

Each of the participants introduced themselves.

4. RATIFICATION OF PROCESS

MOTION

Moved: Degenstein

Seconded: Scott, C

Be it resolved that the marking process for the 2011-2012 Book Bursary is adopted as presented.

Scott C. explains the timeline of the book bursary process. He states that at this meeting an evaluation process will be discussed and ratified. He states that each member of the committee will go through the applications over the next week and evaluate based on the criteria discussed. He states at the next meeting committee members will be able to discuss and decide on the final recipients. He further states that the evaluation process has not been consistent over the past few years. He states that he has done research on criteria and would like feedback on a final evaluation process. He states that the Policy and Procedures Committee should put a formal policy into place for following years.

Scott, M. asks why there are marks allocated to marital status and why married status and sole-parent status individuals get points. He states that there are tax credits for married individuals and sole-parents.

Scott, C. states that married individuals often share debt and are often, though not always, mature students with higher debts. He states that sole-parents often have more financial constraints.

Degenstein suggests that married status should not receive extra points but sole-parents should get extra points.

Scott, M. states that the bursaries are needs-based grants and everything should be reflected in financial statements and budgets.

Scott, C. states that no process is perfect and there are individuals that are able to make their applications appear more dire than they actually are. He further states that the point system focuses heavily on the personal statements and financial statements, but allows committee members to also take social determinants of poverty and oppression into account. He states that it gives a further insight into the situation of marginalized individuals within the University community.

Degenstein states that social determinants are an important part of analyzing situations. She states that numbers do not always show the full story.

Scott, C states that there are points that take into account the number of dependants an individual takes care of. He states that this is often a huge financial and social pressure that is lost in quantitative analysis. He further states that international students should also receive extra points considering they pay international student tuition fees.

Scott, M states that international student costs should be listed in the financial section.

Scott, C states that many issues that international students face are not quantifiable and that there are many extra costs associated with students moving into a new country without adequate supports while paying ridiculous differential tuition fees.

Scott, C states that the number of credits a student is taking should be taken into consideration in the evaluation process.

Degenstein states that the number of credits is relative to the number of books that are purchased.

Scott, C states that the personal statements are opportunities for students to provide context into the personal situation of the students. He states that points should also be allocated to the numbers listed in the financial statements.

Scott, M states that no grade should be allocated to receipts, timetables or signing the declaration as they are all required to receive the bursary.

Scott, C states that the committee could also apply points based on faculty or year of study. He states that students often have more debt in their final years of study. He states that some faculties have flat fees or differential fees that make them more eligible for needs based grants.

Scott, M states that debt and program fees are represented in the financial statements provided.

Scott, C states that the final evaluation process will be:
A maximum of 10 points regarding financial documents

A maximum of 5 points regarding a personal statement
A maximum of 4 points regarding course credits
A maximum of 3 points regarding the number of dependants
A maximum of 1 point regarding marital status
A maximum of 1 point regarding resident status
For a total maximum of 24 points

VOTE

CARRIED

Abstentions: Scott, M

5. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

Moved: Degenstein

Seconded: Scott, M

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 pm.

Minutes of the Professional Faculty Committee

October 26, 2011

Minutes

Professional Faculty Committee Meeting #5 of the University of Toronto Students' Union
Wednesday, October 26th, 2011 • UTSU office

In Attendance

Voting Members:

Dan Shilensky
Anthony Staibano
Clara Ho
Kishan Chouhan (proxied to Clara Ho)

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting is called to order at 6:12 pm.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION

Moved: Ho

Seconded: Shilensky

Be it resolved that the October 26th, 2011 Professional Faculty Committee agenda be approved as presented.

VOTE

CARRIED

3. INTRODUCTIONS

Each of the participants introduced themselves.

4. FACULTY OUTREACH UPDATES

Shilensky states that there is a UTSU presentation scheduled next week, along with other presentations from provincial and nation-wide medical associations, to the medical students. He further states that UTSU will be presenting on its services, programming and campaigns.

Staibano states that the faculty bulletins (for each dentistry year) are being renovated, and that he has contacted the faculty about reserving a section on a bulletin board dedicated to UTSU services information. He further states that UTSU tabled on Thursday and Friday last week to distribute UTSU services materials and make International Student Identity Cards. He further states that students were very interested in the materials and had a lot of positive feedback.

Shilensky states that UTSU can table for ISIC production on Thursdays and Fridays.

Ho states that the UTSU is doing a presentation and producing ISICs for the Faculty of Music in early November .

5. FEES AND FUNDING REPORT BACK

Staibano states that Dentistry has consistently been the most expensive undergraduate program in Ontario. He further states that Professional Faculties are permitted an 8% increase in their programs, which greatly increases the cost of education for students in these programs. He further states that there is a lot of variation in dental school costs especially between Quebec and other provinces. He further states that international students pay at least twice as much as domestic students for dental school. He further states that the most expensive year for a student in the dental program is usually second year. He further states that if students agree to commit to four years of work in the Canadian Military Forces, their tuition is paid for. He further states that the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities claims that dental students are able to pay for their high tuition fees because they will earn high salaries. However, high tuition fees still shut out students from low socioeconomic backgrounds.

Ho asks if Staibano can find information on how the Faculty funds its operating budget, and the proportion of funding by tuition fees, public funding or the private sector.

Shilensky states that other sources that are helpful include the Governing Council's report on tuition fees, a report by the Faculty of Medicine on financial need and support, and speaking with the Financial Coordinator at the Faculty of Medicine.

Ho states that the committee should strive to complete a report by the Winter semester and distribute to all professional faculty students.

6. TOWARDS 2030: THE VIEW FROM 2012 TOWNHALLS

Ho states that the Provost is holding a series of public consultation sessions to gather feedback regarding "Towards 2030". The upcoming town hall is on November 4th, 2 – 4 pm. Students will have an opportunity to share their academic experiences and give feedback on the "Towards 2030" document.

7. FALL 2011 BY-ELECTIONS

Ho states that the Fall By-Elections are currently underway and that voting will end on October 27th at 7 pm. She further states that professional faculty directors are recommended to encourage their fellow students to the polls.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

Moved: Ho

Seconded: Shilensky

VOTE

CARRIED

The meeting is adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Minutes of the Campus Life Commission

October 31, 2011

Minutes of the Election and Referenda Committee Meeting

November 9, 2011

MINUTES

Election and Referenda Committee Meeting of the University of Toronto Students' Union
Wednesday, November 9, 2011 – U.T.S.U. Office

In attendance:

Stephanie Abrahams
Akid Azfar
Danielle Sandhu
Clara Ho

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting is called to order at 6:10 pm.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION

Moved: Ho

Seconded: Sandhu

Be it resolved that the November 9, 2011 Election and Referenda Committee meeting agenda be approved as presented.

VOTE

CARRIED

3. MOTION TO AMEND ELECTION PROCEDURE CODE- ARTICLE I

MOTION

Moved: Sandhu

Seconded: Abrahams

Be it resolved that the Election Procedure Code Article I, "Campaign Material" be amended to read:

"shall mean any item, design, sound, symbol or mark that is created or copied in any form in order to and/or likely to influence at least one voter to cast a ballot or not to cast a ballot, in favour or in opposition of a candidate."

Be it further resolved that Election Procedure Code Article I, "Campaigning" be amended to read:

"Shall mean any attempt by an individual or organization to encourage a student to cast a ballot or not to cast a ballot in favour or in opposition of a candidate. This may occur with or without campaign material."

Be it further resolved that Election Procedure Code Article I, "Fall Election" be amended to read:

"shall mean an election held between 20 September and 30 October for the purpose of electing members from the Board of Directors to fill a constituency having an academic program of one year or a Director seat that has become vacant due to a resignation, impeachment or unfilled during the Spring Election."

Be it further resolved that Election Procedure Code Article I, "Spoiled Vote" be amended to read:

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“means any ballot cast where only one or no poll clerk initialled the ballot, where no voter intent was indicated, or where too many candidates were selected on the ballot.

Be it further resolved that Election Procedure Code Article I, “Valid Vote” be amended to read:

“shall mean any ballot cast that is not a spoiled vote.”

DISCUSSION

Sandhu states that changes around the definitions of “campaign material” and “campaigning” are intended to clear up that negative campaigning and asking members not to vote is also considered a form of campaigning.

Azfar asks what the campaigning rules are.

Abrahams states that the new definition means that people cannot attempt to influence voters around ballot boxes.

Sandhu states that if someone decides to run a negative campaign the rules of campaigning as set out in the EPC would also apply to them. She further states that the definition of Fall Elections is simply being brought in line with our bylaws. She further states that the definition of a spoiled vote is being clarified as per the CRO recommendation from Spring 2011.

VOTE

CARRIED

4. MOTION TO AMEND ELECTION PROCEDURE CODE- ARTICLE II

MOTION

Moved: Sandhu

seconded: Azfar

Be it resolved that the Election Procedure Code Article II.1 (b) be amended to read:

“Where this code is in contradiction, in order of precedence, of the Union bylaws and/or policies, those documents shall prevail.”

DISCUSSION

Sandhu states that the language previously used is somewhat unclear and that this amendment simply clarifies the language.

VOTE

CARRIED

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5. MOTION TO AMEND ELECTION PROCEDURE CODE- ARTICLE V

MOTION

Moved: Sandhu

Seconded: Abrahams

Be it resolved that the following be added to Election Procedure Code, Article V:

“A prospective candidate, or their authorized representative, whose nomination form is pending a request to review,” as per article III.3 (d) shall be permitted to attend the All-Candidates Meeting.”

Be it further resolved that Election Procedure Code, Article V.3 be amended to read:

“Any candidate who fails to attend or send an authorized representative to the All-Candidates meeting, or fails to meet with the CRO, as per Article V.1, shall be disqualified from the election.”

DISCUSSION

Sandhu states that the idea is to create an allowance for potential candidates to be able to attend an all-candidates meeting if they have submitted a request to review. She further states that in the event that a candidate's request to review is approved and the candidate become eligible, they are still eligible to run as they attended the all-candidates meeting.

VOTE

CARRIED

6. MOTION TO AMEND ELECTION PROCEDURE CODE- ARTICLE VI

MOTION

Moved: Sandhu

Seconded:Azfar

Be it resolved that Election Procedure Code, Article VI.1(n.ii) be amended to read:

“No campaign materials shall be placed within six (6) metres or clearly visible to an assigned polling station during voting days. Designation of campaign materials visibility is at the discretion of the CRO.”

Be it further resolved that Election Procedure Code, Article VI.1(s) be amended to read:

“During the specified voting period, and subject to Article VI.1 (n), campaigning is allowed with the following restrictions:”

DISCUSSION

Sandhu states that an amendment from “posters” to “materials” recognizes that campaign materials do not include only posters but other forms of materials used to solicit votes and that those should not be distributed around ballot boxes either.

VOTE

CARRIED

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7. MOTION TO AMEND ELECTION PROCEDURE CODE- ARTICLE VII

MOTION

Moved: Sandhu

seconded: Abrahams

Be it resolved that Election Procedure Code, Article VII. 1 be amended to read:

The Voting Process

“Voting shall take place by paper ballot. Valid University of Toronto identification is required for voting.”

Be it further resolved that Election Procedure Code, Article VII. 2(b) be amended to read:

“In the event that the number of candidates nominated for election for any Executive position, is equal to or less than the number of candidates to be elected for that office, each candidate shall be subject to a confirmation vote put to the membership. The confirmation ballot shall contain the candidates' name and a vote of “Yes” or “No” for the candidate. A candidate who receives more “Yes” votes than “No” votes is the winning candidate. In the event that there are more “No” votes than “Yes” votes, the position is declared vacant.

DISCUSSION

Sandhu states that that the Union has taken a position for a very long time around online voting being insecure. She further states it is inconsistent for the UTSU to include online voting in its EPC as the Union does not practice online voting. She further states that “valid” identification clarifies that it is the members' student card that allows to verify that they are in fact eligible to vote. She further states that it is not a usual practice to have the option to abstain on ballots and that spoiled ballot are also counted as abstentions.

VOTE

CARRIED

Abstention: Azfar

8. MOTION TO AMEND ELECTION PROCEDURE CODE-ARTICLE X

MOTION

Moved: Sandhu

Seconded: Azfar

Be it resolved that Election Procedure Code, Article X be amended to read:

“A candidate may request a recount of the votes by submitting a written request to the CRO no later than forty eight (48) hours after the announcement of results. In the event that a recount is requested by a candidate, the positions shall only be recounted once. The CRO, Committee, and Appeals Committee reserve the right to conduct additional recounts at their discretion.”

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DISCUSSION

Sandhu states that the EPC includes references to online voting. She further states that it makes no sense to have procedures around online balloting as the union is principally against it.

VOTE

CARRIED

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

Moved: Sandhu

Seconded: Abrahams

Meeting adjourned at 6:42 pm.

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting

November 10, 2011

Minutes

Executive Committee of the University of Toronto Students' Union
Thursday, November 10, 2011– UTSU Office

In Attendance:

Danielle Sandhu
Shaun Shepherd
Clara Ho
Corey Scott
Albi Aziz
Amir Basir

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:20 am.

2. MEETING WITH VICE-PROVOST, STUDENTS

Sandhu states that the Executive team will be meeting with Vice-Provost, Students Jill Matus today. She further states that the Union should discuss the Bottled Water Free initiative. She further states that the UTSU should inquire about the phasing out plan as bottled water vending stations have been taken away but no alternatives are made available. She further states that the Union should begin discussions for Academic Amnesty for the February 1st Day of action. Sandhu further states that the Union previously received permission from the City of Toronto to close Wilcox, Devonshire and St. George streets from Bloor to College. She further states that the University has vetoed the request because of construction at Rotman. She further states that the Union should push to have St. George closed from Harbord to College streets.

Aziz states that in previous years concerns were raised about lost revenue from parking meters and street vendors.

Shepherd states that parking meters are the City's property and the City has already approved the street closures.

3. EQUITY OFFICES

Sandhu states that there are some concerns that the Status of Women office only has one position currently filled and that it is research based. She further states that it is a concern for the three campuses. She further states that in a 2010 meeting with President Naylor, he said the administration would look at sending part time staff to UTM and SC.

4. TERRY FOX RUN

Sandhu states Lucy Fromowitz approached the Union about participating the Terry Fox run. She asks if executives are interested in participating.

Shepherd states that the Union should participate. He further states that collaborating with the administration on this may help form positive relationships.

5. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING UPDATES

Sandhu gives a logistical update of AGM planning.

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6. BUDGET

Sandhu states that in preparation for the December budget approval, executives should work on revised budgets budget that reflects the process their respective proposals have gone through.

7. REMEMBRANCE DAY

Sandhu states that she will be laying a wreath on behalf of the Union at the Remembrance Day ceremony at Soldier's Tower.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

Moved: Sandhu

Seconded: Aziz

VOTE

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.

Chief Returning Officer Report

Fall 2011 Elections

Introduction

This report accounts the events of the University of Toronto Students' Union (UTSU) Fall 2011 by-elections period. The report also provides recommendations for consideration by the Elections and Referenda Committee and the UTSU Board of Directors for improving processes and policies in order to facilitate future elections.

The Fall 2011 by-elections period was held to elect certain Board of Directors members. No referenda were held during this period.

Activities before Voting Period

In preparation for the nomination and campaign period, and in accordance with the UTSU Election Procedures Code (EPC), a number of tasks were completed prior to the start of the nomination and campaign periods:

- Reviewing all relevant UTSU documents.
- Site inspections, selections and booking of potential polling locations
- Approval of polling stations for by-elections in consideration of vacant Division Positions and logistics.
- Preparation of nomination and election-related publicity materials for local campus newspapers such as: The Varsity and The Newspaper, posters for distributions or display on campus, and updates on the UTSU website.
- Hiring of one Deputy Returning Officer (DRO)
- Preparation of the nominations packages for Board of Directors candidates.
- Request for renewal of the Online Voters Eligibility Verification Systems and Official Voters List for verification of nominators.
- Scheduling and logistics for All-candidates Meeting.
- Order ballot boxes, voting booths, and seals from Elections Canada.
- Poll clerk hiring, scheduling and logistics for poll clerk training sessions

Nominations

Nominations for the UTSU Fall 2011 elections opened Friday, October 7th, 2011 at 09:00 and closed Friday, October 14th at 16:00. Five nomination packages were signed out and five were returned and completed as per EPC guidelines, they are as follows: one for the Faculty of Law, one for the Faculty of Medicine, one for the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE), and one for the Faculty of Physical Education and Health. The CRO and DRO worked a combined total of 3 hours to verify all nominator's signatures. The number of candidates equalled the number of available positions for all five faculties. All the positions were uncontested.

All-Candidates Meeting

The all-candidates' meeting was held on Monday, October 17th, 2011 at 17:00 in the Chapel at Hart House. Attendance was limited to candidates and candidate proxies and all-candidates packages were distributed to all attendees. The meeting lasted approximately 30 minutes, as the CRO and DRO reviewed the relevant sections of the EPC, University of Toronto policies, the UTSU By-laws and role of the elections staff.

Polling Locations

As a large campus spread out across downtown Toronto, the University of Toronto St. George campus presents some challenges in ensuring representative distribution of poll stations. The Election and Referenda Committee (ERC) is required to consider a number of factors in allocating poll stations, including but not limited to: cost, wireless access, proximity to other poll stations, accessibility, and student traffic.

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| Polling Location: |
| Medical Sciences Building |
| Factor – Inwentash Faculty of Social Work |
| Athletic Centre |

Campaigning

The campaigning period opened on Tuesday, October 18th, 2011 at 08:00 and closed on the last day of voting on Thursday October 27th, 2011 at 18:00. Candidates were informed during the all-candidates meeting and one week into the campaigning period that all campaigning materials must be approved 24 hours prior to being distributed and campaigning by all candidates was highly encouraged. Throughout the campaigning period none of the 5 candidates had submitted any materials for approval.

Voting

Voting took place on Wednesday, October 26th, 2011 to Thursday, October 27th, 2011 by way of a Yes/No ballot. Polling stations were open from 10:00 to 18:00. 12 poll clerks worked shifts from 09:00 to 18:00. Poll clerks were expected to use the Online Eligibility Verification System (OVEV) to confirm voters' eligibility by scanning their T-cards. However, due to technical errors with the OVEV system, no T-cards were verifiable during the voting period. Voters were asked to sign in and provided their name, student number, faculty and signature and the double envelope system was implemented during the two days. The discrepancy form for each polling station notes the OVEV problem. Poll clerks were instructed to each initial every ballot as they were given out to the students upon confirmation of their eligibility as voters.

Poll clerks met each morning before 09:00 at the U.T.S.U. office to collect the necessary equipment and materials from the CRO and DRO. Poll stations were closed each day at 18:00 and ballot boxes were sealed and signed by poll clerks. At the end of the first voting day, poll clerks transported ballot boxes to the Chapel at Hart House. Poll clerks dropped off their materials boxes off at the U.T.S.U. office prior to transporting ballot boxes to Hart House.

Reported Discrepancies

On both voting days, the OVEV system was experiencing technical issues, and the double envelope system was implemented throughout.

Ballot Counting

On Thursday, October 27th, 2011 at 18:30, the CRO and DRO explained all the formalities associated with ballot counting:

- Non-disclosure agreement forms must be signed by all those present
- No mobile phones or access to the public until counting has finished
- Ballot counting procedure
- For ballot counting, a total of 6 poll clerks were present to assist in the process of counting.

Poll Clerk Duties

- 2 poll clerks assisted in opening one ballot box at a time for counting
- 2 poll clerks assisted in verifying voter eligibility
- 1 poll clerk checked for both poll clerk initials and read the result aloud
- 2 poll clerk recorded the result on a tally sheet.
- All poll clerk duties were carried out in the presence of the CRO and DRO.

Since the double envelope system was implemented, all double envelopes had to be verified for voter eligibility. Following this verification, the ballots were then counted.

After the results have been read both poll clerks verify they have the same number of ballots per result as what was tallied. The ballots were then placed back into the ballot box. This system worked efficiently and the counting of 70 ballots was completed within two hours.

Double Envelope Ballots

During polling, poll clerks were instructed to use a double envelope system if prospective voters did not have their TCard, if the TCard's barcode could not be scanned, or if the prospective voter's status came up as 'ineligible' but the prospective voter believed that they were a full time undergraduate student for the correct Faculty/College. All double envelopes are cross-referenced with a list provided by Student Affairs – Vice Provost before placed back with the other ballots to maintain anonymity.

Spoiled Ballots

Ballots were considered spoiled if:

- No voter intent was indicated on the ballot;
- Only one poll clerk initialled the ballot;
- No poll clerks initialled the ballot;
- Voter did not verify as a UTSU member

6 of 76 ballots were spoiled under one or more of the conditions stated above.

**There were no requests for recounts or any appeals within the timeline outlined in the EPC.

Elections Results

U.T.S.U. Board of Directors for Fall 2011

Acclamations Seats:

Faculty of Law: Joshua Mandryk – YES 20 (77%), NO 0 (0%), Spoiled 6 (26%)

Faculty of Medicine: Howard Meng – YES 5 (100%), NO 0 (0%), Spoiled 0 (0%)

Faculty of Physical Education and Health: Danielle Emmons – YES 35 (100%), NO 0 (0%), Spoiled 0 (0%)

Ontario Institute for Studies in Education: Mark Roxas – YES 1 (100%), NO 0 (0%), Spoiled 0 (0%)

Transitional Year Program: Brine Mazengwe – Yes 9 (100%), NO 0(0%), Spoiled 0 (0%)

Recommendations

Find new ways to increase voter turnout

Propose a new way of counting ballots, in preparation for the Spring 2012 elections

Acknowledgements

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