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### **Caribbean Food Fair:**

Poon states that the event was successful and that food went very quickly. He states that it was held at Sidney Smith and done in collaboration with several campus groups including the Caribbean Studies Students' Union which gave out its undergraduate journal.

### **Orientation 2011:**

Aziz states that the Orientation events went smoothly and it was great to see all the Clubs getting involved.

Negi states that the concert went late but that the encore by Sam Roberts Band was amazing.

Aziz states that the Government Club night went well with no incidents and a lot of positive feedback.

## 6. BLUE AND WHITE SPIRIT DAYS

Aziz states that Blue and White Spirit days are happening this week with a club night at XS and that there will be a free barbeque, Varsity football game and pub night at the Duke of York. He states that UTSU is still looking for volunteers and that the New College Students Council and Faculty of Physical Health and Education Undergraduate Association will be collaborating with the Union. Aziz further states that Mayor Rob Ford will be present at the game.

Abrahams asks why the mayor will be present.

Aziz states that there will be an NFL promotions performance for halftime.

Kaura asks if it is possible to make the event a college points event where students are rewarded by their colleges for getting involved.

Aziz states that the colleges have all been approached and that there is a lot of support for the event.

Poon states that the New College Students Council had a Green and Yellow Spirit Day, New College colours, on Tuesday and that there is a Blue and White Spirit Day today, where students are able to win prizes for wearing the colours.

Aziz states that there will also be free "Class of 2015" t-shirts at the barbeque on Friday.

## 7. TAKE IT OVER

Aziz explains what the Take it Over campaign is. He further states that the Campus Life commission should help to promote the campaign. He further states that as elections are a week away it is important for the Union to mobilize members and get them to the polls. He further states that there is a vote mob happening tomorrow and that members should come out.

Scott, C. states the vote mob starts at 2. He further states the UTSU will be marching with students to Hart House to vote en masse. He further states that folks can bring their banners with relevant issues to the vote mob.

## 8. HALLOWEEN

Poon states that the Union has been brainstorming ideas for Halloween events. He further states that the Union will likely hold a party and collaborate with campus groups.

Aziz states that the Halloween events are not limited to the party. He further states that the Union can have a Halloween candy give away or sell cupcakes. He further states that UTSU will be selling discounted wonderland Halloween Fright Night tickets in the office.

Kaura states the UTSU host a haunted house

Jong suggests a pumpkin carving contest

Poon suggests a Halloween carnival.

Lutter suggests a costume contest.

Aziz suggests incorporating blue and white spirit initiatives into the Halloween events. He suggest a Dirty Bingo night

Scott, C. explains what Dirty bingo is.

## 9. DIRTY BINGO

Aziz states we have approached colleges about hosting a night at the colleges every month

## 10. U.T.S.U.'S GOT YOU

Aziz states that the UTSU holds this event during exams to provide students with destressors. He further states that the campus life commission has made it a priority to go to non-traditional places such as the smaller libraries.

Poon suggests we should collaborate with student groups like hot yam and UT eats.

## 11. READING WEEK TRIP - MONTREAL

Aziz states that February reading week there is a montreal tri. 3 nights and four days. He further state we should hold a tri campus trip. He further states that

## 12. OTHER BUSINESS

Jong asks if we will be hosting a multicultural lunch

Aziz states we should look into it.

Scott, C. suggests the UTSU hosts a multicultural food fair in November

## 13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

Moved: Aziz

Seconded: Jong

The meeting is adjourned 5:37 at .

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funding.

VOTE

CARRIED

19. Long-Term Funding: Eyes of Hope

DISCUSSION

Aziz explains the mandate of this club and states the amount being requested, the total expenses, and total revenues. He further explains the event descriptions, and promotions plan associated with the events. He states that the club works on Habitat for Humanity and raising funds through pizza sales. He further states that the club is affiliated with Engineering and other sources of funding.

Sandhu states that the club does not make a sufficient amount of revenue from pizza sales.

Cheema states that after reviewing the application, their revenue isn't significant for their bake sales and they should re-evaluate the fundraising plan.

MOTION

Moved: Santos

Seconded: Cheema

Be it resolved that Eyes of Hope receive \$300.00 in UTSU Long-Term clubs funding.

VOTE

CARRIED

20. Long-Term Funding: Afghan Students Association

DISCUSSION

Aziz explains the mandate of this club and states the amount being requested, the total expenses, and total revenues. He further explains the event descriptions, and promotions plan associated with the events. He states that the club has been active in applying for summer and long-term funding for the past few years. He further states that the club has a year end social but also athletics, orientation, cultural and smaller social events.

Scott states that the club has been very active this past year in applying for funding but also utilizing UTSU services and getting involved in UTSU events and campaigns. He states that they also participate and work with other campus groups in cost sharing.

Sandhu states that there are some costs that can be reduced, but that the club has expanded in the past.

MOTION

Moved: Santos

Seconded: Scott

Be it resolved that Afghan Students Association receive \$400.00 in UTSU Long-Term clubs funding.

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CARRIED

21. Long-Term Funding: Chinese Magazine

DISCUSSION

Aziz explains the mandate of this club and states the amount being requested, the total expenses, and total revenues. He further explains the event descriptions, and promotions plan associated with the events. He states that this club works on publications but also on several social and workshop based programs. He then states that the club has a large membership list.

Scott states that the club lists an executive team of over 200 people, which is unlikely. He states that executive members likely means active membership involved in the paper and that the larger membership includes subscribers.

Sandhu states that the club should receive more funds than other campus publications due to the extra work the club takes on, including a conference.

Scott states that the club likely works with other campus groups on their campus events.

MOTION

Moved: Sandhu

Seconded: Santos

Be it resolved that Chinese Magazine receive \$1000.00 in UTSU Long-Term clubs funding.

VOTE

CARRIED

22. Long-Term Funding: Students for Optimizing and Advocating Pharmacy Endeavours

DISCUSSION

Aziz explains the mandate of this club and states the amount being requested, the total expenses, and total revenues. He further explains the event descriptions, and promotions plan associated with the events. He states that the club gets funding from the Pharmacy department but it is against the mandate of the club to get funding from corporate sponsors.

Sandhu states that the club is one of the few groups that cater to the pharmacy population but that the club is also engaging students in the medicine faculty and arts and science faculties interested in the pharmacy field.

Scott states that the club has some high costs with food. He states that the club has also applied for funding from the Undergraduate Pharmacy Students Association.

Santos states that the club has a large membership for a new club, and looks like they are working hard to do outreach to members.





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Voting members:

Albi Aziz  
Corey Scott  
Lissette Rosado-Ferrari  
Midhat Siddiqui

Proxy:

Danielle Sandhu to Lissette Rosado-Ferrari

1. Call to Order

This meeting is called to order at 6:18pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOTION

Moved:

Seconded:

Be it resolved that October 19, 2011 Clubs Committee Meeting Agenda be approved as presented.

VOTE

CARRIED

3. Long-Term Funding: Mechanical Engineering Club

DISCUSSION

Aziz explains the nature of the club and some of the programs the club runs. He also states the amount being requested, the total expenses, total revenues and the status of funding from previous years. He states that the club receives funding from Engineering Society and other faculty groups. He states that the club has worked on a rebranding campaign to create a different look. He states the club participates in programming that other Engineering academic societies host as well as some athletic events.

Rosado-Ferrari states that the club has some costs for executive events which are quite high as well. She states the club already receives a lot of revenue and could cut down a lot of the costs including DJ and hookup fees.

MOTION

Moved:Scott

Seconded:Rosado-Ferrari

Be it resolved that Mechanical Engineering Club receive \$400.00 in UTSU Long-Term clubs funding.

VOTE

CARRIED



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## 4. Long-Term Funding: uFashion

### DISCUSSION

Aziz states that the club has not attached a membership list.

### MOTION

Moved:  
Aziz

Seconded:  
Scott

Be it resolved that uFashion funding application be tabled until a membership list is received.

### VOTE

### CARRIED

## 5. Long-Term Funding: South Asian Development Council

### DISCUSSION

Aziz explains the nature of the club and some of the programs the club runs. He also states the amount being requested, the total expenses, total revenues and the status of funding from previous years. He states that the club host seminars and speakers that raise awareness around South Asia. He states most costs are associated with food and refreshments.

Scott states that the club is using funding for food sparingly. He states that the club has not picked up funding from the previous year and that the application should be tabled until receipts are received.

### MOTION

Moved:  
Scott

Seconded:  
Aziz

Be it resolved that South Asian Development Council funding application be tabled until past funding information is received.

### VOTE

### CARRIED

## 6. Long-Term Funding: Campus for Christ

### DISCUSSION

Aziz explains the nature of the club and some of the programs the club runs. He also states the amount being requested, the total expenses, total revenues and the status of funding from previous years. He states that the club has a lot of expenses around speaker honorariums, which the clubs policy does not cover.

Rosado-Ferrari states that the club is present on campus and very inclusive of other religions and non-religious students.

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Scott states that the club has been very welcoming to the queer community in his experiences. He further states that they also host weekly prayers and large annual events. He states the primary costs are room fees for their larger events.

MOTION

Moved:  
Scott

Seconded:  
Rosado-  
Ferrari

Be it resolved that Campus for Christ receive \$500.00 in UTSU Long-Term clubs funding.

VOTE

CARRIED

## 7. Long-Term Funding: Inter-College Arts Society

DISCUSSION

Aziz explains the nature of the club and some of the programs the club runs. He also states the amount being requested, the total expenses, total revenues and that the club has not applied for funding in the past. He states that their largest costs are booking spaces and theatre nights at the George Ignatieff theatre, which is expensive. He states that the club is using the space frequently and has acquired a 50% discount by doing so.

Rosado-Ferrari states that the club is new but that the expenses are relatively low in comparison to other arts clubs.

Scott states that the club is doing all of its events in February and that the club could look at raising more funds through ticket costs and fall fundraisers.

MOTION

Moved:  
Aziz

Seconded:  
Rosado-  
Ferrari

Be it resolved that Inter-College Arts Society receive \$200.00 in UTSU Long-Term clubs funding.

VOTE

CARRIED

## 8. Long-Term Funding: From 3 to 3 Students Association

DISCUSSION

Aziz explains the nature of the club and some of the programs the club runs. He also states the amount being requested, the total expenses, total revenues and the status of funding from previous years. He states that the club is hosting several events with very small costs.

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Scott states that the club is asking for a small increase of funds which would mean subsidizing each member's involvement but less than one dollar. He states that the club picked up all its funding from last year.

MOTION

Moved:  
Rosado-  
Ferrari

Seconded:  
Scott

Be it resolved that From 3 to 3 Students Association receive \$138.99 in UTSU Long-Term clubs funding.

VOTE

CARRIED

9. Long-Term Funding: Friends of Medecins Sans Frontiers

DISCUSSION

Aziz explains the nature of the club and some of the programs the club runs. He also states the amount being requested, the total expenses, total revenues and the status of funding from previous years. He states that the club's mandate requires the majority of funds to be sent to the parent organization. He states that the club hosts many annual events and is fairly active on campus.

Rosado-Ferrari states that the club has small costs compared to other clubs costs for formals.

Scott states that the club has been able to greatly reduce its operating costs from the previous year.

MOTION

Moved:  
Scott

Seconded:  
Aziz

Be it resolved that Friends of Medecins Sans Frontiers receive \$1250.00 in UTSU Long-Term clubs funding.

VOTE

CARRIED

10. Long-Term Funding: Vietnamese Students Association

DISCUSSION

Aziz explains the nature of the club and some of the programs the club runs. He also states the amount being requested, the total expenses, total revenues and the status of funding from previous years. He states that the club has been active in having a presence on campus.

Scott states that the club's application is very modest and realistic. He states that the costs are low for every event.

MOTION

Moved:

Seconded:

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Scott

Rosado-  
Ferrari

Be it resolved that Vietnamese Students Association receive \$600.00 in UTSU Long-Term clubs funding.

VOTE

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11. Long-Term Funding: Engineering Kompetition

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## DISCUSSION

Scott states that the club did not attend training and that the application should be tabled.

MOTION	Moved: Scott	Seconded: Aziz
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Be it resolved that Engineering Kompetition funding application be tabled.

## VOTE

## CARRIED

### 12. Long-Term Funding: NAMUN

#### DISCUSSION

Aziz explains the nature of the club and some of the programs the club runs. He also states the amount being requested, the total expenses, total revenues and the status of funding from previous years. He states that the club receives a large portion of their funding from delegate registration fees and carry over from the bank account in the previous year. He states that the club spends a large portion of their funding on space bookings, printing and food over the course of their conference.

Scott states that the club hosts an amazing week of activities for highschools students and that it is well known across the province. He states that the club should get the same amount of funding pending a membership list which has been promised by the executive team.

MOTION	Moved: Scott	Seconded: Aziz
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Be it resolved that NAMUN receive \$750.00 in UTSU Long-Term clubs funding pending the receipt of a full membership list.

## VOTE

## CARRIED

### 13. Long Term Funding: Korean Commerce Community

#### DISCUSSION

Aziz explains the nature of the club and some of the programs the club runs. He also states the amount being requested, the total expenses, total revenues and the status of funding from previous years. He states that the club's membership training session costs more than the membership fee revenue. He states that the club does a lot of events over the course of the year which includes socials, athletics and academics.

Rosado-Ferrari states that the club has a lot extra costs with bus fees and limousine fees. She states that the club could reduce a lot of their costs by making revenue off of large events to cover the smaller events.

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Aziz states the club could also reach out to the Commerce Society and faculty.

MOTION

Moved:  
Scott

Seconded:  
Aziz

Be it resolved that Korean Commerce Community receive \$400.00 in UTSU Long-Term clubs funding.

VOTE

CARRIED

14. Long-Term Funding: Skule Night

DISCUSSION

Aziz states that the club did not attend training, has an incomplete membership list and that the club has revenue exceeding expenses.

MOTION

Moved:  
Scott

Seconded:  
Rosado-  
Ferrari

Be it resolved that Skule Night funding application be tabled until more information is available.

VOTE

CARRIED

15. Long-Term Funding: DECA

DISCUSSION

Aziz explains the nature of the club and some of the programs the club runs. He also states the amount being requested, the total expenses, total revenues and the status of funding from previous years. He states that the club is part of a larger parent organization. He states that the costs are associated with trainings, competitions and conferences around Ontario. He further states that the club receives membership fees that are collected by the parent organization. He states that many of the costs are ineligible for funding.

Scott states the members could apply for Individual Academic Endeavour grants instead of general applications.

Aziz states that the club could reach out to students more by doing outreach on campus through barbeques. He states that the club seems more focused in the parent organization.

MOTION

Moved:  
Aziz

Seconded:  
Rosado-

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Ferrari

Be it resolved that DECA receive \$200.00 in UTSU Long-Term clubs funding.

VOTE

CARRIED

16. Long-Term Funding: EFUT – French Club

DISCUSSION

Aziz explains the nature of the club and some of the programs the club runs. He also states the amount being requested, the total expenses, total revenues and the status of funding from previous years. He states the group is very large and active on campus. He states that the club is expanding the number of club nights it hosts while continuing activities including the pub nights, conversation classes, free tutoring, pancakes, fieldtrips, Halal Christmas Dinner, and there Theatre nights to name a few.

Scott states that the club is very involved on campus. He states that the club is active in promoting itself through posters and products such as their French Kiss condoms.

Aziz states that the club draws revenue from some of their events and membership donations.

Scott states that the club received support from the French department the previous year but that there were some tensions between the organizations because of staff changes.

Rosado-Ferrari states that the club is hosting a G20-picnic.

Scott states that the club had a similar event last year. He suggests the event could have been a one year-anniversary event or that it may not have been removed from the application the year before. He states the cost is minimal in the larger budget.

Aziz states that there are also costs associated with "Posterboy" which could be paying a person to poster around campus. He states that the club should not be paying for a poster service if it has a large volunteer membership.

Rosado-Ferrari states that it could be a graphic designer or a print shop.

Rosado-Ferrari states that the promotion work is very in depth. She states that the club's information on demographics is also helpful in looking at the club.

Scott states that the club also works on an annual conference that looks at Francophone culture.

MOTION

Moved:  
Scott

Seconded:  
Rosado-  
Ferrari

Be it resolved that EFUT – French Club receive \$9000.00 in UTSU Long-Term clubs funding.

VOTE

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CARRIED

17. Long-Term Funding: African Students' Association

DISCUSSION

Aziz explains the nature of the club and some of the programs the club runs. He also states the amount being requested, the total expenses, total revenues and the status of funding from previous years. He states that the club is active year round and hosts political, cultural and social events. He states that the club has multiple revenue streams coming from Hart House, New College and other sources. Aziz further states that the costs are relatively low and that the club has indicated cutting down on costs by using the UTSU postering service.

Scott states that the club is indicating that they are collaborating on several events with smaller organizations such as WISA, CARSSU, African Studies Students Union, Black Students Association and NSBE. He states that the club also indicates events that they plan to collaborate with the UTSU on.

Rosado-Ferrari states that the club hosts events that are both small and large. She states that the membership list is also very large.

MOTION

Moved:

Seconded:

Be it resolved that African Students Association receive \$8000.00 in UTSU Long-Term clubs funding.

VOTE

CARRIED

18. Long-Term Funding: Active Minds

DISCUSSION

Aziz states that the club did not submit a membership list and should be tabled until received.

MOTION

Moved:  
Scott

Seconded:  
Aziz

Be it resolved that Active Minds funding application be tabled until a membership list is received.

VOTE

CARRIED

19. Long-Term Funding: Korean Engineering Students Association

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Aziz explains the nature of the club and some of the programs the club runs. He also states the amount being requested, the total expenses, total revenues and the status of funding from previous years. He states that some of the costs are high. He further states that the revenue sources are from membership fees, event fees and Engineering Society.

Scott states that the costs for the club are high considering the membership list.

Rosado-Ferrari states that the club has a lot of costs that are ineligible for UTSU clubs funding. She states that the food costs are extremely high.

Scott states that the club can also pursue Engineering alumni and department funding.

MOTION

Moved:  
Scott

Seconded:  
Aziz

Be it resolved that Korean Engineering Students Association receive \$150.00 in UTSU Long-Term clubs funding.

VOTE

CARRIED

20. Long-Term Funding: UNICEF

DISCUSSION

Aziz explains the nature of the club and some of the programs the club runs. He also states the amount being requested, the total expenses, total revenues and the status of funding from previous years. Aziz states that the club has submitted a calendar of events. He states the club could save some funds by using the UTSU printing service.

Scott states that a lot of the costs are small and that the club hosts a lot of different events.

Rosado-Ferrari states that the club has a high membership.

MOTION

Moved:  
Aziz

Seconded:  
Scott

Be it resolved that UNICEF receive \$650.00 in UTSU Long-Term clubs funding.

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21. Long-Term Funding: Beyond Intellectual Discovery

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Aziz explains the nature of the club and some of the programs the club runs. He also states the amount being requested, the total expenses, total revenues and that the club is applying for funding for the first time. He states that the club has some basic costs.

Rosado-Ferrari states that the club also has a small membership and that membership fees are collected. The club also receives funding from the New College Students Council.

MOTION	Moved: Rosado- Ferrari	Seconded: Aziz
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Be it resolved that Beyond Intellectual Discovery receive \$100.00 in UTSU Long-Term clubs funding.

VOTE

CARRIED

*Sandhu enters the meeting at 8:15 pm.*

22. Long-Term Funding: Muslim Students Association

DISCUSSION

Aziz explains the nature of the club and some of the programs the club runs. He also states the amount being requested, the total expenses, total revenues and the status of funding from previous years. He states that the club is split into multiple committees and is one of the largest clubs on campus. He states that the club has many athletic, cultural, social, academic and faith-based events. These include lecture series, Arabic classes, Eid dinners, and meet 'n' greets.

Sandhu states that she is consistently impressed by the organisational capacity of the club, noting that the club has sixteen distinct committees.

Rosado Ferrari states that the costs listed are incredibly reasonable.

Scott states that he likes the balance of events and resources given to the different committees, and particularly between the Brothers and Sisters' events. He states that the club also has committees on World Justice and Community Engagement.

Rosado-Ferrari suggests that an increase in funding would be good to help sustain the programming.

MOTION	Moved: Rosado- Ferrari	Seconded: Scott
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Be it resolved that Muslim Students Association receive \$17,000 in UTSU Long-Term clubs funding.

VOTE

CARRIED

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## 23. Long-Term Funding: Chinese Undergraduate Association of UofT

### DISCUSSION

Aziz explains the nature of the club and some of the programs the club runs. He also states the amount being requested, the total expenses, total revenues and the status of funding from previous years. He states that the club brings in a lot of revenue sources and has a large promotion campaign. He states that the club has a variety of programs.

Sandhu states that the club has also indicated that they understand some costs cannot be covered by UTSU clubs funding. She states that the club has indicated these costs.

Rosado-Ferrari states that some of the costs are very large. She states that the club is large but it does not justify the large cost.

Aziz states that the club is very large and invested in. He states that the costs are realistic but sometimes unnecessary.

Scott states that the club also has a high population in different faculties and programs.

Sandhu states that the club has not applied for funding last year but that they do have an impact on campus life and building community.

### MOTION

Moved:  
Sandhu

Seconded:  
Scott

Be it resolved that Chinese Undergraduate Association of UofT receive \$2000.00 in UTSU Long-Term clubs funding.

### VOTE

### CARRIED

## 24. Long-Term Funding: Juxtaposition Global Health Magazine

### DISCUSSION

Aziz explains the nature of the club and some of the programs the club runs. He also states the amount being requested, the total expenses, total revenues and the status of funding from previous years. He states that the club is mainly a publication organization.

Rosado-Ferrari suggests an allocation similar to other publications on campus.

### MOTION

Moved:  
Rosado-  
Ferrari

Seconded:  
Aziz

Be it resolved that Juxtaposition Global Health Magazine receive \$500.00 in UTSU Long-Term clubs funding.

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25. Long-Term Funding: Cantonese Student Society

DISCUSSION

Aziz explains the nature of the club and some of the programs the club runs. He also states the amount being requested, the total expenses, total revenues and the status of funding from previous years. He states that the club has a variety of events that are spread across the year.

Rosado-Ferrari states that the membership is fairly low.

MOTION

Moved:  
Scott

Seconded:  
Rosado-  
Ferrari

Be it resolved that Cantonese Student Society receive \$250.00 in UTSU Long-Term clubs funding.

VOTE

CARRIED

*Sandhu exits the meeting at 8:47 pm.*

26. Long-Term Funding: Only Human Dance Collective

DISCUSSION

Aziz explains the nature of the club and some of the programs the club runs. He also states the amount being requested, the total expenses, total revenues and the status of funding from previous years. He states that the club has costs associated with performances and theatre space.

Scott states that the club is also unique in that it does not turn away members that want to dance.

Aziz states that the club is running their event for seven days and that the club pulls in a decent amount of ticket sales.

MOTION

Moved:  
Aziz

Seconded:  
Scott

Be it resolved that Only Human Dance Collective receive \$850.00 in UTSU Long-Term clubs funding.

VOTE

CARRIED

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## 27. Long-Term Funding: Russian Students Association

### DISCUSSION

Aziz explains the nature of the club and some of the programs the club runs. He also states the amount being requested, the total expenses, total revenues and the status of funding from previous years.

Scott states that the club has expanded on campus and that the events are well attended.

Aziz states that the club has also been very accurate with costs and turning in receipts. He states that the club is running similar programs to the previous years.

### MOTION

Moved:  
Rosado-  
Ferrari

Seconded:  
Scott

Be it resolved that Russian Students Association receive \$500.00 in UTSU Long-Term clubs funding.

### VOTE

### CARRIED

## 28. Long-Term Funding: Outing Club

### DISCUSSION

Aziz explains the nature of the club and some of the programs the club runs. He also states the amount being requested, the total expenses, total revenues and the status of funding from previous years. He states that the club host several outings to a cabin where different levels of outdoor events are held.

Scott states that the club also rents out the cabin to campus groups to help cover the costs of the cabin when not in use.

Rosado-Ferrari states that the club is unique but useful for the campus community in general.

### MOTION

Moved:  
Scott

Seconded:  
Aziz

Be it resolved that Outing Club receive \$2500.00 in UTSU Long-Term clubs funding.

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## 29. Long-Term Funding: Amnesty International

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## DISCUSSION

Aziz explains the nature of the club and some of the programs the club runs. He also states the amount being requested, the total expenses, total revenues and the status of funding from previous years. He states that the club has not received funding in the past few years.

Rosado-Ferrari states the club is not sending funds to the parent organization within its operating budget.

Scott states that the campus group has been around for a while but has never requested funding before.

## MOTION

Moved:  
Scott

Seconded:  
Rosado-  
Ferrari

Be it resolved that Amnesty International receive \$200.00 in UTSU Long-Term clubs funding.

## VOTE

CARRIED

### 30. Long-Term Funding: Footprint Publication

## DISCUSSION

Aziz explains the nature of the club and some of the programs the club runs. He also states the amount being requested, the total expenses, total revenues and the status of funding from previous years. He states that the club is mainly a publication organization.

Rosado-Ferrari suggests an allocation similar to other publications on campus.

## MOTION

Moved:  
Rosado-  
Ferrari

Seconded:  
Aziz

Be it resolved that Footprint Publication receive \$500.00 in UTSU Long-Term clubs funding.

## VOTE

CARRIED

### 31. Long-Term Funding: WATCH

## DISCUSSION

Aziz explains the nature of the club and some of the programs the club runs. He also states the amount being requested, the total expenses, total revenues and the status of funding from previous years. He states that the club has annual events but also some community engagement programs.

Rosado-Ferrari states that the club has revenue sources coming from food sales.

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Scott states that the holiday dinner is a very unique event on campus that is a great service to many of communities in Toronto. He states that the event feeds participants but also gets them involved in making presents for each other and working with crafts.

MOTION	Moved: Rosado- Ferrari	Seconded: Scott
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Be it resolved that Chinese Magazine receive \$600.00 in UTSU Long-Term clubs funding.

VOTE

CARRIED

32. Long-Term Funding: Industrial Engineering

DISCUSSION

Aziz states that the club did not submit a membership list and should be tabled until received.

MOTION	Moved: Aziz	Seconded: Scott
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Be it resolved that Industrial Engineering funding application be tabled until more information has been received.

VOTE

CARRIED

33. Long-Term Funding: Music Box Children's Charity

DISCUSSION

Aziz explains the nature of the club and some of the programs the club runs. He also states the amount being requested, the total expenses, total revenues and the status of funding from previous years. He states that the club does community engagement at Yonge Street Mission and hosts a year end event that is minimal in cost.

Scott states that the club does amazing work and has minimal costs. He states that the cost for police checks for volunteers is unfortunate but necessary for the club.

MOTION	Moved: Scott	Seconded: Aziz
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Be it resolved that Music Box Children's Charity receive \$300.00 in UTSU Long-Term clubs funding.

VOTE

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CARRIED

34. Long-Term Funding: Polish Students Association

DISCUSSION

Aziz states that the club did not attend clubs training and should be tabled until a meeting is scheduled.

MOTION

Moved:

Seconded:

Be it resolved that Polish Students Association funding application be tabled until more information is received.

VOTE

CARRIED

35. Long-Term Funding: Filipino Students Association

DISCUSSION

Aziz explains the nature of the club and some of the programs the club runs. He also states the amount being requested, the total expenses, total revenues and the status of funding from previous years. He states that revenue sources are drawn from executive donations, tickets sales and community sponsorship. He further states that the club hosts a range of socials, awareness campaigns, athletics and academic events.

Rosado-Ferrari states that the club should look into more sources of revenue. She states that the events are diverse and realistic in cost.

Aziz states that the membership list is large and active on campus. He states that the club hosted a well-attended barbeque on the UTSU lawn in September.

Rosado-Ferrari states that the club was very active in the summer through hosting beach days.

MOTION

Moved:  
Scott

Seconded:  
Rosado-  
Ferrari

Be it resolved that Filipino Students Association receive \$2000.00 in UTSU Long-Term clubs funding.

VOTE

CARRIED

36. Long-Term Funding: Hong Kong Students Association



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## DISCUSSION

Aziz explains the nature of the club and some of the programs the club runs. He also states the amount being requested, the total expenses, total revenues and the status of funding from previous years. He states that the promotional materials are well done and that the membership list is also large.

Scott states that the cost for the all-you-can-eat sushi night is extreme and can be reduced drastically by not providing such a large subsidy.

Rosado-Ferrari states that the club is also hosting social events such as pub nights and club nights, but also academic conferences.

Scott states that the cost for the executive retreat is extreme and should be reduced.

## MOTION

Moved:

Seconded:

Be it resolved that Hong Kong Students Association receive \$200.00 in UTSU Long-Term clubs funding.

## VOTE

## CARRIED

37. Long-Term Funding: Silhouettes Dance Company

## DISCUSSION

Aziz explains the nature of the club and some of the programs the club runs. He also states the amount being requested, the total expenses, total revenues and the status of funding from previous years. He states that the club splits its costs by working with other campus organizations such as Fo'Real HipHop and UC Follies. He states that the club also works with UTTV to make promotional videos.

Rosado-Ferrari states that the club host several pub nights and social events to engage members.

## MOTION

Moved:  
Rosado-  
Ferrari

Seconded:  
Aziz

Be it resolved that Silhouettes Dance Company receive \$400.00 in UTSU Long-Term clubs funding.

## VOTE

## CARRIED

38. Long-Term Funding: Culinary Arts Club (UTEAT)

## DISCUSSION

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Aziz explains the nature of the club and some of the programs the club runs. He also states the amount being requested, the total expenses, total revenues and the status of funding from previous years.

Scott states that the club is asking for less funding than the previous year. He states that the costs are realistic and detailed. Scott suggests funding the full allocation.

Rosado-Ferrari states that the club is well promoted and engaged on campus.

MOTION	Moved: Scott	Seconded: Aziz
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Be it resolved that Culinary Arts Club receive \$233.32 in UTSU Long-Term clubs funding.

VOTE

CARRIED

39. Long-Term Funding: Fo'Real Hip Hop Dance Crew

DISCUSSION

Aziz explains the nature of the club and some of the programs the club runs. He also states the amount being requested, the total expenses, total revenues and the status of funding from previous years. Aziz states that the club receives revenue for professional performances

Scott states that the club has competed nationally and should be supported as much as possible. He states that the club also performs across campus and in public spaces.

MOTION	Moved: Scott	Seconded: Rosado- Ferrari
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Be it resolved that Fo'Real Hip Hop Dance Crew receive \$750.00 in UTSU Long-Term clubs funding.

VOTE

CARRIED

40. Long-Term Funding: Ski and Snowboard Club

DISCUSSION

Aziz explains the nature of the club and some of the programs the club runs. He also states the amount being requested, the total expenses, total revenues and the status of funding from previous years. He states that the club is well known for their annual programs.

Scott states that the club has been very engaged on campus for the past few years and that their programs and assistance is often used by other clubs.

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MOTION

Moved:  
Scott

Seconded:  
Rosado-  
Ferrari

Be it resolved that Ski and Snowboard Club receive \$1000.00 in UTSU Long-Term clubs funding.

VOTE

CARRIED

41. Long-Term Funding: Consulting Association

DISCUSSION

Aziz explains the nature of the club and some of the programs the club runs. He also states the amount being requested, the total expenses, total revenues and the status of funding from previous years. He states that the club is associated with Deloitte and Engineering Association. He states that some of the costs are expensive and unnecessarily combined together.

Scott states that there are a lot of costs such as prizes, honorariums and gifts that cannot be covered. He states that the club is also receiving a fair amount of revenue sources from organizations.

MOTION

Moved:  
Scott

Seconded:  
Rosado-  
Ferrari

Be it resolved that Consulting Association receive \$200.00 in UTSU Long-Term clubs funding.

VOTE

CARRIED

42. Long-Term Funding: Duke of Edinburgh Award Club

DISCUSSION

Aziz explains the nature of the club and some of the programs the club runs. He also states the amount being requested, the total expenses, total revenues and that the club has not applied for funding in the past. He states that revenue is collected from bake sales.

Rosado-Ferrari states that the club is still very small.

MOTION

Moved:  
Rosado-  
Ferrari

Seconded:  
Aziz

Be it resolved that Duke of Edinburgh Award Club receive \$150.00 in UTSU Long-Term clubs funding.

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VOTE

CARRIED

43. Long-Term Funding: Plan UofT

DISCUSSION

Aziz explains the nature of the club and some of the programs the club runs. He also states the amount being requested, the total expenses, total revenues and the status of funding from previous years. He states that the club receives funding from their parent company and bake sales.

Scott states that the club's parent company does receive a student levy from UTSU members already. He states that a similar allocation would help the students at this campus are still able to get involved.

MOTION

Moved:  
Scott

Seconded:  
Rosado-  
Ferrari

Be it resolved that Plan UofT receive \$100.00 in UTSU Long-Term clubs funding.

VOTE

CARRIED

44. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

Moved:  
Scott

Seconded: Siddiqui

VOTE

CARRIED

This meeting is adjourned at 10:00pm











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Be it resolved that the Brazilian Culture in Canada application be tabled.

VOTE

CARRIED

12. Long-Term Funding: Statistics Club

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## DISCUSSION

Aziz explains the nature of the club and some of the programs the club runs. He also states the amount being requested, the total expenses, total revenues and the status of funding from previous years.

## MOTION

Moved: Cheema

Seconded: Konidis

Be it resolved that Statistics Club receive \$100.00 in UTSU Long-Term clubs funding pending the completion of a training/consultation.

## VOTE

## CARRIED

### 13. Long Term Funding: International Relations Society

## DISCUSSION

Aziz explains the nature of the club and some of the programs the club runs. He also states the amount being requested, the total expenses, total revenues and the status of funding from previous years.

Cheema states the group has access to a lot of funding from other revenue sources.

Sandhu states the group should be able to secure sponsors for some of the conferences.

## MOTION

Moved: Cheema

Seconded: Konidis

Be it resolved that International Relations Society receive \$400.00 in UTSU Long-Term clubs funding.

## VOTE

## CARRIED

### 14. Long-Term Funding: Sikh Students Association

## DISCUSSION

Aziz explains the nature of the club and some of the programs the club runs. He also states the amount being requested, the total expenses, total revenues and the status of funding from previous years.

Siddiqui states that the club's expenses are incredibly reasonable and minimal for the club's functions.

## MOTION

Moved: Aziz

Seconded: Siddiqui

Be it resolved that Sikh Students Association receive \$200.00 in UTSU Long-Term clubs funding.

















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Long-Term clubs funding.

VOTE

CARRIED

34. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

Moved: Konidis

Seconded: Aziz

VOTE

CARRIED

This meeting is adjourned at 9:35 pm.

# **Minutes of the Professional Faculties Committee**

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# Minutes

PROFAC Committee Meeting #2 of the University of Toronto Students' Union  
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In Attendance:

Voting Members:

Dimpho Redebe  
Dan Shilensky  
Anthony Staibano  
Clara Ho  
Jessie Esufali  
Kishan Chouhan (in at 6:24 pm)

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order 5:54 pm.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION

Moved: Ho

Seconded: Redebe

Be it resolved that the September 28, 2011 agenda be approved as presented.

VOTE

CARRIED

3. INTRODUCTIONS

Each of the participants introduces themselves.

4. ROLE AS UTSU BOARD OF DIRECTOR

Ho states that the Professional Faculty Directors are the liasons between their faculties and the U.T.S.U. Board of Directors. She further states that these directors represent the interests and needs of the members of their respective faculties. She further states that these Directors should strive to work with U.T.S.U. to promote the union's services, programming and campaigns to their faculties.

5. FACULTY ORIENTATION UPDATES

Esufali states that the nursing orientation took place over two days. She further states that the first day was run by the faculty and the second was run by the Nursing Undergraduate Society. She further states that U.T.S.U. was present during the Clubs Day, which was a great opportunity for Nursing students to learn about U.T.S.U. services, events and campaigns.

Radebe states that Engineering Orientation week was a lot of fun. She further states that some members suggested having the parade on the Friday as it is inconvenient for engineers, since their classes start earlier.

Shilensky states that the Medical Students' Orientation took place earlier than most other faculties. He further states that the Orientation week ran smoothly.

Staibano states that the Dentistry orientation week was in August. He further states that they are externally sponsored by a few banks. He states that the U.T.S.U. did a few presentations and the faculty showed interest in the Good Food Box service. He further states the Health and Dental Plan coordinator gave a detailed presentation on the U.T.S.U. Health and Dental plan.

## 6. FACULTY OUTREACH UPDATES

Esfali states that the U.T.S.U. gave a presentation on both Orientation Days and will be hosting a Lunch and Learn, where Nursing students can learn about U.T.S.U. while enjoying a free lunch.

Radebe states that she likes the idea of a Lunch and Learn, and hosting one at Engineering.

Ho states the U.T.S.U. can also arrange for International Student Identity Card production and tabling at the various professional faculties.

Shilensky states that there has been much activity and collaboration between U.T.S.U. and Medicine. He further states that he has been trying to share information on the health and dental plan, as well as time sensitive info, such as Metropass I.D. production dates and Good Food Box dates. He further states the he is hoping to have a Lunch and Learn as well next month.

Staibano states that his outreach approach is getting the word out about his position. He further states that himself and the VP University Affairs have given presentations to all three years in the Faculty of Dentistry. He further states he is trying to convey relevant information, such as the Health and Dental plan, discount tickets, and metropass dates. He further states that there is interest for International Student Identity Card tabling and he is in the process of arranging that with the VP University Affairs. He further states that some Dentistry students have vocalized the need for a multifaith centre within the faculty.

Esfali states they have had similar problems with student space for prayer as well. She further states that the Faculty declared much of the Health Sciences Building as office space.

## 7. DISCUSSION

### STUDENT ISSUES RELEVANT TO FACULTY

Chouhan states that because the Faculty of Music is fairly small, there is no real sense of student life. He further states that students in the Faculty of Music want to have a greater sense of collectivity with the rest of the campus, and contribute more to the university community.

Esfali states that there are internal faculty clubs that are isolated from the rest of the campus. She further states that although the faculty is somewhat isolated, there are many opportunities to get involved within the faculty.

Radebe states that there is a similar problem within the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering. She further states that there is a lack of student space, and that the Engineering Society is not doing much to advocate for more student space within the faculty. She further states that rising tuition fees are also a big issue that the Engineering Society does not address.

Staibano agrees. He states that tuition fees are incredibly high in the Faculty of Dentistry, and international students pay twice as much.

Radebe asks if there is a significant difference in resources used by professional faculty students and arts and science students. She states that Engineering students use lab resources and she wants to know why professional faculty fees are significantly higher than arts and science tuition fees.

Ho states that a fact sheet can be developed from this committee to inform students about how much public funding goes into each professional faculty program, the rate at which tuition fees have increased, and the cost of tuition across professional faculties. She further states that materials could be created on the state of differential fees and how it is an unfair tuition fee policy imposed on professional faculty students.

Staibano states that there is a lack of recognition of the Board of Director's role within the Faculty of Medicine. He further states that he is making efforts to attend his respective faculty council meetings. He further states that a Dentistry student has expressed concerns regarding the lack of prayer space for students and has been trying to secure a Multifaith prayer space in the Faculty.

#### MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Shilensky states that he would like to strengthen the bond between the U.T.S.U. and respective faculties and ensure there is an individual sitting as the Board of Director for each of the respective faculties.

#### OPPORTUNITIES FOR COLLABORATION

Shilensky states that the committee should strive to streamline the professional faculty positions to ensure that they are being filled in future years, for example, creating a Junior Rep position on Faculty councils. He further states that the committee should do research on tuition fees and funding for professional faculties. He further states that directors should strive to promote U.T.S.U. services and ensure that members are knowledgeable about deadlines.

#### 8. FALL 2011 BY-ELECTIONS

Ho states that the U.T.S.U. is currently holding its Fall 2011 by-elections for a number of professional faculty positions. She further states that the professional faculty Board positions up for election include the Faculty of Physical Health and Education, Faculty of Medicine, Faculty of Law, and the Ontario Institute in Studies in Education.

#### 9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

Moved: Radebe

Seconded: Esufali

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

# **Minutes of the Policy and Procedures Committee**

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**October 19, 2011**

# MINUTES

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In Attendance:

Clara Ho  
Munib Sajjad  
Danielle Sandhu  
Thuwanika Kandasamy

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting is called to order at 4:37 pm.

## 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION

Moved: Ho

Seconded: Sandhu

Be it resolved that the October 19, 2011 Policy and Procedures Committee meeting agenda be approved as presented.

## 3. MOTION TO AMEND BYLAW I

MOTION

Moved: Ho

Seconded: Sajjad

Be it resolved that Bylaw I, Article 13 be amended to read:

### 13. Definition of "Full-time undergraduate"

"Full-time undergraduate" shall mean any student registered for a full-time undergraduate study at the University of Toronto St. George or Mississauga campuses, in a program leading to a degree, diploma or certificate of the University, and taking no less than 3.0 full-time equivalent credits.

Be it further resolved that Bylaw I, Head Office be amended to read:

"The Head office of the Union shall be located at the University of Toronto St. George Campus, Toronto, Canada."

## DISCUSSION

Ho states that the first clause does not currently indicate which campuses UTSU membership included. She further states that the updated definition will set out that UTSU members are students at the St. George and Mississauga campuses. She further states that the second clause is being modified as the UTSU will soon be relocating to the Student Commons.

VOTE

CARRIED



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### 4. MOTION TO AMEND BYLAW II

MOTION moved: Ho seconded: Kandasamy

Be it resolved that Bylaw II, Article 2 be amended to read:

#### 2. Termination

- a. Membership in the Union is terminated when a member withdraws, is suspended or expelled from the University of Toronto or upon graduation from the University.
- b. Membership of the Executive Committee is terminated upon resignation, impeachment or dismissal for any reason, unless the member qualifies for a membership as a full-time undergraduate.

### DISCUSSION

Ho states that the bylaw now does not specify that students cease their membership in the Union upon graduation and that this is a simple housekeeping item.

### VOTE

CARRIED

### 5. MOTION TO AMEND BYLAW III

MOTION moved: Ho seconded: Sandhu

Be it resolved that Bylaw III, Article 1.3 be amended to read:

Notice shall be provided to members fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting in a campus publication and the Union website. Agenda and summary of financial position shall be published in conjunction with the notice. Financial statements and items pertaining to the Agenda will be available at the Union offices and website.

Be it further resolved that Bylaw III, Article 2.4 be stricken:

No Director may carry more than three (3) proxies.

### DISCUSSION

Ho states that this motion clarifies where notice of elections must be published. She further states that given that campus media often publish online it made sense to re word the bylaw to include publication. She further states that it was unclear which website the election notice will be published in. She further states that the language clarifies the notice must be published in the UTSU website.

Kandasamy asks why Article 2.4 is being removed

Ho states that the article is redundant as proxies are covered under article 4 of the same bylaw.

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CARRIED

### 6. MOTION TO AMEND BYLAW IV

MOTION Moved: Ho seconded: Sajjad

Be it resolved that Bylaw IV, Article 2 be amended to read:

All policy remains the policy of the Union until amended or rescinded.

DISCUSSION

Ho states that the current of the bylaw does not make sense as there is no higher authority than the Board of Directors which can amend or rescind policy.

VOTE

CARRIED

### 7. MOTION TO AMEND BYLAW V

MOTION moved: Ho seconded: Sandhu

Be it resolved that Bylaw V, article 3.c (ii) be amended to read:

ii. Individuals elected as Faculty of Arts and Science At-Large representatives must be from separate constituencies.

Be it further resolved that Bylaw V, article 3.d (ii) be amended to read:

ii. Individuals elected as Professional Faculty At-Large representatives must be from separate Professional Faculties.

DISCUSSION

Ho states that the previous wording was convoluted and somewhat confusing. She further states that this language makes it clearer that Directors elected for at-large positions cannot reside in the College or Faculty.

VOTE

CARRIED

### 8. MOTION TO AMEND BYLAW VI

MOTION moved: Ho seconded: Sajjad

Be it resolved that Bylaw VI, Article 1 be amended to read:

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## 1. Elections and Referenda Committee

The Union shall maintain an Elections and Referenda Committee, which shall be responsible for the administration of all elections to fill Board of Directors positions. The Elections and Referenda Committee shall ensure that all elections occur in the manner prescribed by the Bylaw and the policies of the Union.

- a. The Elections Referenda Committee shall be comprised of:  
Three (3) executive committee members selected by the Executive Committee
  - i. One (1) Director from Division I
  - ii. One (1) Director from Division II
  - iii. One (1) additional Director from the Board
- b. The Elections and Referenda Committee shall determine the eligibility of all nominated candidates.
- c. The Elections and Referenda Committee may disqualify a candidate or rule any election invalid for any violation of the Bylaws.
- d. the Elections and Referenda Committee shall submit a report on the conduct and results of all elections to the Board for ratification.

Be it further resolved that Bylaw VI, Article 2.b (i) be amended to read:

- i. Notice of the date of the elections and nomination procedure shall be given to members by campus publication and Union website at least fourteen (14) days prior to the start of the nomination period.

Be it further resolved that Bylaw VI, Article 2. B (ii) be amended to read:

- ii. a general election in the Fall Session, between September 20 and October 30 of each year, for the positions of Directors representing constituencies having an academic program for one year, and for any vacancies in the Board or Executive occurring before August 1 of any year.

Be it further resolved that Bylaw VI, Article 3.c be stricken:

- c. Only executive candidate may be elected at UTM

## DISCUSSION

Ho states that there were sentences that were unnecessarily repeated. She further states that the language around campus publications and the Union website is being changed to bring it in line with changes being made to bylaw III.

## VOTE

## CARRIED

## 9. MOTION TO AMEND BYLAW VII

## MOTION

moved: Ho

seconded: Kandasamy

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Be it resolved that Bylaw VII be amended to read:

### Duties and Responsibilities of the Board

The Board of Directors is the highest decision-making body of the Union that governs the daily advocacy and services. It consists of Directors elected by the membership to govern the affairs of the Union. Decisions made at the Board are final, unless rescinded.

The Board has the right to externalize any motions brought forth by a committee or commission, or to ratify or reject all actions of the committees and commissions with the following exceptions:

- Any staff or personnel issues;
- Any Elections and Referenda Committee actions, except for ratifying or rejecting funds allocated or expended by the Committee; and
- Any Appeals Committee actions.

Be it further resolved that Bylaw VII, article 5.a be amended to read:

The Board of Directors, can, with exceptions of staff and office policies, vary, add to, reassign or limit the powers and duties of the executives or individual members of the Executive Committee by a 2/3 majority vote of members present at the meeting of the Board, subject to provisions in these bylaws.

## DISCUSSION

Ho states that the language around the rights of the Board to externalize motions was extremely confusing and convoluted. She further states that this wording will clarify what rights the Board has.

## VOTE

## CARRIED

## 10 . MOTION TO AMEND BYLAW X

MOTION      moved:              seconded:

Be it resolved that Bylaw X, Article 4 be amended to read:

### 4. Vacancies

a. Executive vacancies require a by-election to be called no later than thirty (30) days:

i. Provided that the vacancy occurs during the months of May, June, or July, the by-election shall be held in conjunction with the Fall Session General Elections. Until the vacancy is filled, the Executive Committee shall designate an interim Executive to fill the vacant office subject to Board approval.

ii. If the vacancy occurs during on or after August 1 or once the Fall Session General Elections process has begun, the Executive Committee shall post the vacant position for no less than twenty (20) days, conduct an interview process and select no less than two (2) candidates to send to the Board of Directors for election.

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### DISCUSSION

Ho States that previously there was a gap of a month in a case of an executive vacancy. She further states in a case where an executive resigned in August, there is no course of action set out in the bylaws

Sandhu states that this change would also bring this in line with changes being proposed to Bylaw VI.

### VOTE

CARRIED

### 11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

Moved: Ho

Seconded: Kandasamy

VOTE

CARRIED

Meeting is adjourned at 5:24 pm

# **WUSC Leadership Meeting**

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## **Report Back**

## REPORT BACK- WORLD UNIVERSITY SERVICE OF CANADA (WUSC) LEADERSHIP MEETING August 18-21, 2011

### INTRODUCTION

World University Service Of Canada (WUSC) is a registered Canadian charity organization founded over 60 years ago. It is a network of individuals, groups and post-secondary institutions who believe that all people are entitled to the knowledge and skills necessary to contribute to a more equitable world. WUSC sponsors groups, individuals and institutions in order to foster human development and global understanding through education and training. The University of Toronto Students' Union (UTSU), as a sponsoring group, sent a representative to attend the WUSC Leadership Meeting in August.

### OVERVIEW OF WUSC

WUSC is unique among development organizations in their ability to link Canadian colleges and universities with their overseas counterparts. WUSC is present on campuses across the country connecting post-secondary students, faculty and leaders through:

- Student Refugee Programs (SRP) - Supporting students fleeing war or persecution in developing countries to continue their studies in Canada.
- Uniterria- Mobilizing students to help achieve the Millennium Development Goals through education, advocacy and overseas volunteering. Overseas learning opportunities includes an international seminar and Students Without Borders, an innovative program that enables students to apply their academic knowledge to work environments in the developing world, while in most cases, earning credits.

### STUDENT REFUGEE PROGRAM (SRP)

Whether due to war or political repression, students are often persecuted, imprisoned or forced into exile, joining the ranks of the world's estimated 16 million refugees and asylum seekers. They have virtually no opportunity for post-secondary education. Through SRP, capable young men and women are resettled in Canada as permanent residents and pursue their education in an environment free of violence and fear.

From diverse countries of origin such as Afghanistan, Burma, Burundi, Congo, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Rwanda and South Sudan, most formerly sponsored students have successfully completed their studies and are now active Canadian citizens making valuable contributions to their communities. An example closer to home is Emmanuel, a former U.T.S.U.-sponsored student, who has graduated from UofT and proceeded to do his graduate degree at Queen's University and is now working with the Ontario government.

### THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO STUDENTS' UNION (UTSU) POSITION IN WUSC

Through the SRP, U.T.S.U. helps student refugees resettle in Canada to pursue their studies and move on with their lives. Through this program, U.T.S.U. has changed lives and transformed souls. As a student-sponsoring committee plays a vital role in making the student refugee program (SRP) a success.

Through their continuous support to the SRP, U.T.S.U. has been responsible for providing financial and social support for a minimum of 12 months from the time the sponsored student arrives on campus.

Financial support includes basic living and academic costs such as rent, food, clothing and books. Social



support includes helping the sponsored student adapt to life in Canada and the Canadian education system. For instance, the local committee welcomes the sponsored student upon arrival, helps them settle in and assists with registering for courses and accessing campus, health and other services. As the 2010-11 sponsored student, I appreciated the support of the Vice-President Equity and the local committee in helping me get settled, and am glad to see the same support is being provided to the 2011-12 sponsored student.

#### CONCLUSION

Through the SRP, the U.T.S.U. is changing the world. It is hard to describe exactly the importance or the amazing role the U.T.S.U. is playing in international development through the Student Refugee Program because that role is huge and no words can really be used to commend the support. The support is a lifeline to disadvantaged youth caught in conflicts with which they have nothing to do.

As the U.T.S.U. representative to the leadership meeting, I was indeed lucky because it was an eye opener and a forum to connect with young activists across the country

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