

University of Toronto Students' Union

Local 98, Canadian Federation of Students

Board of Directors Package #6

**For the meeting of
Tuesday, September 27, 2011**

**256 University College
St. George Campus
6 pm**

RULES OF ORDER AT A GLANCE

| To Do This: | You Say This: | May You Interrupt the Speaker? | Must You be Seconded? | Is the Motion Debatable? | Is the Motion Amendable? | What Majority is Required? |
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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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Board of Directors, University of Toronto Students' Union

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

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AGENDA

Board of Directors Meeting #6 of the University of Toronto Students' Union
Tuesday, September 27 2011 • 6 pm • 256 University College

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION Moved: C. Scott Seconded: Aziz

Be it resolved that the agenda for the September 27, 2011 U.T.S.U. Board of Directors meeting be approved as presented.

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 September 27, 2011 Board meeting.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION Moved: C. Scott Seconded: Sandhu

Be it resolved that the September 27, 2011 minutes package including the following documents be approved by the U.T.S.U. Board of Directors:

- a. Board of Directors (2011-2012), *August 23, September 15 (Emergency meeting)*
- b. Executive Committee, *August 26, September 2*
- c. Academic and Student Rights Commission, *August 24*
- d. Social Justice and Equity Commission, *September 20*
- e. Sustainability Commission, *September 14*
- f. Community Action Commission, *September 15*
- g. Policy and Procedures Committee, *August 25*
- h. Election and Referenda Committee, *September 23*

5. REPORT BACK- CANADIAN FEDERATION OF STUDENTS-ONTARIO ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

6. FYI- NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

7. OTHER BUSINESS

8. 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 – September 27, 2011 Danielle Sandhu – President

Executive Summary:

- 1) UofT to go Bottled Water – Free
- 2) Provost Town Halls and *Towards 2030: The View from 2012*
- 3) Meeting with President Naylor
- 4) Orientation
 - a. U.T.S.U. Orientation Programming
 - b. Divisional Orientations
 - c. Waiver from Office of Vice Provost Students
- 5) Get Involved with your U.T.S.U.!

1. UofT to go Bottled Water – Free

After a three year student-led campaign, the University administration has announced that the three campuses of the University are going bottled water – free. As of this month, food service outlets and vending machines at the St. George campus will no longer offer bottled water for sale, and bottled water will be phased out at the Mississauga and Scarborough campuses within three years. Instead, members of the community will have access to new fountains and water-refill stations.

We have been working with our sister students' unions, the UTMSU and GSU, and members of the Public Water Initiative to educate members of the University community about the environmental and social impact of the commodification of water, as well as working with the office of Ancillary Services to create a phase-out plan.

We are excited to see this commitment from the administration, and inspired by the work of our members. The success of the bottled water – free campaign demonstrates the importance of students working together and the principled impact we can have on our institution and within our communities.

2. Provost Town Halls and *Towards 2030: The View from 2012*

In 2008, the Governing Council approved in principle the document, *Towards 2030: A Long-term Planning Framework for the University of Toronto*. This document was a synthesis report generated from the submissions of various stakeholders in the University, as well as the insight and conclusions of President Naylor. The report set out a vision for how the University should develop over the course of the next few decades and fulfill its mission to “continue to be distinguished by a research-intensive culture, the academic rigour of its educational offerings at all levels, and the excellence of its faculty, staff and students across three distinctive campuses and in many partner institutions.”

In the September 7, 2011 meeting of the Governing Council, Provost Cheryl Misak announced that it was time for a review of the progress that the University had made towards the vision outlined in the 2030 document, as well as an assessment of the challenges and opportunities facing the institution in 2012. She outlined a review process to take place over a period of six months. This process would



include town halls across each of the three campuses, as well as discussion in governance bodies; meetings with deans, chairs, college principals and program directors; and a dedicated website for written input. The process will culminate in a report, Towards 2030: The View from 2012, to be released in February which will be presented to the Governing Council for approval in the spring of 2012.

Town halls are scheduled for November 4th at the St. George campus, November 8th at the Mississauga campus and November 14th at the Scarborough campus.

3. Meeting with President Naylor

Members of the executive recently met with President Naylor to discuss Union initiatives and ways in which the administration and students' union could work together to pursue shared objectives. The discussions mainly focused upon orientation, the success of the bottled water-free initiative and the upcoming provincial election. The president echoed our sentiments of the importance of student engagement in the elections, and the need for a commitment to increased funding and support from the government for our post-secondary institutions.

4. Orientation

a. UTSU Orientation programming

A lot of hard work, time and effort went into the planning and execution of our orientation programming. This year's orientation was among the smoothest orientations we have run. The decision to spread our orientation programming across two days may have contributed to the overall smoothness of the orientation. Our clubs fair was well-organised, and easier to navigate than in past years. We have received incredibly positive feedback from our clubs, as well as individual attendees of the fair. Vice Provost Students Jill Matus attended the fair and also shared her appreciation for our efforts and the event.

Our orientation parade was an incredible display of unity across the three campuses. We were excited to see representation from Scarborough and Mississauga, as well as the various faculties at St. George, particularly our professional faculties. Participants found the parade to be absolutely incredible.

The orientation concert was tremendous and participants eagerly called for an encore of our headliner act, the Sam Roberts Band. Members enjoyed the various food vendors and carnival-styled additions to the concert, as well as the giveaways from the stage courtesy of the executive committee.

Our after party has grown over the last few years to become a party of over five thousand students. We are pleased to have once again hosted a safe and fun orientation club night for our members. From coordinating shuttle buses at Hart House and at the club, as well as ensuring that everything was running smoothly inside, this was the most well-coordinated after party we have organised to date.

Another success of this year's orientation was the development of a strong orientation leader team. We had a team of dedicated leaders that were engaged in orientation planning, assisted with the



logistics and staffing on the days of, and are now interested in participating in other Union initiatives throughout the year.

A special thank you and heartfelt congratulations goes to members of our orientation team: Hong Nguyen, Elliot Coombe, Igor Samardzvic, Fatema Pardhan, Vita Carlino and Lori Kufner for your hard work and dedication.

Our orientation programming has definitely kicked off the school year in a great way! Here's to more great programming ahead.

b. Divisional orientations

Members of the Executive Committee along with several board members attended a number of divisional orientation events during Orientation week. We focused on participating in the divisional clubs fairs, in order to outreach to new students and ensure they are aware of their students' union. Our new members were very engaged in learning about the services, events, and campaigns of the Union. Executives also attended a number of the events and socials organised for divisional orientations in order to meet students in a less formal setting and to support the divisional orientation organisers.

Congratulations to the college and faculty orientation coordinators on their respective orientation programming.

c. Waiver from Office of Vice Provost Students

In our most recent meeting with the Vice-Provost Students, Jill Matus, we received a confirmation that her office would once again; provide us with a waiver of fees associated with Facilities and Services costs. This was in response to our efforts in good faith to provide a context to the expenses we incur as a Union for hosting the central orientation at the University of Toronto on campus. We maintained our principled position about our orientation materials, indicating that it was our members alone that had the power to shape our work as a Union.

5. Get Involved with your U.T.S.U.!

Our executive has been doing outreach across the campus in the first few weeks of classes in the hopes of connecting with as many members as possible. We want our members to be aware of the services and advocacy to which they have access, and the events and programming they can help develop. There are incredible opportunities for getting involved at the students' union – from the provincial election, to Blue and White days, to eXpression Against Oppression and the February 1st National Day of Action. Let's all work to ensure that we are reaching out to members in our constituencies to help them get involved with our Union and our communities.

Respectfully submitted,

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Executive Report-September 27, 2011 Albi Aziz- Vice-President Campus Life

Executive Summary:

- 1) Orientation
- 2) Commuter Students Orientation
- 3) Blue and White Spirit Days
- 4) Campus Life Commission
- 5) Clubs executive training
- 6) Clubs Recognition
- 7) Funding

1. Orientation

Orientation has proven to be a huge success this year. Beginning with our Clubs Fair, UTSU filled the space allotted to campus groups in record time. The Parade, Concert, and after-party also received positive feedback from our members with high-energy cheer-offs, an encore performance by Sam Roberts Band, and a final wrap-up party at the Government Nightclub. This has definitely been one of the smoothest running and most highly attended orientations to date. UTSU executives, Board members, and associates were also present at various divisional orientations throughout the week so that members were able to ask questions, pick up materials, and find out how to get involved with their Union. Many thanks to the entire Orientation Management Committee, Associates, Junior OC – Igor Samardzic, Volunteer Associate – Fatema Pardhan, all the volunteers and leaders, as well as the Board Members that helped out in the planning stages and throughout the week.

2. Commuter Students Orientation

On Tuesday September 13th, we held our Commuter Students Orientation. With a high turnout in the morning, students were able to take part in the reception barbeque on the UTSU lawn and meet executives, Board members and associates. Participants also had the opportunity to take part in a campus-wide scavenger hunt, and hear speakers share their experiences as a commuter student as well as ways to get involved on campus. Thank you to our Events Associate – Shaun Poon, and Executive Assistant – Lori Kufner for their continued work on such great programming and logistics.



3. Blue & White Spirit Days

The annual Blue & White events continue! This year, Blue and White Spirit days will take place on Thursday, September 29th and Friday September 30th, 2011. In collaboration with the Varsity Stadium and several divisions, Blue & White Spirit days will now feature a Club Night at XS Nightclub on September 29th. On September 30th, we will be hosting a BBQ, Pep Rally, Varsity Blues Football Game against Queen's University, and Pub Night. We are encouraging Board Members to volunteer to help out with the programming, and engage students at one of the most spirited times of the year. By having this year's Blue & White days in September, we are hoping to continue the Orientation week energy right through the Fall semester.

4. Campus Life Commission

The next Campus Life Commission meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 28th, 2011 between 4:00 – 6:00PM. Room Location TBA.

5. Clubs Executive Training

The UTSU has hosted four Clubs Executive training sessions thus far. The most recent one was held on Friday September 16th, 2011. With close to 80 registered clubs, we continue to collaborate with campus groups to help foster growth, great programming and funding opportunities for UTSU clubs.

6. 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 our services and resources that we have available to them. It is great to see and hear about the events that are planned by clubs this year, and I look forward to the diversity of them all. Again, there is a set drop-in time for club members: Tuesday 12:00 – 2:00 PM to consult with the Vice-President Campus Life for any budget proposals, constitution reviews, event planning, etc.

7. Funding

Clubs have begun to submit their funding applications to the UTSU. Many clubs are also taking advantage of the drop-in hours for event consultation or administrative questions, and have also been signing up for budget proposal meetings. Just a



reminder that Friday, October 14th, 2011 is the deadline for Long-Term Funding applications.

In Solidarity,

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



Executive Report – September 27th, 2011
Vice-President Equity – Lena Elamin

Executive summary:

1. Social Justice and Equity Commission meetings
2. Expression Against Oppression- Planning
3. Fundraiser: Eradicate The Famine in Southern Somalia
4. Charter For Compassion

1. Social Justice and Equity Commission Meetings

As the new academic year begins, the Union will be holding biweekly fixed meetings for The Social Justice and Equity Commission. The Social Justice and Equity Commission will meet every other Tuesday between 3pm-4:30pm or 4pm-5:30pm, depending on members' availability. Most of the commission meetings will be held in University College.

2. eXPRESSION AGAINST OPPRESSION – planning

We have been planning for XAO throughout the summer months with the dedication of our executive assistant Lori Kuffner as well as members of the Social Justice and Equity Commission and the Executive Committee. During our XAO working-group meetings, we have discussed logistics, events, and ideas to be developed during that week as discussed in our Social Justice and Equity Commission. Some of our events will include a self-defence class, an arts night and gallery display, aboriginal performances, film screenings and panel discussions. XAO will take place Oct 17-21, 2011.

Any interested members wanting to become part of the XAO planning group can contact me at vpequity@utsu.ca

3. Fundraising Events to Eradicate the Famine in Southern Somalia

During our Social Justice and Equity Commission meeting, we have discussed ideas for fundraising events for famine relief in Southern Somalia. With the support of our members, Board of Directors, staff, and dedicated volunteers we are hoping to join our collective efforts to raise as much as we can to support famine relief efforts in Somalia. As we do general outreach to our members at the start of the school year, we have made announcements about the famine and collected donations.

I strongly encourage every member of the board to participate in this ongoing relief effort in any way they can.

The Funds will be going to Somalia through Islamic Relief Canada (IRC). The foundation is one of the most recognized non-for profit organizations and it has also been recognized and supported by The Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA).

For more information about IRC, please visit <http://www.islamicreliefcanada.org/client/home.aspx>



4. Charter for Compassion

We are pleased to introduce a new document that is being drafted with religious groups on campus and the Multi-Faith Centre (MFC). These faith-based clubs are signing the document as a way of recognizing that the principles of compassion are at the core of all religions and beliefs. Calling on to the principles of compassion allows us to be tolerant, respectful and peaceful. We are hoping this document gets drafted and finalized by the end of this semester.

Your friend in solidarity,

Lena Elamin
Vice-President Equity
University of Toronto Students' Union
Local 98, Canadian Federation of Students



Executive Report- September 27, 2011 Vice-President External- Shaun Shepherd

Executive Summary:

1. DisOrientation (September 17-23, 2011)
2. City of Toronto Executive Committee Deputations
3. Take it Over Campaign Update
4. Community Action Commission Meetings
5. CFS-O Semi-Annual General Meetings

1. DisOrientation (September 17-23)

DisOrientation is one of a series of alternative orientations hosted by the University of Toronto Students' Union. 'DisO' speaks to alternative and marginalized academic perspectives, and engages prospective social activists. We have had ongoing meetings with the Ontario Public Interest Research Group to organize for DisO.

You will find the scheduled DisO events along with their description at disorientation2011.org.

2. City of Toronto Executive Committee Deputations

On September 19th 2011, the City of Toronto Executive Committee heard about 300 public deputations. UTSU executives were amongst the 300 community members that presented. Executive Committee members shared members' concerns over the impact budget cuts will have on students.

The proposed cuts to City services will affect students negatively across the board. In the executives' deputations, we shared with the City's Executive Committee the realities students face and the impacts that service cuts would have on Toronto's student population.

Here is a snapshot of a selection of the proposed cuts:

- Reduce 2,000 city-subsidized childcare spaces in 2012 and eliminate these spaces entirely by 2013. This service costs the city \$24 million, however on average each ward has 448 children on the waiting list for subsidized child care. Across the City, the current wait list for city-subsidized child care stands at 20,757 children.
- The TTC is faced with a prospective \$85 million budget shortfall. Ridership has been steadily increasing over the past 8 years and ridership is expected to increase by 15 million in 2012. The city manager recommends cutting the blue line service, or charging higher fares for the service. As well, there is a recommendation to increase the "crowding standard" which would delay new vehicles from being purchased.
- There are numerous other social services that are on the chopping block. The city manager is recommending that no new affordable housing be created, Housing Loan Program be reduced, free access to dental care for low income families be reduced, and that the Hardship Fund be eliminated.



The reality is that over 600,000 Torontonians are categorized as low-income. There are currently 70,000 families on the wait list for city-subsidized housing across every ward.

On September 26, Toronto City council will meet to vote on the proposed cuts to city services. A rally is being organized by several community organizations in the GTA and will take place at 5:30 at City Hall. The UTSU encourages Board members to attend and stand in solidarity against the proposed service cuts of the Core Services Review.

3. Take it Over Campaign Update

The Take it Over campaign is an initiative generated by member locals of the Canadian Federation of Students-Ontario. Member locals have committed to undertake the task of developing avenues for student involvement in the October 6th provincial election.

On September 6th, we hosted an action at Queen's Park in which students "took over" Queen's Park. Students wrapped themselves in caution tape and surrounded the building. The event was peaceful and we received media coverage from CBC, Metro, as well as local community media outlets.

We have committed to host weekly Take it Over coalition meetings in Sid Smith every Tuesday at 3pm until October 6th. On September 15th, the U.T.S.U. and the Hart House Debates Committee collaborated to produce a Trinity-Spadina all-candidates debate. The Progressive Conservative, New Democratic Party, Green Party, and Liberal Party candidates participated. Along with the debate committee, we submitted questions for the candidates to respond to. As well, those who were not on attendance had the opportunity to submit questions via Facebook. A portion of the debate was dedicated candidates responding to questions.

Moving closer to elections day, we will be increasing our efforts to undertake voter education across campus, with a focus on students in residence. We will be encouraging students to vote using any of the Elections Ontario certified means, including the special ballot.

Board Members are encouraged to join us to outreach to their constituents.

4. Community Action Commission Meetings (August 17th & September 15th)

The August 18 Community Action Commission Meeting was held in UC144 at 5:30pm and the September 15 meeting at UC248 at 5pm. Information on the meeting can be found in the *Community Action Commission Minutes*.

5. CFS-O Semi-Annual General Meeting (August 18th-21st)

For the full briefing on the CFS-O Semi-Annual General Meeting, please refer to the CFS-O AGM Report-Back.

In solidarity,

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Executive Report – September 27, 2011
VP University Affairs- Clara Ho

Executive Summary:

1. Outreach to Professional Faculties
2. "Fitness for Food" Zumba-Yogathon
3. Orientation Week
4. Victoria University Students' Administrative Council (VUSAC) Meeting
5. U.T.S.U. Fall By-Elections

1. Outreach to Professional Faculties

Over the past month, the executive has been working closely with a number of the Board of Directors representing professional faculties to develop an effective outreach and membership development strategy. We also discussed the specific needs of each faculty and what services and programming would be most beneficial to them. As a result, we created U.T.S.U. presentations tailored to the interests and needs of each group and presented them to incoming and returning students in the Faculties of Medicine, Dentistry, and the Toronto School of Theology. We have also reached out to Nursing and Physical Education and Health students during their Orientation Clubs days. Over the next month, we will be giving more presentations and producing International Student Identity Cards (ISIC) at tabling opportunities within each faculty.

2. "Fitness for Food"

The Union has been collaborating with Hart House and the Faculty of Physical and Health Education to organize a health and wellness event involving yoga and zumba fitness classes. All proceeds from the event will go towards our U.T.S.U. Food Bank. Currently, promotional materials are out and tickets are now on sale for the event at the University of Toronto Ticket Office. We are working on securing sponsors and gift donations from local businesses to support this event.

3. Orientation Week

This past U.T.S.U. Orientation 2011 has been a great success, thanks to the hard work of staff and volunteers. Over the course of the week, Executives and volunteers tabled at various faculty and colleges club's days, gave class presentations on U.T.S.U. services and programming, and supporting respective Orientation events. We worked closely with our Orientation staff to run effective Orientation Leader Training sessions, and helped ensure that the set-up, duration, and take-down of all events were supported and carried out in a timely manner.

4. Victoria University Students' Administrative Council (VUSAC) Meeting

On Wednesday, September 14th, several members of the Executive Committee attended VUSAC's first meeting of the year where the Council discussed upcoming events and current projects. The Goldring Student Centre is currently in construction and the council has been working with administration to finalize the details of the operation agreement and student space allocations. VUSAC is also holding Fall elections for a number of Member-At-Large positions and a few council commissioner roles. We are working with the Council to bring U.T.S.U. services to the East end of



campus and develop opportunities for outreach.

5. U.T.S.U. Fall By-Elections

We have hired our Chief Returning Officer and Deputy Returning Officer for the Fall by-elections. The elections notice has been posted in The Newspaper and the Varsity. Polling locations are being secured. This Fall, there are five positions up for election: Transitional Year Program, Faculty of Medicine, Faculty of Physical Education and Health, and the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education. The hiring of elections support staff is underway, and nominations for the Fall by-elections will be open right before the Thanksgiving long weekend.

In Solidarity,

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



Executive Report of the Vice-President Internal & Services Monday, September 19, 2011

Executive Summary:

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

1. COMMUNICATIONS

UTSU Member Handbook and Club Directory

The U.T.S.U. member handbooks and Clubs Directories have been a popular item to pick up at our office. We continue to hand out the handbooks but have limited numbers of Clubs directories remaining.

Services Promotion

We continue to work on strategies for promoting services with the Organisational Services Development Committee. Last month, we printed flyers for our Online Book Exchange and the TTC Datacard on Campus Program. We have ordered more cards due to the increasing demand for both of these services.

Our members also received the Health and Dental toothbrushes eagerly. We are seeing an increase in the amount of traffic in our office regarding the Health and Dental plan as a result of this new strategy. The Health and Dental rave cards are also popular as they have pertinent information on the plan. We have also begun designing posters that advertise each of the U.T.S.U. services separately so that students understand the full breadth of the services the Union provides. We are excited to start distributing these posters around campus and securing permanent glass-cased locations to place them. Throughout the various Orientation activities and conversations with new members, we have been emphasizing that the Union provides many services which complement our advocacy and campaign work.

Divisional Orientation Outreach

Throughout Orientation Week we had presences at the following Divisional Clubs Fairs: Victoria College, St. Michael's College, University College, New College, Innis College, Trinity College, the Faculty of Physical Education and Health, Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, Faculty of Law. As well, we also made presentations at the Faculties of Dentistry, Theology, Medicine, Engineering and Applied Science, Transitional Year Program and the University of Toronto Mississauga Students' Union Orientation. In addition, we co-hosted a barbeque with the Engineering Society on front campus where we provided the music and information on services, campaigns and events.

Thank you to all directors, associates, staff members and volunteers that helped staff tables and engage our members.



Orientation Outreach

In addition to doing outreach at divisional orientations, we have also expanded the outreach strategies at the U.T.S.U. tent on both Clubs Day and at the Orientation Concert. Our tent was busier than it had ever been before and we saw increased traffic at all of our tables. We were also excited to see increased activity of engaging Orientation leaders and upper year students.

Not only were we giving out information on services, events and campaigns, we were also selling discounted tickets, conducting a listserv raffle and collecting cards for the What's Missing: U.T.S.U. Play Cards competition.

2. MEMBER SERVICES

UTSU Health and Dental Opt-Out Period

The Health and Dental opt-out period is now underway and ends on October 7, 2011. As determined by referendum, in order to opt-out of the health plan, the member must prove that they have coverage elsewhere by providing information on the insurer and policy number. Any member may choose to opt-out of the dental plan.

Members are reminded that the health plan provides coverage in addition to OHIP and UHIP. Members can opt-out at www.studentplans.ca.

UTSU Book Bursary

The UTSU Book Bursary form is now available in the Union our office or via email. Due to an increased usage of our website we have had to switch hosting servers. We hope that once the switch happens, we will be able to upload the form online as well.

UTSU 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. They are scheduled to be back on campus in the U.T.S.U. office on September 27, October 27 and January 27. These dates were determined to accommodate students that were not on campus for September and for students who will be beginning classes in January. As well, post-secondary student identification cards from the 2010-2011 year are valid until the end of October. We are expecting to see a high turnout for all three scheduled dates.

International Student Identification Card (ISIC)

The 2011-2012 version of the ISIC is now available at the U.T.S.U. Office. We are currently in the process of scheduling dates to make and distribute cards in high traffic areas such as Sidney Smith and Bahen Centre as well as professional faculty buildings. Board members are encouraged to volunteer for shifts to help make cards in their respective divisions or high traffic areas prior to the Fall Break.



UTSU Book Exchange

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

The Organisational Development and Services Committee has previewed and discussed the Book Exchange Service. We have designed rave cards that have been handed out to students with information regarding the TTC post-secondary student identification card. In addition, posters have been made and placed around campus.

We are pleased to be able to continue to offer this cost-saving service to our members and help put money back into our members' pockets.

UTSU Good Food Box Program

In addition to revamping the online Book Exchange Program, the website developers have also been tasked with creating an online ordering form for the Good Food Box Program. The Good Food Box was introduced last year and has been a popular way for student to access affordable, healthy and local foods at a low price. Moving the service online will increase accessibility to this service. Members will still have the opportunity to purchase the Box from the Union office as well.

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

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

UTSU 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 for all students registered at the University of Toronto and is a very important service for students and their families who are facing financial barriers. Students must register to use the program. Directors are encouraged to sign up for volunteer shifts on Fridays from 12pm-4pm at the Multifaith Centre. Contact me if you are interested in getting involved.

Members of our staff and executive have begun discussions with Hart House and the Athletic Centre in the hopes of hosting a joint fundraiser for the Food and Clothing Bank this year. The fundraiser will aim to promote healthy and sustainable exercise through Zumba Dance and yoga. Posters, flyers and other forms of promotion have gone out and we are now selling tickets for the event at our office and at Hart House.

If there are any directors who are interested in getting involved in this project, please feel free to email vpinternal@utsu.ca.



Discounted Entertainment Tickets

The popular discounted Wonderland tickets are available in the Union office. We are able to offer "visit once" tickets for \$39, "visit twice" tickets for \$53, and junior tickets for \$32. We also offer affordable movie tickets, which members have shown their appreciation for week after week. Due to the success of these programs, we are working on expanding our discounted tickets package. The Organizational Development and Services Committee will be convening within the next month to brainstorm how to expand and promote the discounted tickets program for our membership.

Imaginus Poster Sale

The Organisational Development and Service Committee worked with Imaginus Poster Sale for securing space on campus for Monday, September 19 and Tuesday, September 20. In addition to providing space, we also brought our students' rights posters and bottled water free posters to hand out to students for free.

Toronto FC Tickets

Through working with the Ryerson Students' Union and the York Federation of Students, we were able to secure discounted tickets to the sold out Toronto FC game on October 1, 2011 against the New York Red Bulls. The tickets were available for \$50 (a \$10 discount). We saw a high interest in the tickets and several clubs also showed interest in purchasing tickets in bulk for their members.

Organisational Services Development Committee

The next Organisational Development and Services Committee will be held on Monday, September 26.

3. HUMAN RESOURCES

Executive Assistant – Graphic Design

The U.T.S.U. has created a part-time graphic designer position to produce materials relevant to services, campaigns and events such as posters, flyers and websites. The application date has passed and interviews have been scheduled.

Frontline Staff

We will be posting a position for a front desk staff person to assist in the increased individual and club services activity at our front desk. Please see the application deadlines and job posting on our website.

Associates

There are two openings for associate positions at the U.T.S.U.. Please see the application deadlines and job posting on our website.



Executive Director hiring

Amir Bashir has filled the role of Executive Director as of Monday, September 19, 2011. He can be reached at amir@utsu.ca.

4. BUDGETING AND PLANNING FRAMEWORK

Budget Proposals

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

Budget Committee

The next Budget Committee will be held on Thursday, September 27.

2010-2011 AUDIT

The 2010-2011 fiscal year ended on April 30, 2011. Our auditors had begun reviewing the Union's financial information on July 12, 2011. Our outgoing and incoming Executive Directors, Financial and Operations Coordinators have been working to collate and provide the necessary financial information to the auditors. The Executive Committee will provide the Board with an update once the audit is completed this Fall.

5. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Board of Directors Training

A second Board of Directors training will be held following the Fall by-elections.

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.

Fall Session Board of Directors Meetings will take place as follows:

Monday, October 24, 2011, 6pm-9pm
Tuesday, November 15, 2011, 6pm-9pm
Thursday, December 8, 2011, 6pm-9pm

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





Respectfully Submitted,

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Minutes of the Board of Directors

**August 23, 2011
September 15, 2011**

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Attendance:

Stephanie Abrahams (St. Michael's College)
Albi Aziz (Vice-President Campus Life)
Lena Elamin (Vice-President Equity)
Jesse Esufali (Faculty of Nursing)
Rebecca Harvey (Woodsworth College)
Clara Ho (Vice-President University Affairs)
Prescilla Jong (St. Michael's College)
Saba Khan (UTM)
Dimpho Radebe (Faculty of Engineering)
Munib Sajjad (UTMSU representative)
Danielle Sandhu (President)
Corey Scott (Vice-President Internal & Services Affairs)
Michael Scott (Trinity College)
Shaun Shepherd (Vice-President External)
Keshav Uppal (UTM)
Leonicka Valcius (New College)
Jonathan Valelly (Innis College)
Dan Shilensky (Professional Faculty At-Large) (in at 6:09)
Carly Degenstein (Victoria College) (in at 6:11 left at 8:14)
Sana Rokhsefat (Arts & Science At-Large) (in at 6:27)
Min Kyu-Kim (Victoria College) (in at 6:33)
Lisette Ferrari (St. Michael's College) (in at 6:35)

Proxy:

Anne Xu to Keshav Uppal, Seconded to Munib Sajjad
Kishan Chouhan to Corey Scott, Seconded to Danielle Sandhu
Shreena Dhawan to Leonicka Reyes, seconded to Thuwanika Kandasamy
Susan Hwang to Corey Scott, seconded to Jon Foster
Ramya Janandharan to Sana Rokhsefat, seconded to Corey Scott
Jarrar Ahmed to Abigail Gyaben Cudjoe seconded to Shaun Shepherd
Jon Foster to Corey Scott
Abigail Gyaben Cudjoe to Sana Rokhsefat
Gina Hussein to Saba Khan, Seconded to Munib Sajjad
Thuwanika Kandasamy to Shreena Dhawan, seconded to Shaun Shepherd
Sana Rokhsefat to Jonathan Valelly

Ex Officio:

Kevin Sousa (President, Physical and Health Education Undergraduate Association)

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION

Moved: C. Scott

Seconded: Sandhu

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

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MOTION

Moved: Scott, C.

Seconded: Aziz

Be it resolved that the agenda for the August 23, 2011 U.T.S.U Board of Directors Meeting be amended to move item 6:FYI-Orientation report to item 3.

DISCUSSION

Scott, M. speaks against the motion. He states that the campus-wide Orientation meeting is happening at the moment and they would like to attend and speak to Orientation items.

Sandhu states that Coombe, the UTSU Orientation coordinator would also like to attend the OC meeting and as such we should move the item up on the agenda.

VOTE

Opposed: Scott, M.

CARRIED

MAIN MOTION

VOTE

Opposed: Scott, M.

CARRIED

Agenda approved as amended.

3. FYI-ORIENTATION REPORT

Coombe states he is one of the Orientation Coordinators for the second year and that planning has been fantastic and ahead of schedule. He further states that the theme is UniTe! which speaks to uniting students across the three U of T campuses. He further states that the t-shirts and laundry bags have been supplied through the Canadian Federation of Students Bulk Purchasing Program and are all ethically and sustainably produced. He further states that the Orientation website is up and the summer mailer went out to about 35, 000 students. He further states that the programming timeline has been changed slightly and will take place over two days. He further states that the Clubs Fair will take place on Wednesday with the concert, parade and after party on Friday. He further states the logistical change will accommodate both staff and student volunteers and create shorter days for them instead of a twenty four hour workday. He further states that the concert will begin at 3 pm and Sam Roberts Band is the headlining act, the largest concert UTSU has seen to date. He further states there will be continuous shuttling from campus to the after party venue with the last shuttle leaving at 3 am.

Sandhu states that she would like to thank and congratulate those responsible for planning the various Orientations. She further states that the amount of work that goes into Orientation planning is quite impressive and our programming will introduce the first years to a fun and

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inclusive environment. She further states that the team working on Orientation has done a very good job of tweaking finances and looking at the smaller logistical details.

Scott, M. asks why some kits don't have Clubs directories or handbooks in them.

Coombe states that the Clubs Directories and handbooks are available for pick up in the office

Sandhu states that there will be many opportunities throughout orientation week to ensure that all of our members have access to these materials at the various events.

Scott, M. states that having something available to pick up is not the most effective way to distribute to members. He further states that every single student gets a frosh kit and not having information in the kit is a mistake. He further states that he is curious what other steps are being taken to do outreach.

Coombe states that Union materials are being given out at a tent we have set up outside of the UTSU office. He further states that executives and volunteers will be spread out throughout the campus doing outreach and distributing materials.

Shepherd states that as Board of Directors, it is all of our responsibilities to ensure that our members know what the UTSU does for them and that they know how access our services.

MOTION

Moved: Sandhu

Seconded: Scott, M.

Be it Resolved that Melinda Jacobs from Trinity College Meeting be granted speaking rights.

VOTE

CARRIED

Jacobs states asks if members can pick up more than one handbook

Coombe states that they can but the goal is to let members know where the office is and inform them of the many other services we offer.

Sousa asks if there will be water trucks.

Coombe states there will be several parked at Hart House Circle.

Valcius states that frosh kits are not the best way to outreach to members. She further states that not all members attend Orientation events and as such doing campus-wide outreach in the weeks leading up to and after Frosh is the best way to ensure that the largest possible numbers of our members have access to the Handbook.

Sajjad states that UTMSU has been very happy with the UTSU Orientation kits as they are high quality and contain materials the members really enjoy.

Sandhu states that the best way to distribute kits and materials is outreach. She further states that it is true that not every student attends frosh and as a board we should make sure we do what we can to reach the utmost members.

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Degenstein states that if we are concerned about certain colleges not getting handbooks we should look to Colleges that decided to forego the kits and discuss with them how important it is to purchase our kits. She further states that the Union cannot subsidise all the College kits as that will cut into our other Orientation projects financially. She further states that the burden should fall on the colleges to collaborate with UTSU who has been willing to make its kits available and accommodate the Colleges.

Coombe states the kits are a high value item and include many materials and information for our members. He further states that it would be excellent if the Colleges purchased our kits.

Scott, C. states that the Union would be more than happy to come out to divisional Frosh registration and events in order to distribute Clubs Directories and Handbooks.

Jacobs states that the colleges chose not to purchase UTSU kits because of their political nature and their criticism of the University.

Scott, M. suggests that it is clear student fees pay for the handbooks. He further states the handbooks are great and are great way to target students. He asks why we are making life more difficult for students.

Sandhu states that it is great we are concerned about doing outreach to members. She further states that we should be brainstorming and working together in playing a role in order to provide easier access to our services. She further states that if anyone has any suggestions regarding orientation they should contact the orientation team.

3. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

MOTION

Moved: C. Scott

Seconded: Sandhu

Be it resolved that the U.T.S.U. Board of Directors approve the Executive Reports as presented at the August 23, 2011 Board meeting.

Sandhu states that she is excited about Orientation this year as it will be an amazing Frosh Week for students and she commends the team that worked on it. She further states that Alternative Orientations planning is almost complete and the programming looks great. She further states that the orientation team will be working hard to think about the different communities on campus and engaging them in the work of the students' unions. She further states that she is excited to take part in the Take it Over campaign and that it has been very inspiring to see Board members play a role in the campaign. She further states that the Union continues to work closely with UTMSU to ensure the Mississauga Academy of Medicine (MAM) students have access to Union services. She further states that we are working with our sister students' unions to defend the rights of students and ensure that we are represented on all levels of Governance.

Valelly asks what the relationship is with the Scarborough Campus Students' Union.

Sandhu states that although the Scarborough Campus Students' Union is an independent union, we still work closely with them to ensure that U of T students are represented across the University as student issues are shared across the three campuses.

Scott, M. asks for an update on the Student Commons.

Sandhu states that the time line of the move to the Student Commons has not yet been finalized as the negotiations continue.

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Ferrari asks where the Student Commons building will be located.

Sandhu states that the Student Commons will be at 230 College Street.

Aziz states that as Orientation nears we should be promoting it heavily. He further states that Board members should be speaking to constituents about Orientation programming. He further states that the UTSU held a Caribana Food Fair last month in which we collaborated with various campus groups. He further states that Commuter Student Orientation will take place on Tuesday September 13th. He further states the Commuter Student Orientation will feature a BBQ, scavenger hunt and a Yuk Yuk's outing. He further states that kit stuffing is ahead of schedule. He further states that many UTSU Clubs applied for summer funding as there is a large number of events happening on campus.

Scott, M. asks if U of T groups are charged to place their information in kits. He asks if the Varsity gave more ad space in return for kit inserts.

Aziz states that orientation planning is quite costly and we do acquire a lot of sponsorship to cover our costs. He further states that the Union does its best to ensure members are given good quality kits.

Elamin states that the International Student Orientation planning is going well. She further states that the Orientation will help in getting international students more involved and familiar with the campus. She further states that the Centre for International Experience is interested in collaborating on events throughout the year. She further states that the WUSC student has arrived and is settling in well. She further states that the Religious Conference committee has been struck and several faith-based groups have already signed up to participate. She further states that a date has yet to be finalized but the Conference will be taking place in March. She further states that the Social Justice and Equity Fair will take place in mid-October in Sidney Smith and will allow campus groups committed to social justice work to showcase their work. She further states that the Union will be holding a Somali famine fundraiser.

Ferrai asks what organization the fundraising will be for.

Elamin states we are compiling a list of organisations that are compatible with the UTSU's mandate.

Valcius states it is important we are mindful of where the money is going to and that the funds are actually helping people on the ground instead of going towards administrative fees.

Scott, M., asks what the cost of the Equity for All Garden is.

Elamin states that the financial documents for the Garden are in the office and she will be happy to provide him a copy.

Shepherd states that he has been focusing on the Take it Over campaign. He further states that the Union has been hosting regular coalition meetings to shape the campaign in terms of the specific needs of U of T students. He further states that Chalk it up was very successful and both students and the general public participated and the Union received several media hits.

Jacobs asks if Take it Over addresses issues around funding for graduate students.

Shepherd states that although the UTSU specifically does not represent graduate students, the campaign does address graduate issues as well. He further states that Placing Students First, the

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document produced by the Canadian Federation of Students-Ontario called "Placing Students First" does recommend an expansion of the Ontario Graduate Scholarships. He further states that one of the recommendations is to require institutions to establish whistleblower protection and safe disclosure policies as part of multi-year accountability agreements.

Ho states that she thinks it was great that media outlets pick up our press release for Chalk it Up. She further states that she did an interview with a Chinese radio show and that she thinks it is great that we are reaching diaspora communities with student issues as well.

Abrahams states that it was a successful event with many people stopping by to chalk their message. She further states that it was great to see Board members participating in the action.

Sandhu states that tourists visiting Toronto also stopped by and added their messages of solidarity. She further states that it was very interesting to speak with people who were surprised that education was not free in Canada.

Valcius asks if the Union is promoting DisOrientation.

Shepherd states that the UTSU shares the planning and promotion with OPIRG. He further states that there is a website being created and that UTSU volunteers and executives let people know about DisOrientation when doing outreach.

Valelly asks when DisOrientation meetings are held.

Shepherd states that DisOrientation meetings take place every Monday at 4 pm.

Ho states that the Academic and Student Rights Commission discussed creating a scholarship guide as well as a Student Rights and Responsibilities Guide. She further states that we have received the last few applications for the Teaching Awards. She further states that the Union will be holding a Yoga/Zumbathon in November. She further states that the Union has been working on developing an academic advocacy office. She further states that the Professional Faculties committee meeting went well and there was brainstorming on ways which the UTSU can outreach to members of those faculties. She further states that there are concerns around the building of the Goldring centre. She further states that there is concern that the operating costs will be downloaded to students. She further states that the student representatives sitting on the project planning committee Operational policies should state exactly what kind of services students will have access to.

Scott, C. states that the Union now has a new facebook page as the old group settings do not work for a group the size of the UTSU group. He further states that the new group format will allow the union to use more applications and features to promote its services and campaigns. He further states that the Book Exchange Program is going online and is much more efficient and accessible to members. He further states that Board members should be encouraging their constituents to use the service as the service is full-year. He further states that the Good Food Box is also going online. He further states the Union is hiring a part-time graphic designer. He further states that the Union has hired a new Executive Director. He further states that the hiring committee shortlisted candidates for interviews and is pleased to announce Amir Bashir was selected to be the new Executive Director.

Valcius asks what the turnaround time will be for cheque mail-outs for the Book Exchange.

Scott, C states that we are not entirely certain as we will have to figure out what the busiest times are.

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Scott, M. asks when the Executive Director vacancy was posted

Sandhu states that the posting was circulated online mid-July.

Scott, M. asks why there is resistance to a referendum to a COLA increase to groups and why the executives are avoiding a referendum

Sandhu states that it is not up to the executive to decide who seeks referendums. She further states that there is a simple process groups need to follow to be able to trigger a referendum.

Scott, M. stats that bike chain would like to seek a referendum. He asks why there is resistance to expansion.

Scott, C. states he has discussed a COLA increase referendum with the coordinator of Bike Chain and explained the procedure of referendums. He further states that the Coordinator thought that Fall would be too early to have a vote. He further states they agreed to work together to figure out a plan that works best for the group.

VOTE

CARRIED

MOTION TO RECESS

Moved: Jong

Seconded: Valcius

CARRIED

The meeting is recessed at 7:30 pm.

The meeting resumes at 7:45 pm.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION

Moved: C. Scott

Seconded: Sandhu

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

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

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Externalisations

July 28th Social Justice and Equity Commission meeting

Motion 02

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

Speech by Scott, M. to be provided

Sajjad calls point of order. He states that he feels targeted as a Muslim student.

Chair states that the motivation is not a discussion that contrasts anti-semitism to other religions but should stand on its own.

Scott, M. States that it is well within mandate of the Social Justice and Equity Commission to investigate anti-Semitism. ...goes on written tangent.

Elamin states that the Union does recognize there is an issue of anti-semitism on campuses. She further states that members were concerned that singling out anti-semitism prioritises one form of oppression over the other. She further states that the union undertakes work to ensure that we it is combating all forms of oppression. She further states that the UTSU has carried out campaigns in the past which includes addressing anti-Semitism on campus. She further states that she looks forward to creating a forum where we can discuss these issues and address the needs of all Union members. She further states that the commission and the members have decided that the definition which was proposed was not an appropriate one.

Sajjad states that as a Union we cannot weigh how much discrimination one group faces over another. He further states the union should not be creating a hierarchy of oppression but rather working in solidarity with all oppressed and marginalized groups.

Sandhu states that whether its individual cases of racism or anti-semitism, the union should be uniting against them all. She further states that there are intersectionalities to oppression as well and as such the Union should be bringing communities together instead of dividing. She further states that the UTSU has a history of engaging in anti-oppression work and working in solidarity with different communities. She further states that the UTSU should allow the communities to self-identify and direct the work of the students' union instead of the other way around.

Shepherd states that he was part of an equity seeking campus group in the past. He further states that he does not want to fall into the trap of prioritizing. He further states that students should not pit campaigns and equity work against one another. He further states that he would like to see a campaign of unification and outreach to communities by providing them with the platform and support necessary to carry out their work.

Scott, M. reads the motion out again. He states that he simply wants to bring the issue of anti-semitism to the attention of the Vice-President Equity. He further states that the anti-oppression work the Union does is great but he would like to see more work done to continue fighting discrimination.

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Valcius states that the motion does not prioritise oppressions. She further states that maybe we should hold an event centered around anti Semitism. She further states that she thinks it will be a good addition to XAO. She agrees groups should self-direct but we should help students grapple with the issue.

MOTION

Moved: Khan

Seconded: Ferrari

Be it resolved speakers be limited to one minute.

VOTE

Opposed: Scott, M.

CARRIED

Sajjad calls the question

VOTE

In favour: Scott, M.

MOTION FAILS

5. APPROVAL OF BUDGET PRIORITIES

MOTION

Moved: C. Scott

Seconded: Sandhu

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

DISCUSSION

Scott, C. states that because the commission met after the deadline to submit materials for the Board of Directors package for the last meeting, the budget priorities for the Social Justice and Equity Commission are included in this month's package

VOTE

CARRIED

6. FYI- NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Scott, C. states that the Union must set Board of Directors meeting dates for each semester. He further states that the dates are September 27, October 24, November 14 and December 8. He further states that December 8 is not a firm date as he needs to check in with professional faculties for exam timelines. He further states the meetings will take place between 6 pm and 8 pm.

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7. OTHER BUSINESS

Scott, C. asks that members of the Board of Directors confirm their attendance so that we can ensure that we meet quorum and are ordering enough food for meetings.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Moved: Valcius

Seconded: Abrahams

VOTE

CARRIED

The meeting is adjourned at 8:24 pm.

AGENDA

Board of Directors Meeting Emergency Meeting of the University of Toronto Students' Union
Thursday, September 15, 2011 • 3 pm • 144 University College

Attendance:

Stephanie Abrahams (St. Michael's College)
Akid Azfar (Faculty of Engineering)
Abigail Cudjoe (University College)
Carly Degenstein (Victoria College)
Lena Elamin (Vice-President Equity)
Clara Ho (Vice-President University Affairs)
Susan Hwang (Woodsworth College)
Thuwanika Kandasamy (New College)
Min Kyu-Kim (Victoria College)
Dimpho Redebe (Faculty of Engineering)
Danielle Sandhu (President)
Munib Sajjad (UTMSU Representative)
Corey Scott (Vice-President Internal and Services)
Michael Scott (Trinity College)
Shaun Shepherd (Vice-President External)
Midhat Siddiqui (Professional Faculty at-Large)
Jonathan Valelly (Innis College)
Annie Xu (UTM)

Proxies:

Rebecca Harvey to Shaun Shepherd seconded to Corey Scott
Prescilla Jong to Stephanie Abrahams seconded to Lissette Rosado Ferrari
Dan Shilensky to Clara Ho seconded to Corey Scott
Jon Foster to Susan Hwang Seconded to Rebecca Harvey
Kishan Chouhan to Danielle Sandhu seconded to Corey Scott
Shreena Dhawan to Clara Ho seconded to Thuwanika Kandasamy

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 3:14 pm.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION

Moved: C. Scott

Seconded: Aziz

Be it resolved that the agenda for the September 15, 2011 U.T.S.U. Board of Directors
Emergency meeting be approved as presented.

VOTE

CARRIED

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3. DIRECTOR RESIGNATION

MOTION

Moved: C. Scott

Seconded: Ho

Be it resolved that the U.T.S.U. Board of Directors accept the resignation of New College Director, Leonicka Valcius.

Scott, C. states that it is appropriate to ratify Valcius' resignation so that the Union can include her seat in the fall by-election instead of appointing someone to the vacancy.

VOTE

CARRIED

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION

Moved: C. Scott

Seconded: Sandhu

Be it resolved that the September 15, 2011 minutes package including the following documents be approved by the U.T.S.U. Board of Directors:

- a. Elections and Referenda Committee (2011-2012), *September 6*

Chair states that according to bylaw VI, Section 2.a.ii vacant seats will be filled in a by-election if they become vacant before September 1. He further states that Valcius' letter is dated September 3, 2011 and as such the seat cannot be filled in the Fall election. He further states that according to bylaw X, section 4.a Director vacancies that occur after the nomination period will be replaced by an interim election of the Board of Directors. He further states that this gap does not allow the Board to act nor to fill the position through a by-election.

Scott, M. states that he would like to point out that there is not a contradiction in the bylaws.

Degenstein asks if the Board can have a discussion about which course of action is best.

Scott, M. states that it is not a good idea to allow the position to be elected this Fall as that would appear to circumvent bylaws.

Degenstein states that making a decision would fill in the gaps in the bylaws as there clearly is one.

Chair rules that according to the bylaws, the position of New College director will remain vacant until the Spring election. He further states that he recommends that the Board clarify the contradiction in the bylaws for the future.

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CARRIED

Ruling of the chair is upheld.

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Scott, M. speaks against adopting the minutes. He states that he disagrees with motion five in the minutes. He further states that there were serious issues with Mr. Lo following election procedures. He further states that the Union should not only be democratic but also to appear to be democratic. He further states that we should not hire the individual responsible for administering the elections.

Cudjoe states she is in favour of adopting these minutes. She further states that Lo followed the election rules to the letter. She further states that the majority of campus does not think we are undemocratic.

Kyu-Kim states that the Election Review Committee has reviewed the relevant rules and Lo's performance in the last election and thinks it is a good decision. He further states that if the Board were to reject decision, it would be violating Union bylaws as there would be no election within the prescribed timeline.

Valelly asks what the procedure is if the Board of Directors were to reject the EPC minutes.

Chair state we would be in violation of our bylaws.

Ho states that there is a specific timeline in our bylaws as to how and when the elections are run.

VOTE

CARRIED

Opposed: Scott, M.

Abstention: Valelly, Degenstein, Xu.

5. FYI-DIVISION III RESIGNATION

Scott, C. States that Aly-Khan Madhavji and Mohan (Nana) Zhou have both resigned as Division III Directors. He further states that as they are UTM Directors, the vacancies will be filled through the processes established by the UTMSU, pending ratification from the UTSU Board of Directors.

6. FYI- NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Scott, C. States that the next Board of Directors meeting will be held on September 27' 2011 at 6 pm.

7. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Moved: Redebe

Seconded: Cudjoe

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 3:50 pm.

Minutes of the Executive Committee

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July 22, 2011
August 8, 2011
August 12, 2011**

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Executive Committee Meeting of the University of Toronto Students' Union
Friday August 26, 2011 – U.T.S.U. Office

In Attendance:

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION

Moved: Sandhu

Seconded: Sajjad

Be it resolved that the August 26, 2011 Executive Committee agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

3. INDIVIDUAL EXECUTIVE REPORTS

Aziz states he has been working on orientation logistics. He further states he attended a meeting with Varsity Stadium regarding Blue and White Spirit Week. He further states that the meeting went well and planning for the week is going smoothly. He further states that Commuter students Orientations planning is well underway with a BBQ, reception and a Yuk Yuk's night as part of the programming. He further states that he has been working with the other University of Toronto locals to host a tri-campus talent show. He further states that New College will also be collaborating on this event. He further states that UTM's orientation begins on Tuesday, August 30th and UTSU executives should be present.

Sajjad states that UTM Orientation begins next week. He further states that UTMSU will be holding Union presentations from 8 am to 11 am on September 1, 2011. He further states that it would be great if UTSU executives could present a portion of the Union presentation. He further states that Orientation Leader training will be taking place at the Scarborough campus on Saturday, August 27th. He further states that this year International Student Orientation programming is mixed with that of the International Student Centre. He further states that he is working on the Take it Over campaign and that UTMSU is planning on hosting an all-candidates debate. He further states that he is working on training volunteers to campaign in the fall as well as creating a list of class talks for the fall. He further states that he is working on a press release for the bottled water free campaign. Sajjad states that UTM has received informal academic accommodations for election day. He further states that the administration will send out an email encouraging students to vote and asking instructors not to make anything due that day. He further states that if students do not have a three hour gap in which they can vote they will receive accommodations.

Sandhu asks what UTSU can do to help with the UTM orientation and the Orientation Leader training at Scarborough.

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Sajjad states he is finalizing scheduling with the OCs and will get back to her. He further states that he would like the UTSU executives to present on the Take it Over campaign to Orientation Leaders.

Aziz asks how the UTMSU WUSC students are doing.

Sajjad states that only one has arrived so far and he is settling in well.

Ho states that she helped receive the UTSU WUSC student this week. She further states she has been meeting with Professional Faculties Board members and they have been very productive discussions about ways to collaborate and connect with professional faculties students as their experience on campus is markedly different than arts and social sciences students. She further states that she chaired a policy meeting where four new Union policies were adopted for recommendation, including policies on flat fees and governance of the University.

Shepherd states that he is finalizing speakers for DisOrientation. He further states that the Union is still hosting weekly Take It Over meetings. He further states that he has been trying to collaborate with external groups, including Bloor Cinema and Hot Docs to put on documentary screenings .

Sandhu states that the schedule for DisOrientation looks great and the events look like they will engage a variety of members. She further states that we should be promoting it to ensure we are getting as many people as we can to the events. She asks if any executives need help with any work as we are nearing Orientation

Elamin states she has been working with the WUSC students and helping him settle in and register for courses. She further states that she has been working on XAO programming. She further states that she will attend a meeting with UTMSU in early September to collaborate on some of the XAO programming. She further states that she has met with Hart House to collaborate on a film screening for International Student Orientation. She further states that Social Justice Fair planning is going well. She further states we already have three clubs on board for the Religious Conference.

Scott states that next week will be incredibly busy. He further states that Book Exchange Program website is launching and TTC data card are being made on campus.

Sandhu states that the University has released that we are going bottled water free. She further states that the formal announcement will take place next week with David Naylor. She further states that we are trying to get a press release out with UTMSU and PWI.

Scott states that we will be posting for new associate hiring. He further states that graphic designer applications are due today and he has received about 25 applications so far.

4. ORIENTATION

Aziz states that Orientation kit stuffing started Monday and we are well ahead of schedule. He further states that promoting the various orientation activities is incredibly important and we should be outreaching to members about them. He further states that the next Orientation Management Committee will take place next week and all executives should attend as we will be doing a run through of Orientation activities. He further states that he Clubs Fair has reached capacity and we will only be accepting applications for wait-list.

Sandhu states we will be working on logistical details for executives and we should think of ideas of giveaways.

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Sajjad asks if a security meeting has been set up with The Government

Aziz states that the OCs are working on setting it up. He further states that the meeting will likely take place this upcoming Sunday.

5. ALTERNATIVE ORIENTATIONS

Sandhu states that the Union is hosting an International Student Orientation on 24 September.

Scott states that the TD Bank sponsorship for Queer Orientation Casino Night fell through. He further states that we will be collaborating with the Rainbow Commerce Group on the event. He further states that we will be hosting an Allied in Pride event. He further states that associates are dealing with logistics.

6. TTC DATA CARD

Scott states that TTC will be on campus to make data cards next week from Monday until Friday at Hart House. He further states that he can create a schedule for tabling outside Hart House but that everyone should be out on campus doing outreach.

7. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Moved: Scott

Seconded: Elamin

CARRIED

Meeting is adjourned at 11:25 am.

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Executive Committee of the University of Toronto Students' Union
Friday, September 2, 2011– UTSU Office

In attendance:

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:01 pm.

2. ORIENTATION

Aziz states that Orientation leader training happening tonight from 5 to 8 pm. He further states that all executives should be present.

3. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

MOTION

Moved: Scott, C.

Seconded: Sandhu

Be it resolved that Vice-President University Affairs, Clara Ho be appointed to chair the Election and Referenda committee

DISCUSSION

Sandhu states that given Ho's familiarity with the bylaws and policies of the Union, it makes sense to select her as Chair.

VOTE

CARRIED

4. COUNCIL ON STUDENT SERVICES (COSS)

Sandhu states that the Council on Student Services (COSS) is a body which seeks to review services to students which are covered under ancillary fees. She further states that COSS advises Governing Council on policy regarding students services. She further states that the majority of the meetings take place in the second semester. She suggests that Corey, Clara, Shaun and herself sit on the committee.

MOTION

Moved: Aziz

Seconded: Ho

Be it resolved that Corey Scott, Clara Ho, Shaun Shepherd and Danielle Sandhu sit on the Council on Student Services

VOTE

CARRIED

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Friday, September 2, 2011– UTSU Office

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

August 24, 2011

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Academic and Student Rights Commission Meeting of the University of Toronto Students' Union
Wednesday, August 24, 2011-U.T.S.U Office

In Attendance

Voting members:

Clara Ho
Shaun Shepherd
Yolen Bollo-Kamara
Midhat Siddiqui

Non-Voting Members:

Navdeep Johal
Lorraine Guevara

Guest:

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting is called to order at 5:06 pm.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

Attendees introduced themselves in turn.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION

Moved: Ho

Seconded: Shepherd

Be it resolved that the August 24, 2011 Academic and Student Rights Commission agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

4. RATIFICATION OF NEW MEMBERS

MOTION

Moved: Ho

Seconded: Shepherd

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

CARRIED

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5. UPDATES/BRAINSTORMING

Governance Guide Version 2

Ho states that the Governance Guide is nearly completed. She further states that we are currently focusing on compiling information and creating a layout, as well as making the sections more concise and the guide more user-friendly.

Shepherd states that he is excited to see the guide come out. He further states that a lot of great work has gone into it.

Ho states that she would like to reduce the amount of text and include more visuals.

Scholarship Guide

Ho states that students have been working to compile information across different faculties and colleges. She further states that we would like to put it into a website and have a search engine as well as a print version.

Shepherd states that he is looking forward to it and that all students will be able to benefit from the Scholarship Guide.

Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook

Ho states that the Union is working on the Handbook now because we have been busy with the Governance and Scholarship Guides. She further states that we will compile the rights and responsibilities of students from all faculties- the goal is to make it comprehensive. She further states that she would like it to be completed by the end of first semester.

Shepherd asks attendees what they would like to see in the handbook.

Johal states that she'd like to see information regarding academic appeals as well as protocol around changes to the syllabus.

Ho suggests information on how to write petitions as well as when and how to consult the ombudsperson.

Shepherd states that the Union should work toward dismantling the monopoly that Turnitin has on this campus, as well as informing students that they don't have to use it.

Academic Advocacy Ideas

Ho states that she has been working with several students on specific academic advocacy issues. She further states that she would like to develop an academic advocacy office where students would have access to staff and peer support. She asks what services students would like to have access to in terms of academic advocacy issues

Shepherd states that there were issues in one of his courses around ambiguous marking schemes. He

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further states that he mobilized students to fight this but felt like he had very little support. He further states that it would have been much easier if such an office had existed.

Johal asks how this would differ from going to the registrar's office.

Ho states that the academic advocacy office would involve working with peers and would be much more informal. She further states that students could have a more honest discussion with their peers and the U.T.S.U. is more connected to student groups and societies that can help serve as an advocate.

"Don't Turn It In" Materials

Ho states that Turnitin.com is used to detect plagiarism in essays. She further states that all submitted work is put into a database and compared against each other. She further states that this database is housed in the United States and is thus subject to the U.S. Patriot Act which allows the American government access to personal information. She further states that the use of Turnitin enables the administration to maintain large classes instead of hiring more instructors or Teaching Assistants, who could provide more feedback on papers. She further states that Turnitin creates a presumption of guilt. She further states that Mount Saint Vincent University in Halifax banned Turnitin on the basis that it creates a culture of guilt on campus and inhibits academic freedom and makes it very difficult for students to defend themselves. She further states that most recently, Dalhousie University has also announced it will stop using turnitin.com. She further states that we are developing a pamphlet similar to one that the Continuing Education Students' Association at Ryerson created. She further states that this will inform students that they do not have to use Turnitin and will also include a description of what Turnitin is, criticisms, and alternative options.

Professional Faculties Outreach

Ho asks how we can outreach to the professional faculties and let them know about the services and advocacy work the Union carries out. She states that the UTSU should develop a PFAC town hall for in which professional faculties can discuss common issues such as the deregulation of tuition fees. She further states that there is a lot of support for Arts and Science students and we want to ensure that PFAC students are supported as well by their students' union.

Johal asks whether they have their own course unions and if we'd be working in conjunction with them.

Ho states that they do and it would be a good idea to work with them.

Potential Events/Outreach Ideas

Ho states that the UTSU should produce student rights cards. She further states that these would be wallet-sized cards that would provide condensed information of student rights and responsibilities so that students could keep them handy and be able to challenge professors in class if necessary. Ho states that this information is not actually distributed to students which is why it is necessary for the Union to create such materials. She further states that the Union should promote and distribute these widely.

6. NEXT MEETING

Ho states that the next meeting will be held on Monday, September 19, 2011.

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7. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

Moved: Ho

Seconded: Siddiqui

CARRIED

The meeting is adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Minutes of the Social Justice and Equity Commission

September 20, 2011

4. RATIFICATION OF NEW MEMBERS

MOTION

Moved: Mansur

Seconded: Mendelssohn

Be it resolved that the following be ratified as voting members of the Social Justice and Equity Commission for the 2011-2012 year: Karla Martinez, Jonny Carfield, Micayla Wood, Angela Zhang, Adir Krafman and Aidan Fishman.

CARRIED

5. XAO PLANNING

Elamin states that eXpression Against Oppression is a week-long event held once in the Fall semester and once in the winter semester. She further states that it consists of events including workshops and film screenings for the purpose of raising awareness of social justice and equity issues on campus or in the community at large. She further states that the Union collaborates with groups on and off campus. She further states that the Fall semester XAO will be October 17 to 21. She gives a brief overview of the events planned by the XAO planning committee. She states that the Union will collaborate with New College for the Social Justice fair which will be held on October 17 and October 18. She further states the Union will be screening Born into Brothels.

Radebe asks where the film is set.

Elamin states that "Born into Brothels" is set in India. She further states that it is a documentary on children and their involvement in the sex work industry. She further states that on Wednesday, October 19, the Union will hold an issues debate and invite two Political Science professors to participate. She further states that they have been successful in the past, if they cover interesting topics and are well-promoted. She further states that on October 20, the UTSU will be having a panel discussion and that will collaborate with Spice.

Krafman asks what Spice is.

Elamin states that the group is associated with the Women and Trans Center and that they hold panel discussions on issues of injustice and oppression. She further states that this panel discussion will be held during the daytime. She further states that the Union will be hosting a coffeehouse on Thursday.

Clarfield suggests a debate regarding drug laws.

Abrahams states that she doesn't think this is directly related to equity.

Clarfield states that this encompasses a wide range of issues, including the fact that many young people are criminalized and incarcerated for harmless crimes such as possession of drugs.

Fishman suggests debates related to the legalization of child labour or prostitution.

Krafman states that the legalization of prostitution is relevant to students and would be a good topic because it has been in the news lately.

Mendelssohn states that she agrees that the legalization of prostitution debate is a good idea. Relevant to the film screening Born into Brothels.

Martinez suggests a debate on privatization of bottled water.

Clarfield suggests the question of whether the United Nations is good for the world. He further states that this would touch on a lot of different subjects.

Trower states that the general consensus is that sex work should be decriminalized thus it could be difficult to get professors to publicly oppose it.

Elamin states that she likes the idea of discussing recent event in Libya as topic. She asks that people email her with further ideas. She further states that she will provide a report back on the status of this debate at the next Commission meeting.

Mansur asks whether UTSU will still participate in an Aboriginal ceremony.

Elamin states that she forgot to mention that the Union is in contact with the Native Student Association regarding an opening ceremony for XAO.

Fishman suggests Professor Michael Ignatieff for the Libya topic.

Martinez asks which company we would be using for the t-shirts

Elamin states that the UTSU is looking at a sweatshop-free company called Entropy. She further states that UTSU is looking to order 100 t-shirts.

Mansur asks whether t-shirts will be sold or given away for free.

Elamin states that t-shirts will be sold and the money donated towards relief for the famine in Somalia.

Krafman suggests that we put on the t-shirts that proceeds were donated to Islamic Relief Canada.

Mansur asks whether XAO will be advertised on the U.T.S.U. website and facebook page.

Elamin states that XAO will be advertised on the website and facebook page.

6. SOCIAL JUSTICE FAIR

Elamin states that New College approached the Union to collaborate on the Social Justice Fair and planning is underway.

7. SOMALIA FAMINE RELIEF FUNDRAISING

Elamin states that the Union has raised quite a bit of money so far. She asks for fundraising ideas. She suggests a Coffee house event where donations would go towards famine relief efforts. She further states that other ideas previously raised include a carnival held at U.T.S.U. as well as holding a dinner with a keynote speaker.

Fishman suggests approaching K'naan, a well-known singer of Somalian origin who is working to raise money for famine relief.

Radebe asks for more information about where money is going

Elamin states that the organization is called Islamic Relief Canada. She further states that this organization has a good reputation and that it works directly with people on the ground. She also suggests holding a fundraising breakfast or selling cupcakes.

Scott suggests turning the making of cupcakes into an event. He further states that the union could collaborate with the Culinary Arts Society to make the cupcakes and sell them after.

Mansur asks about the haunted house event that had been discussed at the last commission meeting.

Elamin states that it was very successful and had a good turnout last year. She further states that the Union previously collaborated with drama department at UTM, who provided volunteers and assistance.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elamin states that DisOrientation events are taking place all week long. She further states that Sunera Thobani will be giving a talk tonight in which she will be discussing the outcomes of 9/11. She further states that the next Commission meeting will be in two weeks on Thursday October 4, from 3-4:30 and the room will be announced shortly. She further states that the meetings are usually bi-weekly except in the weeks preceding big events, in which case they are weekly.

9. ADJOURNMENT Moved: Abrahams Seconded: Bollo-Kamara

VOTE

CARRIED

The meeting is adjourned at 5:20 pm.

Minutes of the Sustainability Commission

September 14, 2011

Minutes

Sustainability Commission Meeting of the University of Toronto Students' Union
Thursday, September 14, 2011 • Sid Smith

In attendance

Voting members:

Clara Ho
Juliet Shao
Shaun Shepherd
Danielle Sadhu
Clara Luke

Non-voting members

Guests

Leanne Ramussen (in at 4:41 pm)
Pieter Basedow
Daniel Vandervoort
Michelle St. Amour

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:28 pm.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

Attendees introduce themselves.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION

Moved: Shao

Seconded: Shepherd

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

CARRIED

4. HOT YAM

Woman from hot yam states that they have submitted a proposal for a new space on the top floor of the Graduate Students' Union and it has been approved. She further states they will be opening a new café in that space. She further states that Hot yam will continue to run as it usually does on Wednesdays with the café being a five days a week operation. She further states they are aiming to open within a month.

5. CORE SERVICES REVIEW

St. Amour states that the City's Core Services Review targets many sustainable initiatives. She further states that the Toronto Environment Office and Toronto Atmospheric Fund are on the chopping block. She further states that an email has been sent out by the Graduate Students' Union to take action on the issues, including writing letter and deputing at the meeting on September 19, 2011. She further states that there is a rally on September 26, 2011 to oppose the cuts to City Services.

6. MEGA QUARRY TRIP

Shao states she travelled with the Continuing Education Students' Association of Ryerson to Dufferin County to learn about the impact the Mega Quarry Project will have on the region. She further states that the group was invited by two farmers to see the effects of the limestone mining. She further states that the farmers were unaware of the intentions of the companies they sold it to. She further states that the plans for the Mega Quarry will have a devastating effect devastating for the local environment including polluting the water sources. She asks if the UTSU is able to provide a donation for the initiative.

Basedow states there is a governmental inquiry which would hold off the mining for several years and allows activists to build up capacity.

Vandervoort states that the North Dufferin Agricultural and Community Task Force (NDACT) is the organization that works on advocacy around this issue. He further states that though the GSU is strapped for cash we can provide mobilization power.

Sandhu asks if the work on the site has been halted.

Basedow states work has been stopped and it has been cited as a victory for the environmental justice movement.

Sandhu states we can hold educational events on campus and connect with NDACT in order to figure out how to best support their work given our limited financial resources.

7. PUBLIC WATER INITIATIVE CAMPAIGN

Ramussen states that the launch of the bottled water initiative educational campaign will take place on September 15, 2011 at the pedestrian street by Sidney Smith. She further states that the event will begin at 10 am and there will be an outdoor movie screening at 7 pm showing Flow: For the Love of Water.

Shao asks if anyone had ideas on how to promote sustainability office work-study positions.

8. BIKE CHAIN

Shao states that she has had conversations with the coordinators about doing outreach in residence. She further states that maybe the UTSU can join and outreach to members about some of the victories the Union saw, such as the \$99 TTC Student Metropass..

9. Adjournment

MOTION TO ADJOURN

moved: Shepherd

Seconded: Sandhu

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Minutes of the Community Action Commission

September 15, 2011

Minutes

Community Action Commission Meeting of the University of Toronto Students' Union
Thursday, September 15, 2011 • UC 144

Attendance

Voting Members

Juliette Shao
Michael Scott
Stephanie Abrahams
Shaun Shepherd
Corey Scott
Jonathan Valelly (out at 4:35)
Yolen Bollo-Kamaro
Lena Elamin (in at 4:10 pm)

Non-Voting Members

Sam Wang
Shaun Poon

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 4:04 pm

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION

Moved: Valelly

Seconded: Abrahams

Be it resolved that the agenda for the Community Action Commission Meeting for Thursday, September 15, 2011, be approved as presented.

DISCUSSION

MOTION

Moved: Scott, M.

Seconded: Elamin

Be it resolved that the agenda be amended to include an "other business" item.

CARRIED

VOTE

CARRIED

3. INTRODUCTIONS

Each of the participants introduced themselves.

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4. RATIFICATION OF NEW MEMBERS

MOTION

Moved: Valelly

Seconded: Scott, M.

Be it resolved that Shaun Poon and Sam Wang be ratified as members of the Community Action Commission

VOTE

CARRIED

5. BIKE CHAIN OUTREACH

Shao states that she spoke to the coordinator of Bike Chain. She further states that the UTSU will be doing outreach with Bike Chain

6. TAKE IT OVER OUTREACH

Shepherd states we are still hosting regular meetings in Sid Smith.

Abrahams states the debate was well organized and well attended. She further states that it was good to see candidates address student issue head on.

Scott, C. states there is a Toronto Centre debate on campus tonight. He further states that we have received all education platforms and the report card should be out shortly.

7. NUIT BLANCHE

Shepherd states that the Union has gotten involved with Nuit Blanche activities in past years.

Scott, C. States that the Native Students' Association will be hosting an event with Hart House to raise awareness of Aboriginal access to water. He further states they have invited the UTSU to work on this project with them. He further states it would be interesting to do a photo exhibit which would centre around post-secondary issues and the quality of our education.

Valelly states that we should be doing outreach to business studies and art history societies as they often do creative work for Nuit Blanche.

Shepherd states that we could be tying in worker solidarity as students are also workers into what we choose to do for Nuit Blanche.

8. CINEMA POLITICA

Shepherd states that he has had some trouble receiving films from Cinema Politica. He further states that the Union could host UTSU documentary nights instead. He further states that the UTSU could screen documentaries in collaboration with Clubs.

Scott, C. states that the Union can create themed nights when collaborating with Clubs. Scott suggests doing a film screening in November for Trans day of Remembrance and collaborate with the Centre for Women and Trans People.

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9. OTHER BUSINESS

Scott, M. asks why the Commission is not involved with cancer walks.

Shepherd states we can look into it as this particular Commission would be the body which would organize participation in events such as Relay for Life. He further states that members can attend the commission meeting and bring dates forward.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Moved: Lena

Seconded: Scott, C.

VOTE

CARRIED

The meeting is adjourned at 4:40 pm.

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In Attendance:

Clara Ho
Danielle Sandhu
Gina Husain
Thuwakina Kandasamy

Proxies:

Munib Sajjad to Clara Ho
Farhana Chowdhury to Clara Ho

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting is called to order at 4:00 pm.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION

Moved: Ho

Seconded: Kandasamy

Be it resolved that the August 25, 2011 Policy and Procedures Committee meeting agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

3. DISCRIMINATION ON CAMPUS POLICY

MOTION

Moved: Ho

Seconded: Sandhu

Be it Resolved that the following Issue Policy on “Discrimination on Campus” be adopted:

Preamble

Discrimination based on race, age, mental or physical ability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, creed, religion, personal or political beliefs, nationality, class ancestry or status continues pervasively in our society

As representatives of the University of Toronto full-time, undergraduate student body, The University of Toronto Students' Union endeavours to oppose all forms of discrimination affecting members

Policy

UTSU* as representative of the University of Toronto full-time, undergraduate student body unequivocally condemn all forms of racism, sexism, xenophobia, ableism, ageism, queerphobia, transphobia and discrimination based on status

UTSU condemns any group or person who actively promotes the aforementioned ideologies.

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The UTSU will not allocate resources, space, recognition or funding to any student group who seeks to promote the aforementioned ideologies.

UTSU will not fund, rent or loan any space on campus to an event involving a group or a person representing the aforementioned beliefs.

*Legally operating as SAC Inc.

DISCUSSION

Ho states that the UTSU does not currently have a policy which addresses discrimination on campus. She further states that although the Union does much work anti-oppression work, she felt that it made sense to have a policy which allows the Union to officially take a stance on issues which affect our members and the wider campus community.

Sandhu states that such a policy is important to adopt especially as the Student Commons project becomes a reality. She further states that it is important to ensure that a policy exists which clarifies the Union's stance on oppressive ideologies as well as its position on providing groups which promote such ideologies with resources and space.

4. FLAT FEES POLICY

MOTION

Moved: Ho

Seconded Husain

Be it resolved that the following Issues Policy on "Flat Fees" be adopted:

Preamble

Flat fees, also referred to as "Programme Fees" are standard tuition fees charged to students for enrolment in a minimum number of courses or in particular programme or faculty, regardless of the actual number of courses taken. Under a flat fee model, students who take less than the institutionally-defined maximum course load are still charged for it.

For students who do not or cannot take a full course load, the implementation of flat fees can represent enormous tuition fee increases, effectively side-stepping governmental tuition fee regulation. For students who already face multiple barriers to accessing post-secondary education, such as students with disabilities, students who are parents or caregivers, and students who are economically disadvantaged and have to work during the school year, flat fees represent another financial barrier. Flat fees also create a financial disincentive for active engagement in extra-curricular activities on and off campus, as well as penalising students who may wish to enroll in fewer courses in order maintain a higher academic average.

Post-secondary education institutions have used this tuition fee model as a way to offload their operating cost and debt, incurred due to bad investment policies or chronic governmental underfunding, onto students.

Policy

The University of Toronto Students' Union supports:

- Greater flexibility in course selection and increased accessibility of post-secondary education through the assessment of tuition fees strictly on a per course basis; and

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- Students' right to determine the rate at which they complete post-secondary programmes without being financially penalised for taking less than an institutionally-determined full-time course load.

The University of Toronto Students' Union opposes:

- Flat tuition fee structures that charge a standard fee for enrolment in a minimum number of courses, or a particular programme or faculty, regardless of the actual number of courses taken;
- The downloading of public underfunding, institutional debt, or financial mismanagement onto students in the form of fee structures that charge for courses students may not take;
- Fee increases that side-step governmental tuition fee regulation by exploiting loopholes, such as a lack of prohibition against implementing flat tuition fees;
- The application of tuition fee structures that create an economic disincentive for students to be actively involved in their campus community; and
- The financial penalisation and further marginalisation of students who have disabilities, who are parents or caregivers, who need to work throughout their studies, or who, for other reasons, do not pursue an institutionally-defined full course load.

DISCUSSION

Ho explains the flat fees model. She further states that the problem with such a fee model is that it disadvantages students who cannot take a full course load, often for financial reason and the high cost of post-secondary education. She further states that flat fees were implemented as a way for the University's administration to offload costs onto students. She further states that education would be far more accessible if students paid per course and were allowed the freedom to choose what rate to take courses at.

MOTION TO AMEND

Moved: Sandhu

Seconded: Kandasamy

Be it resolved that the word "*standard*" be removed from "*Flat fees, also referred to as "Programme Fees" are standard tuition fees charged to students for enrolment in a minimum number of courses or in particular programme or faculty, regardless of the actual number of courses taken*"

DISCUSSION

Sandhu states that the word "standard" should be taken out of the policy preamble as it makes it appear as though flat fees are a normalised way of charging tuition fees.

CARRIED

Husain asks if the flat fees model has been implemented.

Ho states that it has been implemented at Governing Council but passed without a vote. She further states that it is included in the new budget model.

VOTE

CARRIED

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5. GOVERNANCE POLICY

MOTION

Moved: Husain

Seconded: Kandasamy

Be it Resolved that the following Issues Policy on “Governance of Post-Secondary Institutions” be adopted:

Preamble

In order for post-secondary institutions to fulfill their public responsibilities for the creation and transmission of knowledge, students and staff should play a decisive role in making educational decisions and setting educational policy.

Policy

Final authority for administrative and financial matters should be vested in institutional boards of governance, composed primarily of community representatives. Educational decisions and setting of academic policy should be the responsibility of a senior academic body called a senate.

The UTSU supports:

- Institutional governance bodies containing a representative sample of community members including academic and non-academic staff, students and alumni.
- The right of representatives of students' unions to participate in the decision making process.
- increasing voting representation of students on university and college institutional boards of Governance to fifty percent.
- The right of students' unions to democratically decide who will represent students on institutional Governance bodies.
- academic senates composed of a majority of academic staff elected by their colleagues, with additional representatives being student elected through a democratic process set out by their respective students' union.
- The University's and College's President and Provost being ex-officio members of the senate;
- Membership on subcommittees of institutional governance bodies and senates being open to all members of the respective body.
- The procedures and rules for institutional governance bodies and senates being set out in the legislation constituting the institution, and in collective agreements negotiated between the institution and its academic staff.
- The membership of governing bodies reflecting, the diversity of the academic community in the case of a senate, and the diversity of the community in which the institution is located in the case of a Board.
- Governance structures of post-secondary institutions being representative of and accountable to the communities served by these institutions, to achieve equitable representation of faculty, support staff and students and to include increased numbers of economically disadvantaged people, women and trans people, aboriginal people, racialised peoples, queer people, people with disabilities, Francophones, International, mature and part-time students and student union representatives.

The UTSU opposes:

- The domination of governance structures of post-secondary institutions by members of the business, financial and legal communities.
- Elections for student seats on institutional senates and boards of governors held by post-secondary institutions themselves, and not by recognised students' unions.
- Elections for seat on institutional senates and governance bodies which are carried out online

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- Students representatives on institutional governing bodies being prevented from speaking about decisions of said bodies to their members.
- The denial of seats for international students on institutional boards of governance.
- The use of security and police to prevent access to governance meetings of post-secondary educational institutions.
- The University of Toronto Students' Union opposes the selection of students as appointees to institutional senates and institutional boards of governance by those or other post-secondary institutional administrative bodies.

DISCUSSION

Ho States that Governing Council is not representative of what the makeup of the university community actually looks like. She further states that students and staff should be the ones playing a decisive role in the decision-making processes of the university. She further states that educational decisions should be made by those who are affected by them and oftentimes the presence of members of the legal and corporate communities actually hinders academic freedom at the University.

Sandhu states that it is important to note that we are not opposed to having lawyers or corporate folks on the boards entirely but we would like to include a variety of perspective instead of one profession dominating the discussions at Governing Council.

6. STUDENTS' UNION AUTONOMY

MOTION

Moved: Ho

Seconded: Husain

Be it Resolved that the following Issues Policy on "Students' Union Autonomy" be adopted:

Preamble

Students' unions' ability to provide representation and high quality services for their members depends, in large part, on their ability to receive membership fees and to conduct their work autonomously.

In Ontario, legislation that recognizes students' unions' rights is very limited. For students' unions at colleges, the only reference made is in the Ontario Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology Act, 2002, which guarantees only an elected "student governing body" the right to conduct "normal activities". For students' unions at universities, there exists no reference in law that recognizes their existence. In both cases, legal rights to fee collection exist only in common law. In the absence of such legal rights, students' unions in Ontario secure rights and powers from their administration by entering into individual contracts or agreements. In contrast, students' unions in British Columbia and Quebec have strong legislation that not only recognizes their existence, but guarantees their rights to organise and ensures their financial and democratic autonomy.

In order to represent the views and defend the interests of their members, students' unions must, from time-to-time, take positions that are critical of the decisions or actions of campus administrations, governments, external political parties, or other relevant organizations and bodies, without fear of reprisals in the form of withholding of funds or the eviction from space. In the absence of legislation protecting the students' union autonomy and right to organize, students' unions are vulnerable to interference from campus administration, governments and

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external political parties, and are in constant threat of having their funds withheld by political motivated college and university administrations.

Policy

The University of Toronto Students' Union supports the introduction of legislation that:

- defines students' unions as autonomous entities whose operations are subject only to the laws that govern not-for-profit corporations;
- mandates the collection and remission of membership fees to students' unions by university and college governing bodies and guarantees this right of remission without interference from institutional administrative bodies;
- enshrines students' unions' full financial and operational autonomy, including the ability to hire and manage staff, set fees, prepare financial statements, arrange for audits, and enter into arrangements with external service providers;
- enshrines students' unions' full democratic autonomy, such as the ability to set and administer referendum and election rules, define membership, and maintain policies and bylaws;
- recognizes only member-driven students' unions as the official student voice on campus, in Ontario and in Canada, and prohibits any post-secondary education institution administration, provincial or federal government, governmental or quasi-governmental agency, external political party, or any agent or representative thereof, from selecting, appointing, overseeing, or administering the election of student representatives to institutional and governmental bodies of any kind, including commissions, consultations, or any other advisory or decision-making body; and
- guarantees access to relevant, accurate membership lists and associated contact information for all campus, provincial or national students' unions.

The University of Toronto Students' Union opposes:

- the recognition of any individual student or student group that is not elected by students or appointed by an officially recognized member-driven students' unions as a student representative for the purpose of representing the needs or interests of students on any institutional and governmental body of any kind, including commissions, consultations, or any other advisory or decision-making body;
- any legislation, policy, or action on the part of any post-secondary education institution administration, provincial or federal government, governmental or quasi-governmental agency, external political party, or any agent or representative thereof, that undermines students' union autonomy, right and ability to organize, or ability to work collectively in broader coalitions and with other organizations;
- interference by any postsecondary education institution administration, provincial or federal government, governmental or quasi-governmental agency, external political party, or any agent or representative thereof, in students' union financial or operational affairs or democratic processes, including meetings, elections, and referenda.

DISCUSSION

Ho states that this policy asserts the UTSU's stance on our collective right to organise as a student union. She further states that recognition of students' unions autonomy is crucial to our ability to criticise administrative decisions without fear of reprisal or interference in our affairs. She further states that we should be guaranteed access to membership lists. This is crucial for UTSU in order for us to be able reach all of our members.

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Sandhu states that we want to ensure our members have access to all of our services. She further states that we have privacy policies and are bound by legislation in terms of protecting our member's information. She further states that she is troubled by the Provost handpicking student to advise her on policy instead of inviting elected student representatives for consultations. She further states that it is a clearly political move as the UTSU is often critical of administrative decisions, such as the introduction of the flat fees model.

VOTE

CARRIED

7. MOTION REFERRED FROM THE SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EQUITY COMMISSION

MOTION

Moved: Michael Scott

Seconded: Esther Mendelsohn

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

DISCUSSION

Sandhu states that the Union does not typically adopt definitions.

Kandasamy states that this motion seems unnecessary if we are adopting an anti-discrimination policy. She further states that this motion singles out one form of oppression over all others.

Hussein states that a relevant policy has already been adopted and she would not be comfortable adopting definitions from external organisations.

Sandhu states that we can use the policy we just adopted and our mandate as an organisation to denounce all forms of oppression, which includes anti-semitism.

VOTE

CARRIED

MOTION FAILS

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8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Moved: Ho

Seconded: Husain

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 5:19 pm.

Minutes of the Election and Referenda Committee

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Election and Referenda Committee Meeting of the University of Toronto Students' Union
Friday, September 23 2011-UTSU Office

In Attendance

Clara Ho
Akid Azfar
Danielle Sandhu
Stephanie Abrahams

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 1:20 pm.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION

Mover: Ho

Seconded: Abrahams

Be it resolved that the Friday, September 23, 2011, Elections and Referenda Committee Agenda be approved as presented.

VOTE

CARRIED

3. UPDATE

Ho states that the election notice was published in the Varsity and the Newspaper. She further states that the New College position will not be elected in this by-election as per the last Board of Directors meeting. She further states that the ads will be adjusted accordingly. She further states the Union will be postering on campus and ensuring that members are aware of the by-election. She further states that the CRO and DRO have begun working today.

4. APOINTMENT OF ELECTIONS AND REFERENDA APPEALS COMMITTEE MEMBERS

MOTION

Moved: Ho

Seconded: Sandhu

Be it resolved that Danielle Vandervoort be appointed as representative of the staff or executive member from the Graduate Students' Union

Be it further resolved that Katharine Ball be appointed as representative of the Arts and Science Students' Union of the University of Toronto

Be it further resolved that Casey Chu Cheong be appointed as representative of a university Student Union in the Greater Toronto Area

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DISCUSSION

Ho states Vandervoort is the Vice-President External at the GSU and has worked with the UTSU in that capacity. She further states that he is familiar with the UTSU structure and is the executive members mandated with liaising with other students' unions. She further states that Katharine Ball is the president of ASSU. She further states that Chu Cheong is the Member Services Coordinator at the Ryerson Students' Union and was recommended by the Executive committee

VOTE

CARRIED

5. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Moved: Azfar

Seconded: Abrahams

VOTE

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm.

**Canadian Federation of Students-
Ontario
Annual General Meeting**

Report Back

Report back from the Annual General Meeting Canadian Federation of Students-Ontario August 18-June 21 –Markham, Ontario

Overview

As local 98 of the Canadian Federation of Students, the University of Toronto Students' Union had the opportunity to take part in setting the direction of our provincial student movement at the CFS-Ontario Annual General Meeting. Similar to national general meetings, discussions take place at the constituency, caucus, and sub-committee levels.

This was a particularly important but also exciting meeting for delegates as there was much discussion regarding the upcoming provincial election and the Take it Over campaign. In the lead up to the May 2 federal elections, the student vote garnered much media attention. In the upcoming provincial election, students are taking advantage of this momentum to ensure that Ontario elects a government that makes post-secondary education a priority.

Local 98 was represented by seven delegates:

Danielle Sandhu
Corey Scott
Shaun Shepherd
Albi Aziz
Clara Ho
Abigail Cudjoe
Dina Skvirsky

Delegates attended the racialised, women's, queer and students with disabilities constituencies and participated in the Organisational and Services Development, Policy Review and Development and Campaigns and Government Relations sub-committees.

Workshops and Presentations

The Current States of Post-Secondary Education

Ontario Chairperson Sandy Hudson, National Executive Representative Krisna Saravanamuttu and Researcher Mike Yam provided a summary on tuition fees, student debt and post-secondary education funding. Knowledge of these areas of post-secondary education are crucial to making effective and realistic policy recommendations. The workshop provided a foundation for developing strategies for action.

High School Youth Fight for Equity: Challenging Homophobia in Catholic Education

Speakers from St. Joseph Catholic Secondary School Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA) discussed the importance of youth working together to challenge systemic discrimination and create anti-oppressive spaces. The High school students drew from their first-hand experiences to explain the positive effect that



an anti-oppressive space such as a GSA can have on an educational environment, whether it be high school, college or university.

Lobby Session: John Milloy, Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities

Delegates got the very unique opportunity to have John Milloy, Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities share his party's goals for the future of post-secondary education and to listen to students' concern and ideas on how to improve the sector. Delegates had the chance to share students' feedback and make policy recommendations they would like to see.

The Family Cost of Post-Secondary Education

The Ontario University Coalition-comprised of organizations representing students, staff and faculty from the post-secondary education sector in Ontario- commissioned the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives to develop a research paper that examines the rising cost of post-secondary education since the 1990s. The workshop provided a preliminary review of the research finding and the methodology behind the study. David Macdonald, economist and research associate at the CCPA and Mark Rosenfeld, Executive Director at the Ontario Confederation of University Faculty Associations (OCUFA), discussed why this research is important and revealed some of the finding that have since been released.

Environmental Justice: The Fight to Stop the Tar Sands

Melina Laboucan-Massimo, an organizer for Greenpeace Canada, discussed the social impacts of tar sands production throughout Alberta. She also discussed how students can join the fight to end one of the most environmentally destructive projects on the planet.

Students' Unions Right to Organize

Members of Provincial Parliament Yasir Naqvi and Rosario Marchese talked about the CUSA Act, Bill 183. Delegates has the opportunity to hear why both MPPs felt that the legislation was a necessary step to defining relationships between college and university administrators and students' unions, and what they hope to accomplish if re-elected.

Challenging Sexual Violence: From Campus to Community

Vanessa Hunt, President of the York Federation of Students, discussed the ongoing failure of the administration of York University to meaningfully address the violent sexual assaults that have occurred on and off campus, and the work of students to create a safer community. Nicole Pietsch, Coordinator of the Ontario Coalition of Rape Crisis Centres (OCRCC), discussed the status of the Sexual Violence Action Plan developed by the Ontario Women's Directorate, a branch of the Ontario government, and its implications for students. Jessica Yee, Executive Director of the Native Youth Sexual Health Network, discussed anti-violence work in the context of sexual health and sex positivity work in Aboriginal communities and beyond.

Notable Decisions

Members locals voted on a motion to reaffirm the Federation's opposition to Income Contingent Repayment (ICR) loan schemes as well as a motion to lobby the Ontario government to increase financial assistance to part-time students. The Federation will also be endorsing the campaign to stop the mega quarry project as well as working with the Ontario Coalition for Better Child Care. Plenary also voted in



favour of new services for members locals, which include bulk-purchasing SMS credits as well as creating a customizable facebook page template.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shaun Shepherd
Vice-President External
University of Toronto Students' Union
Local 98, Canadian Federation of Students

