

MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

JULY 25, 2014

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO STUDENTS' UNION

MINUTES

Meeting 3 of the Board of Directors of the University of Toronto Students' Union
Friday, July 25, 2014 | 16:00 | Ontario Institute for Studies in Education 4414

IN ATTENDANCE:

Bukky Adeyinka, New College
Ebi Agbeyegbe, University of Toronto Mississauga
Students' Union Representative
Patrick Andison, Trinity College
Nia-Imara Barberousse, Faculty of Music
Joseph Bodley, Ontario Institute for Studies & Education
Yolen Bollo-Kamara, President
Kevin Chen, Faculty of Engineering
Ryan Gomes, Faculty of Engineering
Pierre Harfouche, Vice-President University Affairs
Ella Henry, Faculty of Law
April Huang, Faculty of Nursing
Sydney Lang, Woodsworth College
Lakisha Ledchumanan, St. Michael's College
Victor Lee, Victoria College
Jenny Lin, Woodsworth College
Diana Liu, Faculty of Dentistry
Andi Musa, Professional Faculty At-Large
Ridwan Olow, University of Toronto Mississauga
Nirmal Patel, University of Toronto Mississauga
William Qiu, Arts & Science At-Large
Belal Raifai, University of Toronto Mississauga
Najiba Sardar, Vice-President Equity
Eric Schwenger, University College
Ryan Schwenger, Faculty of Kinesiology & Physical Education
Grayce Slobodian, Vice-President External
Htay Tint, Transitional Year Program

Neil Vas, Faculty of Architecture
Cameron Wathey, Vice-President Internal & Services
ZiJian Yang, Vice-President Campus Life

EX-OFFICIO:

Leo Chen, University College
Rowan DeBues, Victoria College
Graham Erion, Legal Counsel
Ryan Lamers, Innis College
Teresa Nguyen, Engineering Society
Tina Saban, Trinity College Head of Council
Mohammed Shadab, Woodsworth College
Students' Association

GUESTS:

Ramsay Andary, University College
Nicole Chambo
Jasmine Denike, Innis College Student Society
Yasmeen Emadi, Associate VP Campus Life
Hank Ko, Associate VP External
Nirupan Sivakumaran
Ryan Millins
Lucinda Ro, Woodsworth College Students' Association
Marcus Tutert, The Varsity
Alex Verman, The Varsity
Vip Vigneswaran

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting is called to order at 16:20.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION MOVED: WATHEY SECONDED: HENRY

Be it resolved that the agenda be approved as presented.

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MOTION TO AMEND

MOVED: WATHEY

SECONDED: SLOBODIAN

Be it resolved the agenda be amended to discuss item 6 as item 3.

DISCUSSION

Harfouche states that many members of the board have expressed interest in item 6, but that many of those people are not present at this time. He states that there are many details in the minutes that would be helpful to understand first before moving forward. He states that many members of the board will arrive after 17:00. He states that the discussion of the minutes is important and therefore it is not a good idea not to move ahead to a different agenda item.

Gomes states that many members of board the have work commitments, so we should wait to discuss this issue to accommodate them.

Harfouche states that an understanding of the minutes is crucial to discussing the items of the motion.

Wathey states that there is legal counsel in attendance, which is expensive should not be wasted. He states that some members of the board cannot stay for the entire meeting.

Andison states that it is expensive to have legal counsel, but that it is important to at least make it through the minutes.

Hudson states that this motion is not relevant or related to anything in the minutes.

E. Schwenger states that he agrees that the motion should be discussed when other members of the board arrive.

Gomes states that there will most likely be discussion held over social media where those who are unable to be present at the moment can participate. He states that although the meeting minutes may not pertain information relevant to motion 6, he would like to discuss the minutes now instead of assuming the former and missing out on key details.

Sardar states that discussion is welcome, but the use of finances should be considered and the lawyer's time respected.

Andison asks if being financially responsible on a small scale is worth the loss of discussion with many Board members who are unable to attend the meeting and have expressed interest in this motion. He states that although waiting will increase financial cost, the Board should ensure that proper procedure is followed.

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Harfouche asks how much money is in the legal budget and how much would it cost to have the lawyer present for 30 minutes longer.

Yang states that there has been discussion before this Board meeting, and since this is a contentious issue, if members of the Board are unable to be present and want to participate, they can contact Harfouche and he can voice their opinions and concerns.

CARRIED

MAIN MOTION CARRIED

3. CANADA CORPORATIONS ACT CONTINUANCE MOTION MOVED: WATHEY SECONDED: HENRY

Whereas the Corporation was incorporated under Part II of the Canada Corporations Act by Letters Patent dated the 27th day of April, 1977; and

Whereas it is considered to be in the best interests of the Corporation that it be continued under the Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act (CNCA) pursuant to section 297 of the CNCA; and

Whereas since the Letters Patent are not being amended as part of the continuance under the CNCA, there is no requirement under section 212(7) of the CNCA for a special resolution of the members of the Corporation to approve the Articles of Continuance and a resolution of the Directors of the Corporation is sufficient for such purposes; therefore

Be it resolved that:

1. The Corporation is authorized and directed to make an application under section 297 of the CNCA to the Director appointed under the CNCA for a Certificate of Continuance of the Corporation;
2. The Articles of Continuance (transition) of the Corporation, which have been submitted to this meeting (p. 145), are approved; and
3. Any director or officer of the Corporation is authorized to execute the Articles of Continuance and First Notice.

DISCUSSION

Wathey states that the goal of this motion is to continue as an organization. He states that this is more of a technicality for the Union to operate. He states that the Article of Continuance mirrors the Letter Patent and does not change the structure of the Board. He states that if the Union wants to exist, this step must be taken. He states that this allows for the Union to continue as a corporation. He states that passing this motion does not change how we operate. He states that as this resolution will communicate to the government that we want to continue to exist.

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He states that some of the other information that members of the Board have heard through the Varsity and other sources is incorrect.

Harfouche states that the document omits the Transitional Year Program (TYP) students from being members. He states that passing this motion will make a change. He states that there is a change to the membership to remove the Professional Experience Year (PEY) Program members. He states that he urges the Board to not pass this motion. He states that he is not providing legal advice. He states that if there are to be constituencies to represent colleges they need to be defined in the Articles. He states that classes must be defined so that one can easily distinguish them, such as Arts & Science, TYP and University of Toronto Mississauga, while making sure each class' membership does not overlap. He states that to change the Articles, this motion must go to the Annual General Meeting (AGM). He states that classes can vote separately on issues affecting them. He states that it is important to define these Articles correctly. He states that there are currently three classes: all of the University of Toronto undergraduates, theology students and all Executive members. He states that the constituencies must be included in the motion now. He states that the deadline to do this is October 17. He states that the Articles must be rewritten. He states that Board members should not vote just because others say they should. He states that it is important that folks understand the entirety of the motion. He states that if this motion passes the Board structure could become illegal. He states that it is generally expected that this motion should be brought to the AGM. He states that if only one class is defined, then everyone can vote in every election. He states that he wants to ensure that the Board is doing the right thing at the right time.

Hudson states that legal counsel drafted the motion. She states that she invites legal counsel to address the Board.

Erion states that the Union was created under an Act that will expire on October 17. He states that if the Board does not pass this motion at some point, the Government may give the Board notice that the organization will be dissolved. He states that a council has no reason to dissolve unless there are concerns about criminal activity or bankruptcy. He states that passing this motion is the minimum that must be done to avoid dissolution. He states that the Board can amend the Articles and that an amendment requires a resolution by an annual meeting of members. He states that it is in the Board's best interest and is the Board's fiduciary duty to address this right now. He states that this is his legal advice. Erion states that Harfouche was incorrect and that the Union currently does not have any membership classes, and that this motion does not define membership classes.

Saban asks when the Union found out about this date.

Erion states that the law was passed three years ago. He states that his firm has been advising the Union for a number of years, and that he has personally been working with the Union since October. He states that he has been advising the Union regarding various issues around the law. He states that there are two options for the Union to consider. He states that there is an option to become an Ontario corporation and delay the need to amend bylaws, or the Board can file compliant Bylaws to the federal Act within 12 months.

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Henry asks if Erion can provide a quick definition of the Board members fiduciary duty.

Erion states the Board's fiduciary duty is to act in the interest of its members. He states that Board members have a fiduciary duty to pass this motion except for in extreme circumstances of bankruptcy or criminal activity.

Bollo-Kamara states that a member of the Executive Committee disseminated false information about the motion to the Board. She asks if this is against his fiduciary duty.

Erion states that fiduciary duty is complex and an act of good faith is complicated to determine. He states that Board members need to act in the best interest of the corporation for which they were elected. He states that if there is a desire to change the Union's Articles and Bylaws, there must be a vote at the annual meeting of members. He states that rather than waiting for an annual general meeting, the Union should pass this motion now to protect against dissolution. He states that it will not be practical to put this to vote at an AGM by October 17.

Andison asks if Articles of Continuance could be filed right before the deadline.

Erion states that the processing time for the Articles of Continuance is relatively low and the Articles could be submitted whenever the Board wishes.

Andison asks if Erion can speak to classes and how they differ in the Ontario Corporations Act (OCA) and the new Canada Not-for-Profit Corporations Act (CNCA).

Erion states that both the provincial and federal Acts have been recently updated and mirror each other. He states that to speak for the Canada Act there is a requirement that members be permitted to vote on any amendments to classes. He states that the current interpretation of the Act requires all directors to vote for all positions. He states that the way to get around that is to different classes that would have identical rights to every class. He states that the Ontario Act is the equivalent of the Ontario Act and that the Board would be in the same position that they are in now in three years if they incorporated provincially.

Andison asks if the motion must be submitted as it is.

Erion states that the Union hired him to write a motion that meets all the legal requirements. He states that the Board has to file Articles of Continuance and that if Andison does not like how he drafted the motion, he can draft his own motion. He states that this motion is standard and that he has written similar motions for many organizations. He states that the motion is a formality and meets all legal obligations.

Olow asks Erion if only constituencies will still exist after this motion is passed.

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Erion states that whatever is in the bylaws at this current time will remain in effect. He states that the Union has 12 months to file compliant bylaws.

DeBues asks if constituencies would exist if there was an election tomorrow. He asks if the Union would be dissolved if compliant bylaws were not filed.

Erion states that if compliant bylaws are not filed within 12 months, Industry Canada could impose compliant bylaws. He states that the bylaws as they currently exist would remain in effect until a meeting of members changed them.

Harfouche asks if any student could submit a complaint telling Corporations Canada that the Union's bylaws are not compliant if the Union does not become compliant within 12 months.

Erion states that a member could go to court and seek an injunction, but it is not likely to be granted. He states that someone could go to court and challenge election results.

Harfouche asks if the Union would still be covered under the Canada Corporations Act (CCA) if this motion were amended at an AGM to define classes.

Erion states that the Union must continue into the CNCA. He states that after this is done, the membership can decide whether or not to be provincially or federally incorporated. He states that if the Union wishes to remain federally incorporated, it must file compliant bylaws within 12 months. He states that if the Union wishes to be provincially incorporated, it will have three years to file compliant documents. He states that this motion must pass in either case. He states that the only choice in front of the Board right now is whether it wants to risk dissolving the Union. He states that if the Board of Directors does not want this, they must pass this motion by October 17.

Harfouche asks if an amendment to the Articles to include classes can be made at this meeting.

The Chair states the Board does not have the authority to amend the Articles of Continuance. He states that this surpasses the powers granted to them in the CCA. He states that only a meeting of members has the authority to do that.

Huang asks if classes are discussed in the current Articles.

Erion states that there are no Articles. He states that the Articles replace the Letters Patent. He states that this motion does not address the class issue. He states what would be most prudent right now is to pass this motion today and amend the Articles at the Annual General Meeting if there is a desire to implement classes.

Hudson asks if the Articles of Continuance can be amended if this motion passes.

Erion states that they can.

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Hudson asks if there is a time limit to amend Articles.

Erion states that there is no time limit.

Hudson asks what the process is to amend the Articles.

Erion states that amending the Articles requires a two-thirds majority vote of the general members. He states that this motion does not amend Articles.

Hudson asks if it is correct to think of this motion as a formality.

Erion states that it is absolutely a formality. He states that the motion does not change any operations or structures of the Union.

Saban asks if constituencies would be abolished if this motion were passed. She asks if St. George students could vote for a UTM Director.

Erion states that the Union's bylaws restrict that from happening. He states that the bylaws are still in effect, regardless of whether this motion passes or not. He states that the bylaws can be amended in order to be compliant within 12 months. He states that elections will operate the same as previous years. He states that the question before the Board is whether or not they wish to continue as an organization or have the possibility of dissolving.

Andison asks how long it would take to file the Articles.

Erion states that it takes approximately 15 days.

Henry asks if the members have the option to change the Articles to implement classes in the future.

Erion states that the only the AGM could change the Articles at the same time as filing them. He states that he advises the Board to pass this motion today and take dissolution off the table. He states that it makes no difference to the ability to amend the Articles to include classes.

Gomes asks why the Board voting on this motion rather than the membership.

Erion states that this is a procedural matter that the Board can contemplate and it is not necessary to consult the members. He states that this is akin to asking members whether or not the Union should file a tax return.

Gomes asks if passing this motion will affect the members.

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Erion states that this motion will not affect the members. He states that later, the Board will need to amend the bylaws to comply with the CNCA. He states that the members must have the opportunity to vote on the new bylaws.

E. Schwenger asks if an AGM could vote on this matter.

Erion states that the board should do everything to be complaint in October. He states that it is best to pass this motion to take dissolution off the table and allow for more discussion on board structure in advance of the AGM.

E. Schwenger asks if it is the fiduciary duty of the Board to table this motion and discuss it at the August board meeting when they have more time to consider it.

Erion states it is the fiduciary duty of the board to pass this motion before October 17 and take the necessary steps to prevent dissolution of the organization. He states that the Board may not make quorum in August and the motion is on the agenda at this current time, so it should be dealt with immediately.

Harfouche states that the motion refers to all individuals that are registered at the University of Toronto. He asks if this motion would include the University of Toronto Scarborough Campus (UTSC).

Erion states that this motion is the bare minimum of ensuring the future of this organization. He states that it mirrors the current Letters Patent and could not change anything.

Harfouche asks if the Articles could be amended at the AGM to include classes if the motion passes today.

Erion states that the Articles can be amended at a later date through an AGM. He states that the Board should pass this formality.

Harfouche asks how can the Board communicate with Erion.

Hudson states that members can communicate with Erion through Wathey, Hudson, or the Policy & Procedures Committee.

Agbeyegbe asks if the AGM must be held before October 17 if this motion is passed now.

Erion states that it is not necessary to hold the AGM before October 17 if this passes. He states that the AGM must occur within six months of the fiscal year end.

Gomes states that he is distributing an Articles of Continuance with classes of different colleges, faculties, and divisions. He states that this is a counter-proposal to the current motion.

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Agbeyegbe ask if Gomes' proposal has anything to do with the current motion.

Hudson states that the latest Varsity article on this issue is incorrect in stating that this motion eliminates the possibility of amending the Board structure. She states that the Policy and Procedures Committee is open to ideas and discussion. She states that this motion is meant to communicate to the government that the Union wants to exist.

Harfouche states that he now is in favour of the motion. He states that it is important to have a discussion about the board structure at the AGM and would have liked to have more time to discuss Gomes' proposal.

The Chair states that the document Gomes has passed around needs to go through the necessary procedures before it is presented at an AGM.

Erion states that to amend the Articles or the Union's bylaws, a motion has to be passed with a two-thirds majority at an AGM.

E. Schwenger asks if there can be multiple proposals at the AGM.

The Chair states that there can be multiple proposals.

E. Schwenger asks why the CNCA changes were not discussed last year.

The Chair states that the Board made bylaw changes at the last two AGMs. He states that changes to the Board structure has been happening in stages.

Andison states if the Union has 12 months to file compliant bylaws, it should ensure that there is as much time as possible to discuss changes and the opportunity to have another AGM. He states that the Articles should be filed later.

MOTION TO AMEND MOVED: ANDISON SECONDED: GOMES

Be it resolved that the following clause be added to the main motion: "Be it further resolved that the Articles of Continuance be filed on October 16."

DISCUSSION

Henry states that the Board should not put themselves in a vulnerable position. She states that if the Board does not file now, the Board is making the AGM process more complex. She states that the decision of the AGM is do we want to move forward with changes to the bylaws or do we want to give the Union a few more years to decide on these changes.

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Gomes states that he is in support of the amendment, but that he also agrees with Henry. He states that he thinks that the Board should decide on file during the year and not during the summer since many members are not campus.

Wathey asks for the legal counsel's opinion on delaying filing for Articles of Continuance until the day before it is required.

Erion states that as long as the filing occurs before October 17, the timing does not matter.

Yang asks what is the difference if the Articles are filed now or later.

Erion states that he cannot file for Articles of Continue for the Union before passing this motion.

DeBues states that more discussion will only be more beneficial.

Saban asks if Gomes' proposal is legal if the Board passes the motion today.

Erion states that he will not give a legal opinion on something he has just received. He states that the Board can create classes of membership, so in theory this could be legal. He states that the Directors do not have the authority to make the structural changes as a two-thirds majority vote at the AGM is required. He states that if this motion passes today, he can file the continuance and ensure the Union will not dissolve.

Saban states that there has not been enough discussion and that more legal consultation and discussion with membership is necessary.

MOTION TO CALL THE AMENDMENT TO QUESTION

MOVED: SARDAR

SECONDED: SLOBODIAN

CARRIED

AMENDMENT CARRIED

MOTION TO CALL THE MAIN MOTION TO QUESTION

MOVED: OLOW

SECONDED: MUSA

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MOTION TO VOTE VIA SECRET BALLOT

MOVED: E. SCHWENGER SECONDED: GOMES

DEFEATED

MAIN MOTION CARRIED

Absention: Harfouche

MOTION TO RECESS

MOVED: SLOBODIAN SECONDED: GOMES

Be it resolved that the meeting is recessed for 10 minutes.

CARRIED

The meeting is recessed at 18:21.

The meeting resumes at 18:35.

Saban, Chen, Lamers, Shadab, DeBues, Nguyen and Erion exit the meeting at 18:35.

MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA

MOVED: BOLLO-KAMARA SECONDED: LEDCHUMANAN

Be it resolved that item 7 on the agenda be considered as item 4.

CARRIED

4. APPOINTMENT OF SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSIONER

MOTION MOVED: SARDAR SECONDED: SLOBODIAN

Be it resolved that _____ be appointed as the Sustainability Commissioner for the 2014-2015 year.

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DISCUSSION

Sardar states that the only one candidate is present as the other candidate did not receive the email to attend this meeting due to technical issues and it is unfair to continue without her presenting to the Board.

MOTION TO POSTPONE

MOVED: GOMES SECONDED: SARDAR

Be it resolved that item 4 be considered at the next meeting of the Board of Directors.

CARRIED

5. EXECUTIVE REPORT

MOTION MOVED: WATHEY SECONDED: LANG

Be it resolved that the Executive Report be approved as presented.

DISCUSSION

Bollo-Kamara states that the new residence building is targeted towards international students without ensuring that there will be adequate support for these students. She states that it is a for-profit venture.

Harfouche asks Wathey what the plans are for Homecoming.

Wathey states that the Union is discussing plans with the other campus groups. He states that everything should have been clarified from the beginning and now that Devonshire has been booked, it has affected the parade route. He states that the lack of communication is troubling.

Harfouche states that one of the Union's Orientation Coordinator claimed that Trinity College intentionally booked Devonshire and knew that the road could not be booked twice in one month. He states that the email sent was rude and that the Orientation Coordinators should be admonished and should apologize.

Yang states that the Orientation Coordinators responded to a situation for which Harfouche has not provided adequate context.

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Sardar states that it is unfair to discuss the Orientation Coordinator's actions without her present. She states that there were two plans in motion at the same time and information was not being communicated.

Hudson states that the Orientation Coordinator was replying to an email where allegations were made about her conduct. She states that it is highly unprofessional to state grievances about a staff person to the Board in this manner. She states that Harfouche should discuss this with herself as the supervisor privately.

Wathey states that he went to a meeting with divisional presidents in good faith to discuss Homecoming and inform the college heads about the plans for Homecoming. He states that Homecoming should be about the students at the University of Toronto and should not be tied to a political agenda.

Harfouche states that the Orientation Coordinator should discuss communication with other divisions among the Executives and the Board prior to taking action..

Lang states that as the Woodsworth College Orientation Coordinator and a member of the Board she was involved in the email chain and that the only thing parties can do now is move forward. She states that everyone agrees that this event is for students and that is what we have to keep in mind.

Sardar states that many students from different colleges are expressing dissent about how Homecoming is developing. She states that this manner has been politicized and it should not have been. She states that she does not believe that this has been done in good faith.

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6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION MOVED: WATHEY **SECONDED:** AGBEYEGBE

Be it resolved that the minutes package, including the following documents, be approved:

- A. Board of Directors 2014-2015, June 22 (p. 22)
- B. Executive Committee, June 27 (p. 47)
- C. Executive Committee, July 8 (p. 59)
- D. Executive Committee, July 18 (p. 66)
- E. Organizational Development & Services, July 10 (p. 77)
- F. Policy & Procedures Committee, July 14 (p. 82)
- G. Professional Faculty Committee, July 10 (p. 94)
- H. Community Action Commission, July 16 (p. 105)
- I. Social Justice & Equity Commission, July 17 (p. 111)
- J. Campus Life Commission, July 15 (p. 117)

DISCUSSION

Harfouche states that he would like to discuss Items 4: “New Board Structure – Divisional Participation” 6: “Canada Not-For-Profit Corporations Act Compliance” and 7: “Ontario Corporations Act Compliance” from the July 14 Policy & Procedures Meeting.

MOTION TO POSTPONE

MOVED: HARFOUCHE **SECONDED:** CHEN

Be it resolved that motions 2014.07.14 - 4.01, 2014.07.14 - 4.02, 2014.07.14 - 4.03, 2014.07.14 - 4.04, 2014.07.14 - 6.01, 2014.07.14 - 6.02 and 2014.07.14 - 7.01 be postponed until the next meeting of the Board of Directors.

DISCUSSION

Wathey states that he opposes this because he wants to have discussion with the colleges about these during consultations.

Harfouche states that these externalizations can be postponed. He states that these motions can still be discussed in another month. He asks why the Board should vote on something that has not been discussed in detail.

Bollo-Kamara states that this motion continues the process that began last year. She states that she is in favour of postponing the motions as the meeting has been very long.

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2014.07.14 - 4: "NEW BOARD STRUCTURE - DIVISIONAL PARTICIPATION"

2014.07.14 - 4.01: MOTION TO CREATE ARTS & SCIENCE COMMITTEE

MOVED: BOLLO-KAMARA SECONDED: WATHEY

Be it resolved that Bylaw XI(5) be amended to add:

I. Arts and Science

- i. To address issues related to students enrolled in the Faculty of Arts and Science;
- ii. To provide representation for the undergraduate college student societies and facilitate their direct input on matters affecting students enrolled at their respective colleges and in the Faculty of Arts and Science at large;
- iii. To recommend to the Board specific actions to enhance delivery of services to students enrolled in the Faculty of Arts and Science;
- iv. To recommend to the Board specific actions to increase participation of students in the Faculty of Arts and Science in the events, campaigns, and democratic processes of the Union;
- v. To liaise with the undergraduate college student societies and the Arts and Science Students' Union

Be it further resolved that the Operational Policy dated 2006 April 18 entitled "Union Committees" be amended to include:

ARTS AND SCIENCE COMMITTEE

MANDATE

IN ADDITION TO THE MANDATE IN THE UNION'S BY-LAWS AND POLICIES, THE ARTS AND SCIENCE COMMITTEE WILL MEET FROM TIME TO TIME TO DISCUSS ISSUES AFFECTING STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE FACULTY OF ARTS AND SCIENCE AND IN THE FACULTY OF THE TRANSITIONAL YEAR PROGRAMME. THE COMMITTEE PROVIDES DIRECT REPRESENTATION FOR THE UNDERGRADUATE COLLEGE STUDENT SOCIETIES AND ALLOWS THEM TO PROVIDE INPUT ON MATTERS AFFECTING STUDENTS ENROLLED AT THEIR RESPECTIVE COLLEGES, THE FACULTY OF ARTS AND SCIENCE AT LARGE, AND THE FACULTY OF THE TRANSITIONAL YEAR PROGRAMME.

MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERSHIP OF THE ARTS AND SCIENCE COMMITTEE IS AS FOLLOWS:

- ONE (1) REPRESENTATIVE OF THE INNIS COLLEGE STUDENT SOCIETY
- ONE (1) REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NEW COLLEGE STUDENT COUNCIL
- ONE (1) REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE STUDENT UNION
- ONE (1) REPRESENTATIVE OF THE TRINITY COLLEGE MEETING
- ONE (1) REPRESENTATIVE OF THE STUDENT TEACHERS UNION

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- ONE (1) REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LITERARY AND ATHLETIC SOCIETY
- ONE (1) REPRESENTATIVE OF THE VICTORIA UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL
- ONE (1) REPRESENTATIVE OF THE WOODSWORTH COLLEGE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION
- ONE (1) REPRESENTATIVE OF THE TRANSITIONAL YEAR PROGRAMME STUDENT ASSOCIATION
- ONE (1) REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ARTS AND SCIENCE STUDENTS' UNION

Each of the aforementioned student societies are responsible for appointing a representative of their choice, to be ratified by the Committee.

2014.07.14 - 4.02: MOTION TO AMEND

MOVED: WATHEY SECONDED: BOLLO-KAMARA

Be it resolved that the membership of the Committee is amended to include the President and the Vice-President Internal & Services.

2014.07.14 - 4.03: MOTION TO AMEND PROFESSIONAL FACULTIES COMMITTEE

MOVED: BOLLO-KAMARA SECONDED: AGBEYEGBE

Be it resolved that the Bylaw XI(5)(d) be amended to read:

d. Professional Faculties

- To address issues related to students enrolled in the professional faculties
- To provide representation for the professional faculty student societies and facilitate their direct input on matters affecting students enrolled in their respective faculties
- To recommend to the Board specific actions to enhance delivery of services to students in the professional faculties
- To recommend to the Board specific actions to increase participation of students in the professional faculties in the events, campaigns, and democratic processes of the Union;
- To liaise with the professional faculty student societies

Be it further resolved that the subsection "Membership" of the "Professional Faculties Committee" of the Operational Policy dated 2006 April 18 entitled "Union Committees" be amended as follows:

Membership

Membership of the Professional Faculties Committee is as follows:

- One (1) representative of the Advanced Degree Student Association
- One (1) representative of the Bachelor of Arts Architectural Studies Society
- One (1) representative of the Dental Student Society

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- One (1) representative of the Engineering Society
- One (1) representative of the Faculty of Music Undergraduate Association
- One (1) representative of the Kinesiology and Physical Education Undergraduate Association
- One (1) representative of the Medicine Society
- One (1) representative of the Nursing Undergraduate Society
- One (1) representative of the Undergraduate Pharmacy Society
- One (1) representative of the Students' Law Society

Each of the aforementioned student societies are responsible for appointing a representative of their choice, to be ratified by the Committee.

2014.07.14 - 4.04 MOTION TO AMEND

MOVED: WATHEY SECONDED: VAS

Be it resolved that the membership of the Committee is amended to include the President and the Vice-President University Affairs.

2014.07.14 - 6.01: "CANADA NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATIONS ACT COMPLIANCE"

MOTION MOVED: BOLLO-KAMARA SECONDED: AGBEYEGBE

Be it resolved that Bylaw III.1.i be amended to include:

- h. A general elections item, as required in the Act. Under this item in the agenda, the Chair shall:
 - i. adjourn the meeting to allow for the election of Directors as prescribed in Bylaw VI.
 - ii. announce that the time and manner of the vote will be determined by the Elections and Referenda Committee and the Board of Directors as per Bylaw VI.
 - iii. announce that the date and time in which the meeting will reconvene will be determined by the Board of Directors at the close of the general elections as prescribed in Bylaw VI.

2014.07.14 - 6.02: MOTION TO AMEND

MOVED: MORGENSTERN SECONDED: AGBEYEGBE

Be it resolved that Bylaw III.1.i.h.iv be added to read:

- iv. for clarity, the first item on the agenda of the reconvened annual general meeting after the call to order, will be "elections", where the Chair will announce the successful candidates as determined under the process laid out in Bylaw VI.

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2014.07.14 - 7.01: "ONTARIO CORPORATIONS ACT COMPLIANCE"

MOTION

MOVED: WATHEY

SECONDED: VAS

Be it resolved that Bylaw I.1 be amended to read:

1. Definition of "Act"

"Act" shall mean the Ontario Corporations Act.

7. APPROVAL OF BUDGET PRIORITIES

MOTION MOVED: WATHEY SECONDED: HUANG

Be it resolved that the Budget priorities (2014-2015) package including the following documents be approved as presented:

- A. Community Action Commission Budget Priorities 2014-2015 (p. 126)
- B. Campus Life Commission Budget Priorities 2014-2015 (p. 132)
- C. Social Justice and Equity Budget Priorities 2014-2015 (p. 140)

DISCUSSION

Wathey states that the Budget Committee will be discussing these items once these proposals are approved. He states that the Board will have final approval on the proposals once the Budget Committee presents their recommendations.

Huang asks Yang about the Campus Life Commission proposal. She states that she does not see previously popular events listed in the budget.

Yang states that a large portion of the budget is going toward Homecoming to promote UofT spirit. He states that it does not cost money to promote game attendance. He states that concerning UTSU's Got You, the unused Hot Yam levy can be used to supplement this event. Yang states that he has a contingency fund for events like the Montreal Reading Week Trip.

Bollo-Kamara states that the Montreal Reading Week Trip is cost neutral, meaning that the only money spent is on promotion of the event.

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8. NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

DISCUSSION

Wathey states that the next meeting is tentatively set for August 28 at 17:30.

Musa asks if Board meetings could be held on weekends.

The Chair states that they can, but that there is typically low attendance when meetings are scheduled on the weekend.

E. Schwenger asks if the Board meeting could be held in the third week instead of the fourth week of the month since many board members will be busy with Orientation preparation. Wathey states that he will try to accommodate everyone's schedules.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

DISCUSSION

Bollo-Kamara states that she has sign up sheets that she would like people to sign for signing up for commissions, campaigns and events.

Yang states that a Caribana event is happening next Wednesday and encourages all Board members to attend. He states that the Board should come to Campus Life Commission as well.

Harfouche asks Hudson and Wathey to ensure that Board Packages are sent actually four days in advance since he received it on Tuesday morning. He asks how to request legal consultation to attend more Board meetings since he found the legal counsel helpful at the meeting.

Hudson states that there was a lack of staff support that kept us from getting out the Board Package exactly four days in advance. She states that having legal counsel was not necessary and was a waste of the Union's funds. She states that the Policy & Procedures Committee already sought legal counsel on this matter and could have simply communicated their findings. She states that legal counsel is very expensive and the reason for having legal counsel present was because Harfouche made false allegations in The Varsity in regards to motion 6. She states that Harfouche created doubt in the Union and so legal counsel was necessary to ensure trust in what the Policy & Procedures Committee was saying. She states that ultimately, this did not need to happen and was an expenditure of money to correct irresponsible claims made by Harfouche to the membership. She states that Harfouche should not make false claims to the press and members of the Board in future.

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10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION MOVED: ADEYINKA SECONDED: OLOW

Be it resolved that the meeting is adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourns at 19:52.

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POLICY & PROCEDURES COMMITTEE

JULY 28, 2014

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO STUDENTS' UNION

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ATTENDANCE

Ebi Agbeyegbe, University of Toronto Mississauga Designate
Yolen Bollo-Kamara, President
Zachary Morgenstern, Victoria College Representative
Cameron Wathey, Vice-President Internal & Services
Sandra Hudson, Executive Director (non-voting)

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 17:33.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION MOVED: BOLLO-KAMARA SECONDED: VAS

Be it resolved that the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

3. BOARD MEETING DEBRIEF

DISCUSSION

Bollo-Kamara states that she wants to hear about what others thought about the Board meeting. She states that a motion that should have been a formality was treated as though it was very controversial. She states that an article that was published in *The Varsity* that was misleading helped to create that perception. She states that having legal counsel present helped to clarify the misconceptions that some attendees had. She states that she could have clarified the misconceptions herself, but when legal counsel heard about the controversy, they thought it was important for them to be present.

Morgenstern states that he met with someone who claimed that he had gotten contradicting answers from different Executive Committee members. He asks if there was miscommunication amongst Executive Committee members about the motion.

Bollo-Kamara states that Vice-President University Affairs Pierre Harfouche falsely communicated to various people that the class structure was being altered when this was not the case.

Agbeyegbe states that in the end, the motion passed, which is a positive thing. He states that he is unsure what will be discussed in future, as Harfouche externalized other motions that the Policy & Procedures Committee previously adopted at the Board meeting. He states that these were postponed and will be discussed at the next meeting of the Board of Directors. He states that he is uncomfortable with the fact that the motion was amended and that the Union's corporate

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Articles of Continuance will be filed very late as a result. He states that it is strange to leave such an important task to the last possible minute. He states that, regardless, he is happy that the Articles will be filed and the Union will continue to exist.

Morgenstern states that he asked Harfouche why he externalized the motions that he did, but Harfouche stated that he was unsure of all the issues. He states that Harfouche did say that he was concerned about byelections. He states that some individuals are still presenting the resolution to file Articles of Continuance as controversial even though it seemed to be resolved and this should be kept in mind. He states that he was thinking that there should potentially be a public relations officer who should address some of these issues about perception.

Wathey states that he agrees with Morgenstern and that the message should have been clear from the beginning. He states that some of the controversy stems from the fact that there were meetings occurring about the motion without any communication with the members of the Policy & Procedures Committee. He states that interested parties should communicate clearly when there are concerns. He states that the Committee should discuss how to disseminate information moving forward to ensure that the message is clear from the beginning. He states that the Committee should ensure that all interested parties are clear on what each procedural step means. He states that the controversy may not be over if some individuals are interested in continuing to make uncontroversial issues seem controversial for political gain. He states that the meaning of the motion to file Articles of Continuance was to ensure the Union's existence.

Bollo-Kamara states that she is the media spokesperson and would generally be the person providing information about these matters. She states that this becomes difficult if other members of the Executive Committee are disseminating incorrect information. She states that *The Varsity* published an article that was misleading, and though she was interviewed, she was not asked about the issues that were presented as controversial. She states that she did not have an opportunity to respond to false allegations. She states that there were quotes in the article attributed to Vice-President University Affairs Pierre Harfouche about the motion that portrayed the motion as controversial. She states that she was not asked to respond to the allegations. She states that this was frustrating. She states that the false information could have influenced the way that Directors wanted to vote on the motion. She states that there was another article published very recently that continued to discuss the controversy. She states that the more recent article did not reference *The Varsity's* very important role in creating the controversy by publishing false information. She states that to their credit, *The Varsity* has since corrected the first article.

Agbeyegbe states that part of the issue with *The Varsity* is that the Union took a very reactive approach. He states that moving forward, a more proactive approach should be taken. He states that the Committee should communicate to *The Varsity* what is happening before another individual tries to create a story to influence our members.

Wathey states that Executive Committee members should communicate when they are contacted for media. He states that if legal counsel was not present, Board members could have

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unknowingly voted in a manner that would have left the Union open to dissolution because they had incorrect information.

Hudson states that the Committee should consider putting out a statement about the issue. She states that the controversy affected the trust of the Directors on the Board and sister students' unions. She states that it was very irresponsible for *The Varsity* and a member of the Executive Committee to distribute false information to the membership. She states that while it was a good idea for legal counsel to be present to answer questions, it was an unnecessary expenditure of funds. She states that the Board of Directors should be able to trust that the legal advice that the Policy & Procedures Committee is receiving is sound. She states that she understands that this is difficult when Executive Committee members are disseminating false information. She states that individuals who are disseminating false information should be held accountable. She states that the Union cannot afford to have legal counsel at each meeting to verify that what the Committee is claiming is true. She states that the work that some individuals have done to promote distrust and disunity amongst the Board of Directors will continue to be an issue if it is not addressed.

Bollo-Kamara states that she was concerned that some student societies thought that her efforts to reach out for consultation was disingenuous due to what the article in *The Varsity* claimed. She states that this has unnecessarily delayed very important efforts to receive feedback and new ideas about a new board structure.

Morgenstern states that it is important to focus on the second article that continues to suggest that the resolution was controversial. He states that the headline is irresponsible.

Agbeyegbe states that someone is distributing false information. He states that if that is happening, the Policy & Procedures Committee should be talking to interested parties before they hear from individuals distributing false information.

Wathey states that the Policy & Procedures Committee should write a statement. He states that this is an opportunity to inform members about the Committee's true motivations. He states that there is a need to discuss respect and creating safe space to have a discussion. He states that there is an opportunity for the Committee to turn this situation into a positive thing.

Bollo-Kamara states that she is torn because it is clear that the second article was biased. She states that Wathey was presented as unconcerned with students' concerns and that Vice-President University Affairs Pierre Harfouche, who was responsible for disseminating the false information, was presented as legitimate. She states that she is nervous about creating another scandal.

Wathey states that he disagrees. He states that this situation cannot get any worse and that it should be used to hold folks accountable and to improve a difficult situation.

Bollo-Kamara states that she can draft a statement for review by the committee. She states that the Committee can look at a draft and see if it is worth sending something out.

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Hudson states that the Committee should remember that it can create policy to address structural issues. She states that if the Committee believes that some of the problems they have discussed are the result of structural problems, they should consider creating policy to solve the issue. She states that she does not necessarily believe that the issues are structural, but this may be something that the Committee may want to consider.

4. CONSULTATION PROCESS

DISCUSSION

Bollo-Kamara states that the first group that she heard back from was the Engineering Society. She states that they requested the invitation on letterhead before responding. She states that she provided the invitation on letterhead and she has not heard back. She states that the New College Student Council has responded and is considering a date. She states that the Undergraduate Pharmacy Society has also responded. She states that the Trinity College Meeting has responded to say that they would be getting back to the Policy & Procedures Committee soon. She states that the University College Literary and Athletics Society (UCLIT) responded to say that they would not be interested in hearing from elected representatives who have graduated. She states that in the response from the UCLIT, they stated that they would only be interested in meeting with Executive Committee members and named which ones they were interested in meeting with. She states that they specifically did not name Vice-President Internal & Services and Chair of the Policy & Procedures Committee Cameron Wathey, even though he is a member of University College. She states that they also did not mention University of Toronto Mississauga Students' Union designate Ebi Agbeyegbe. She states that they did not acknowledge other members of the Policy & Procedures Committee.

Wathey states that leaving out the University of Toronto Mississauga representative and a University College member is disrespectful.

Agbeyegbe asks how many groups have yet to respond.

Bollo-Kamara states that there are 22 groups in total and that she has heard from four.

Morgenstern asks if he should follow up with the Victoria University Students' Administrative Council (VUSAC).

Bollo-Kamara states that Morgenstern should do so. She states that the Committee should decide upon a date in which they will move forward with a consultative townhall even if the respective student society does not respond. She states that they have a responsibility to consult their membership with or without the assistance of the respective students' society.

Agbeyegbe states that if the Committee does not hear from the student societies by August 1, the Committee should move forward with its promise for consultation.

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Wathey states that he agrees with Agbeyegbe.

Bollo-Kamara states that she will follow-up and request a response by August 1. She states that she will send a draft of a letter for consultation with clubs and Service Groups on July 29.

5. ONTARIO HEALTH & SAFETY ACT COMPLIANCE

DISCUSSION

Hudson states that the Ontario Health & Safety Act (OHSA) mandates that organizations in Ontario should have an anti-harassment policy in place. She states that mental health for workers and harassment is covered under the OHSA. She states that with the Committee's permission, she could draft a policy based on existing language from other organizations and the Union's Collective Agreement.

Bollo-Kamara states that this is a good way to proceed.

Hudson states that she will send a draft within a couple weeks.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

DISCUSSION

Morgenstern asks whether there is a concern about how byelections would occur if the elections were to be carried out in the manner that legal counsel suggested. He asks how byelections would happen if the elections were opened at a general meeting in the Fall academic session and announced at a general meeting in the Spring academic session.

Hudson states that this could be easily addressed by having elections opened at both meetings. She states that the byelections could be opened at the general meeting in the Spring academic session and announced at the general meeting in the Fall academic session.

Morgenstern asks what happens if there is a vacancy to be resolved in the byelection.

Hudson states that this is not a concern. She states that the bylaws state that if a vacancy occurs after August 1, there is an appointment, not a byelection. She states that this timeline works with what legal counsel has suggested.

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9. NEXT MEETING

DISCUSSION

Wathey states that he proposes that the next meeting occur on August 5 at 18:45. He states that he will determine others availability before confirming.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION MOVED: BOLLO-KAMARA SECONDED: AGBEYEGBE

Be it resolved that the meeting is adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourns at 18:14.

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BUDGET COMMITTEE

AUGUST 11, 2014

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO STUDENTS' UNION

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ATTENDANCE:

Nick Grant, New College Director (via Skype)
April Huang, Faculty of Nursing Director
Lakisha Ledchumanan, St. Michael's College Director
Diana Liu, Faculty of Dentistry Director (via Skype)
Belal Raifai, University of Toronto Mississauga
Cameron Wathey, Vice-President Internal and Services
Sandra Hudson, Executive Director (non-voting)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting is called to order at 17: 25.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION **MOVED: WATHEY** **SECONDED: LIU**

Be it resolved that the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

3. BUDGET COMMITTEE PRIORITIES

DISCUSSION

Wathey presents the Commission budget proposals approved at the July Board of Directors meeting. He states that the Committee must approve the priorities and amend the budget accordingly. He states that this is outlined in the eight-step budget framework. He discusses the Union's budgeting schedule items in detail.

4. RECOMMENDATION OF LARGE ALLOCATIONS

MOTION **MOVED: WATHEY** **SECONDED: LEDCHUMANAN**

Be it resolved that the following items be recommended for large allocations:

Campus Life Commission: \$25,000
Community Action Commission: \$8,700
Social Justice and Equity Commission: \$9,850
Start Up Funding: \$12,000
Short Term Funding: \$10,000
Long Term Funding: \$140,000

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DISCUSSION

Wathey states that the Community Action Commission is planning to spend \$200 more than the amount that was initially budgeted. He states that the expenses of the Community Action Commission can be kept at the same amount allocated to them in the preliminary budget or can be increased by funds from other line items. He states that funds can be reallocated from the Individual Academic Endeavours Grant or the website line item. He states that the Academic Endeavour Grants can be reduced by \$500 given the revised budget from last year. He states that the new anticipated expense for the website will be approximately \$5,000 as opposed to the \$15,000 budgeted. He states that the \$10,000 difference from the website budget can be reallocated to the budget for club funding. He states that since the Board Retreat cost less than anticipated, that money should also be reallocated.

Liu asks whether unsold tickets incur a loss for the Union.

Hudson states that the procedure of dealing with unsold tickets varies. She states that the unsold TTC passes are returned at the end of each month, while Maple Leafs Sports Entertainment does not provide refunds on unsold printed tickets.

Grant enters meeting via Skype at 17:50.

Huang asks whether there was any contingency fund for the Community Action Commission last year.

Wathey states that there was not a contingency fund for this Commission.

Hudson states that the Community Action Commission requires numerous printing materials and this could mean that the printing costs for these materials will be high. She states that the contingency fund can go towards that.

Liu asks whether the Union can reduce the number of printed materials for sustainability in the future.

Hudson states that the Union conducted a survey last year, which showed that the way that most students find out about the Union's initiatives is through posters and personal interactions.

Hudson leaves at 18:24.

Wathey states that the Committee may adjust priorities in the Commission budget as the Union will receive materials from the Canadian Federation of Students.

Liu states that reducing a deficit from any of the priorities could always be accommodated by the Contingency allowance.

Wathey states that the Campus Life Commission is requesting \$500 more than its allotted budget He

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states that the Committee should decrease the Campus Life Commission request by \$1000.

Ledchumanan states that surpluses from previous events should be reallocated to the Contingency fund, increasing it to \$2,500.

Wathey states the the current priorities of the Social Justice and Equity Commission are \$850 over the initial budget.

Ledchumanan states that the Committee should reallocate \$850 from the Board Retreat budget to the Commission.

Wathey states that the Committee can now review other large allocations to be approved. He states that most members of the Committee promised to increase clubs funding as part of their elections platforms. He states that the Committee should increase to clubs funding.

Liu asks Wathey to review areas where the redistribution of funds are possible.

Wathey states that funds could be re-allocated from the website. He states that this line item could be reduced from \$15,000 to \$5,000.

Huang states that the Committee could decrease the Union's Board of Directors Meeting budget allocation from \$11,000 to \$10,000 and use the \$1,000 to increase the Clubs' Funding allocation.

Wathey states that these two allocations would increase the Long Term Clubs Funding to \$151,000 from the original allocation of \$140,000. He states that the advertising line item for the Health and Dental Plan can be reduced by \$4,000 as only \$4,000 was spent in the previous fiscal year.

Liu states that she would like to advertise the Health and Dental Plan more this year and recommends leaving the advertising line item at \$8,000.

Huang agrees and states that the Committee should also keep the advertising line item constant in case more advertising is done.

Wathey agrees and states that there should heavy promotion of the Health and Dental plan, especially with the new coverage of counseling and psychological services. He states that he would like to work with the Faculties to increase awareness of the Union's Health and Dental plan.

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MOTION TO AMEND MOVED: WATHEY SECONDED: HUANG

Be it resolved that Long Term Funding be given \$151,000.

CARRIED

MAIN MOTION CARRIED

6. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION MOVED: WATHEY SECONDED: RAIFAI

Be it resolved that the meeting is adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting is adjourned at 20:07.

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ELECTIONS & REFERENDA COMMITTEE

AUGUST 17, 2014

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO STUDENTS' UNION

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Meeting 1 of the Elections & Referenda Committee of the University of Toronto Students' Union
Sunday, August 17, 2014 | 14:30 | UTSU Building

ATTENDANCE

Naveed Ahmed, University of Toronto Mississauga (via Skype)
Cameron Wathey, Vice-President Internal & Services
Yolen Bollo-Kamara, President
Ella Henry, Faculty of Law
Sandra Hudson, Executive Director (non-voting)

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting is called to order at 14:52.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION MOVED: WATHEY SECONDED: HENRY

Be it resolved that the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

3. INTRODUCTION

DISCUSSION

Wathey provides an overview of the role and purpose of the Elections & Referenda Committee.

4. VACANT SEATS

DISCUSSION

Wathey states that the Transitional Year Program Representative and the OISE Representative on the Board of Directors are elected during the Fall elections period. He states that the Toronto School of Theology position is vacant, as there were no candidates for this position in the Spring election period.

5. OVERVIEW OF BYLAWS, POLICIES AND ELECTIONS PROCEDURE CODE

DISCUSSION

Wathey provides an overview of the documents governing elections.

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6. ELECTION DATES

MOTION MOVED: WATHEY SECONDED: AHMED

Be it resolved that the nomination period for the Fall 2014 By-Elections start on September 29, 2014 and end on October 3, 2014; and

Be it further resolved that the campaign period for the Fall 2014 By-Elections start on October 6, 2014 and end on October 15, 2014; and

Be it further resolved that the voting days for the Fall 2014 By-Elections be on October 14, 2014 and October 15, 2014.

DISCUSSION

Hudson states that she was going to suggest dates for one week later, but that this works better for internal planning, given that the Annual General Meeting and the Elections Period will overlap.

Ahmed states that he is comfortable with the dates presented.

CARRIED

7. ONLINE VOTING

DISCUSSION

Wathey states that last year, online voting was implemented. He states that it was implemented during the last Fall elections period. He states that the online voting system is very pricey.

Henry states that the Annual General Meeting recommended that the Committee consider online voting in the 2012-2013 academic year.

Ahmed asks how online voting was received last year and whether or not voter turnout improved.

Hudson states that voter turnout was stagnant for a similarly-sized election. She states that there were some concerns about the amount of spoiled ballots, which the voting company explained was likely a result of lack of voter understanding of the system. She states that she can circulate the recommendations of the Chief Retraining Officer from the Spring, who recommended that online voting no longer be used.

Ahmed states that the Committee should consider reverting to a paper ballot system.

Henry states that this is not a decision that should be made today or immediately. She states that there should be further investigation on how to increase student engagement. She states that

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there may be other ways to make voting accessible with the money that is currently spent on elections.

Bollo-Kamara states that online voting does not necessarily increase engagement among the membership. She states that it would take significant research and consultation before making this type of decision.

Henry states that she thinks the decision would be contentious. She states that there should be an in-depth investigation into the pros and cons of online voting.

Wathey states that he will place this on the agenda at the next meeting.

Bollo-Kamara states that the report of the Chief Returning Officer should be considered carefully.

8. POLLING LOCATIONS

MOTION MOVED: WATHEY SECONDED: BOLLO-KAMARA

Be it resolved that polling stations be located in OISE or the Faculty of Social Work, the Transitional Year Program Building or Woodsworth College and St. Michael's College or Emmanuel College and Knox College.

DISCUSSION

Wathey states that the polling locations have been chosen based on the elections that are happening.

Henry states that it may not make sense to have a polling location at Sidney Smith given the elections that are happening. She states that there should be one theological location on East Campus and one on West Campus.

Bollo-Kamara states that there should be priority for getting a polling location in the Transitional Year Program Building.

CARRIED

9. CHIEF RETURNING OFFICER HIRING

DISCUSSION

Wathey provides an overview of all the applicants for Chief Returning Officer.

Bollo-Kamara states that current members should not be considered as they may have a political interest in the position. She states that all other applicants should be interviewed.

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Thursday, July 10, 2014 | 17:00 | UTSU Building

Hudson suggests calling applicants who are members and informing them about other employment opportunities that are upcoming.

Wathey states that he will call the applicants this week.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION MOVED: WATHEY SECONDED: AHMED

Be it resolved that the meeting is adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting is adjourned at 15:43.

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CLUBS COMMITTEE

JULY 21, 2014

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO STUDENTS' UNION

MINUTES

Meeting 2 of the Clubs Committee of the University of Toronto Students' Union
July 21, 2014 | 19:00 | University of Toronto Students' Union Office

ATTENDANCE:

Yolen Bollo-Kamara, President
Yifan Jiang, Clubs Community Member
Jenny Lin, Woodworth College
Gayoung Kim, Clubs Community Member
ZiJian Yang, Vice-President Campus Life

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting is called to order at 19:02.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION MOVED: YANG SECONDED: LIN

Be it resolved that the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

3. SUMMER FUNDING APPLICATIONS

3.01 – Chinese Undergraduate Association at the University of Toronto

MOTION MOVED: JIANG SECONDED: LIN

Be it resolved that the Chinese Undergraduate Association at University of Toronto receive \$120 in Summer Funding.

DISCUSSION

Jiang states that Chinese Undergraduate Association at the University of Toronto is requesting \$250, however their difference is only \$120. She states that the numbers look reasonable but they should not be funded more than their difference.

CARRIED

3.02 – House Jam Collective

MOTION MOVED: LIN SECONDED: JIANG

Be it resolved that the House Jam Collective receive \$96 in Summer Funding.

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DISCUSSION

Lin states that this club is requesting \$250 but their difference is only \$60.

Yang states that according to their revised budget their difference is \$96.

CARRIED

3.03 – UofT Autism Alliance

MOTION MOVED: KIM SECONDED: LIN

Be it resolved that the UofT Autism Alliance receive \$228 in Summer Funding.

DISCUSSION

Kim states that this club is requesting \$250 but their total expense is \$456, therefore they are only eligible for \$228.

Lin states that the cost is reasonable given her previous experience organizing barbecues.

CARRIED

3.04 – Fo' Real HipHop

MOTION MOVED: YANG SECONDED: JIANG

Be it resolved that the Summer Funding application for Fo' Real HipHop be tabled.

DISCUSSION

Yang states that the group has not received recognition for the current year and is not eligible for Summer Funding. He states that he does not want to defeat the application outright and would like to give the club a chance to respond.

Lin agrees.

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3.05 – Tamil Students Association

MOTION MOVED: JIANG SECONDED: LIN

Be it resolved that the Summer Funding application for Tamil Students Association be tabled.

Jiang states that this group is not currently recognized and should be given the same consideration as other clubs in this situation.

CARRIED

3.06 – Music Animal Charity

MOTION MOVED: LIN SECONDED: JIANG

Be it resolved that the Music Animal Charity receive \$223 in Summer Funding.

DISCUSSION

Lin states that although they did not go to clubs training for the previous year, they have put a lot of effort into the application and deserve funding.

Kim states that she thinks the group deserves funding because of the work they put into their application.

CARRIED

3.07 – Hong Kong Student Association

MOTION MOVED: KIM SECONDED: LIN

Be it resolved that the Hong Kong Student Association receive \$150 in Summer Funding.

DISCUSSION

Kim states that they are only eligible for \$112.

Yang points out the souvenirs can be covered as they are being distributed to the general membership and not intended for the executives.

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3.08 – Spctorial

MOTION MOVED: YANG SECONDED: LIN

Be it resolved that the Spectorial receive \$250 in Summer Funding.

DISCUSSION

Yang states that this group is looking to cover their printing costs, which is \$564. He states that the group has been operating for quite a while.

Lin states she would like to see actual numbers of prints, which the application lacks, but she will give them benefit of the doubt.

CARRIED

3.09 – UofT Aerospace Team

MOTION MOVED: JIANG SECONDED: YANG

Be it resolved that the UofT Aerospace Team receive \$250 in Summer Funding.

DISCUSSION

Jiang states that this group is applying for funding for a summer competition, which took place in the United States. She states that this club has also included the receipts from June and July.

CARRIED

3.10 – Laboratory Medicine and Pathobiology Student Union

MOTION MOVED: LIN SECONDED: KIM

Be it resolved that the Laboratory Medicine and Pathobiology Student Union receive \$80 in Summer Funding.

DISCUSSION

Lin states that they are hosting a barbecue luncheon for \$160. She states that the maximum allowed amount of \$80 should be allocated.

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3.11 – African Students Association

MOTION MOVED: KIM SECONDED: JIANG

Be it resolved that the African Students Association receive \$228 in Summer Funding.

DISCUSSION

Kim states that based on her calculations of actuals with the predicted budget, the group qualifies for \$228.

CARRIED

Bollo-Kamara enters at 20:09.

3.12 – UofT Chinese Catholic Community

MOTION MOVED: YANG SECONDED: LIN

Be it resolved that the UofT Chinese Catholic Community receive \$95 in Summer Funding.

DISCUSSION

Yang states that the application is for a BBQ event and they have attached all their receipts and everything looks fine. She further states that their eligibility is only \$95 instead of the \$100 they requested for.

CARRIED

3.13 – English Language Learning Student Association

MOTION MOVED: BOLLO-KAMARA SECONDED: LIN

Be it resolved that the Summer Funding application for English Language Learning Student Association be defeated.

DISCUSSION

Yang states that the club lists several expenses, such as gifts, that cannot be covered as per the Clubs Policy. He further states that some of the expenses seem unrealistic, such as \$20 for 50 disposable cups and plates.

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Bollo-Kamara states that the club's expenses are minimal and are going toward a new event. She states that the Union could cover some of the eligible expenses.

Lin states that she agrees that some of the expenses seem unrealistic but that the Union could cover some of the food costs.

Yang states that the group does not meet the criteria to be eligible for summer funding as they were not recognized last year and they did not attend clubs executive training last year, both of which are mandatory requirements.

CARRIED

Bollo-Kamara exits at 20:18.

3.14 - Bangladeshi Students' Association

MOTION MOVED: YANG SECONDED: LIN

Be it resolved that the Bangladeshi Students' Association receive \$250 in Summer Funding.

DISCUSSION

Yang states that the group is hosting a dinner celebrating Eid, taking place in University College's Junior Common Room and that their expenses look reasonable.

CARRIED

3.15 - UofT Taekwondo Organization

MOTION MOVED: KIM SECONDED: JIANG

Be it resolved that the UofT Taewando Organization receive \$103 in Summer Funding.

DISCUSSION

Kim states that this group have a lot of capital assets, but after subtractions they are still eligible for \$103.

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3.16 – UofT Mandarin Debate Association

MOTION MOVED: YANG SECONDED: LIN

Be it resolved that the UofT Mandarin Debate Association receive \$207 in Summer Funding.

DISCUSSION

Jiang states that there is a conflict of interest for her and will not speak to or vote on this application.

Yang states that the group is hosting a trip to Hart House Farm, and they are only eligible for \$207 instead of the \$250 they are requesting.

CARRIED

4. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION MOVED: JIANG SECONDED: KIM

Be it resolved that the meeting is adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting is adjourned at 20:27.