

# MINUTES

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

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**SEPTEMBER 29 & OCTOBER 1, 2014**

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO STUDENTS' UNION

# MINUTES

Meeting 5 of the Board of Directors of the University of Toronto Students' Union  
September 29 & October 1, 2014 | 16:00 | RT LL1060

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## IN ATTENDANCE:

Ebi Agbeyegbe, University of Toronto Mississauga Students' Union Representative *Exit at 19:17*

*September 29, Enter at 16:10 October 1*

Naveed Ahmed, University of Toronto Mississauga *Exit at 20:17 September 29*

Tolu Alabi, Professional Faculty-At-Large *Enter at 16:10 October 1*

Patrick Andison, Trinity College Representative *Exit 21:00 September 29, Enter at 16:10 October 1*

Nia-Imara Barberousse, Faculty of Music *Exit 21:00 September 29, Enter at 16:10 October 1*

Frishta Bastan, University of Toronto Mississauga *Exit 20:17 September 29, Enter at 16:10 October 1 via Skype*

Joseph Bodley, Ontario Institute for Studies in Education *Via Skype Exit 21:00 September 29, Enter at 16:10 October 1*

Yolen Bollo-Kamara, President *Exit 21:00 September 29, Enter at 16:10 October 1*

Veeral Gohil, Faculty of Pharmacy *Exit 21:00 September 29*

Ryan Gomes, Faculty of Engineering *Exit 21:00 September 29, Enter at 16:10 October 1*

Nick Grant, New College Representative *Exit 21:00 September 29*

Pierre Harfouche, Vice-President University Affairs *Exit 21:00 September 29, Enter at 16:10 October 1*

Ella Henry, Faculty of Law *Enter 18:15 Exit 21:00 September 29, Enter at 16:10 October 1*

April Huang, Faculty of Nursing *Exit 21:00 September 29, Enter at 16:10 October 1*

Jim Huang, St. Michael's College Representative *Exit 21:00 September 29*

Mike Kanopoulos, St. Michael's College Representative *Enter at 16:10 October 1*

Sydney Lang, Woodsworth College Representative *Exit 21:00 September 29, Enter at 16:10 October 1*

Lakisha Ladchuman, St. Michael's College Representative *Enter at 16:10 October 1*

Victor Lee, Victoria College Representative *Exit 21:00 September 29, Enter at 17:12 October 1*

Xin Wei Li, New College Representative *Exit 21:00 September 29, Enter at 18:20 October 1*

Jenny Lin, Woodsworth College Representative *Exit 21:00 September 29*

Diana Liu, Faculty of Dentistry

Kevin Lunianga, Arts & Science At-Large *Exit 21:00 September 29, Enter at 16:30 October 1*

Maaham Malik, University of Toronto Mississauga *Enter at 16:10 October 1*

Alexandra McKinnon, University College Representative *Enter 17:25 Exit 21:00 September 29*

Zach Morgenstern, Victoria College Representative *Exit 21:00 September 29, Enter at 16:10 October 1*

Andi Musa, Professional Faculty-At-Large *Enter 16:45 Exit 20:28 September 29*

Ridwan Olow, University of Toronto Mississauga *Enter at 16:10 October 1 Via Skype*

Nirmal Patel, University of Toronto Mississauga *Via Skype Enter at 16:10 October 1*

Josephine Petrolo, Woodsworth College Representative *Enter at 16:10 October 1*

Paolo Piguing, Faculty of Engineering *Exit 21:00 September 29, Enter at 16:10 October 1*

William Qiu, Arts & Science At-Large *Exit 21:00 September 29, Enter at 17:03 October 1*

Belal Raifai, University of Toronto Mississauga *Exit 20:17 September 29, via skype Enter at 16:10 October 1*

Naijiba Sardar, Vice-President Equity *Exit 21:00 September 29, Enter at 16:10 October 1*

Eric Schwenger, University College Representative *Exit 19:50 September 29, Enter at 16:10 October 1*

Ryan Schwenger, Faculty of Kinesiology & Physical Education *Exit 21:00 September 29, Enter at 16:10 October 1*

Grayce Slobodian, Vice-President External *Exit 21:00 September 29, Enter at 16:10 October 1*

Htay Tint, Transitional Year Program *Enter 17:34 Exit 21:00 September 29, Enter at 16:10 October 1*

Neil Vas, Faculty of Architecture *Exit 21:00 September 29, Enter at 16:10 October 1*

Cameron Wathey, Vice-President Internal & Services *Exit 21:00 September 29, Enter at 16:10 October 1*

Yi Wen Wu, Innis College Representative *Exit 21:00 September 29, Enter at 16:10 October 1*

ZiJian Yang, Vice-President Campus Life *Exit 21:00 September 29, Enter at 16:10 October 1*

Tom Ying, Faculty of Medicine *Enter 17:13 September 29*

Patrick Zang, University of Toronto Mississauga

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## GUESTS:

Connor Anear, Male Head of Trinity College *September 29*  
Ben Coleman, Student Governor *September 29*  
Daman Dingh *September 29*  
Yasmeen Emadi *October 1*  
Susan Froom, Student Governor, *October 1*  
Kaleem Hawa *September 29*  
Yolanda Ho *September 29*  
Sandra Hudson, UTSU Executive Director  
Angelo Mateo *October 1*  
Adnan Najimi, UTSU Financial Coordinator *September 29*  
Yerusha Nuh, *October 1*  
Iris Robin, The Varsity *September 29*  
Kriya Siewrattan, President, Association of Part-Time Undergraduate Students, *October 1*  
Alex Verman, The Varsity *September 29, October 1*  
Vipulan Vigneswaran *September 29, October 1*  
Melissa Vinient *September 29*  
Katrina Vogan *September 29, October 1*  
Stephen Warner *September 29*

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting is called to order at 16:20.

Harfouche asks if the meeting is in order as the union has not updated its Bylaws with Corporations Canada since 1992.

Hudson states that it is in order, and states that she will distribute memos from our lawyers concerning updating the Bylaws. She states that the current Bylaws have been submitted to the government for approval.

## 2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

**MOTION**                      MOVED: WATHEY                      SECONDED: OLOW

Be it resolved that the agenda be approved as presented.

**MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA** MOVED: WATHEY  
SECONDED: BASTAN

Be it resolved that item (3): "Business Postponed From The Previous Meeting" and item (4): "Executive Report" be considered as one item.

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## CARRIED

## CARRIED AS AMENDED

### 3. BUSINESS POSTPONED FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING (2014.08.21 - 4: "EXECUTIVE REPORT") & EXECUTIVE REPORT

**MOTION**                      MOVED: WATHEY                      SECONDED: BASTAN

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

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

## DISCUSSION

Executive Committee members highlight aspects of the reports.

## CARRIED

### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**MOTION** MOVED: WATHEY      SECONDED: BOLLO-KAMARA

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

- A. Board of Directors 2014-2015, August 21 (p. 40)
- B. Policy & Procedures Committee, September 16, 22 (p. 54)
- C. Budget Committee, September 24 (p. 104)
- D. Elections & Referenda Committee, September 19, 22 (p. 107)
- E. Organizational Development & Services Committee, September 24 (p. 149)
- F. Executive Committee Minutes, August 27, September 16 (p. 153)
- G. Sustainability Commission, September 17 (p. 172)

## DISCUSSION

Harfouche states that he is concerned with the way the minutes are edited.

Andison asks why some aspects of all discussions do not appear in the minutes package.

DeBues states that the minutes should be clear to all members of the Union.

Harfouche states that an addition should be made to page 169 of the minutes package. He states

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that it appears in the minutes that he was attacking Slobodian, which was not his intention.

Harfouche states that he would like to discuss Items 3: "Ontario Corporations Act Continuance" 4: "Plebiscite Questions" 5: "New Board Structure - Divisional Participation" 7: "Ontario Health & Safety Act Compliance" from the September 16 Policy & Procedures Committee.

Harfouche states that he would like to discuss Items 3: "Motion to Empower Proposed Committees" 4: "Motion to Amend Articles of Continuance" 5: "Motion to Amend Articles of Continuance" 6: "Motion to Amend Articles of Continuance" from the September 22 Policy & Procedures Committee.

Harfouche states that he would like to discuss September 19 Elections & Referenda Committee

## CARRIED

## 2014.09.19 ONTARIO CORPORATIONS ACT CONTINUANCE

### MOTION

MOVED: BOLLO-KAMARA    SECONDED: MORGENSTERN

*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 the Corporation was continued under the Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act (CNCA) pursuant to section 297 of the CNCA on the \_\_\_\_ day of October, 2014; and*

*WHEREAS the Corporation now wishes to continue into the Ontario jurisdiction and to be subject to the laws of that jurisdiction, pursuant to the Ontario Corporations Act ("OCA") and;*

*WHEREAS the Corporation does not intend to materially amend its Articles of Continuance or By-laws and the Directors of the Corporation have determined this this continuance into Ontario will not adversely affect members of the Corporation;*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Corporation is authorized and directed to make an application under section 213 of the CNCA to the Director appointed under the CNCA for a letter of consent for continuation out of the CNCA;
2. Upon approval of the Director, the Corporation is authorized and directed to file a Continuation Application with the Ministry of Government Services continuing the Corporation as if it had been incorporation under the laws of the Province of Ontario and make an application to Corporations Canada for a Certificate of Discontinuance; and
3. Upon continuance into the Ontario jurisdiction, the By-laws of the Corporation shall be amended to replace references to the "Canada Corporations Act" to the "Ontario Corporations Act" and make any other minor amendments to comply with the OCA; and
4. Any director or officer of the Corporation is authorized and directed to execute all instruments

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and documents necessary or desirable to carry out the foregoing.

## DISCUSSION

Bollo-Kamara states that this is one option for the membership to consider at the Annual General Meeting. She states that this will allow the Union to retain the exact same Board structure that it currently has. She states that this may be the best option, given the amount of confusion and controversy amongst the membership.

Harfouche states that he is against this motion. He states that he has not received any documents comparing the difference between Ontario and federal legislation. He states that there is time to have several General Meetings to refine the Board structure in the current year. He states that there is no need to respect self-imposed timelines. He states that he wants Board structure to be amended now. He states that the new act gives more power to members. He states that he encourages the Board to oppose the resolution.

Hudson states that at the June meeting of the Policy & Procedures Committee meeting, a side-by-side comparison of the two different types of legislation was provided by legal counsel and reviewed. She states that there is no substantial difference between the two laws.

Wathey states that supporting this resolution gives the membership opportunity to continue with the current Board structure. He states that members have concerns over representation. He states that passing this motion gives members an opportunity to be heard on the issue.

Bollo-Kamara states that the Board structure discussion has been extensive. She states that that there have been consultations with members who have voiced confusion and concern because this is a complex issue. She states that members have mentioned they would like more time to discuss this. She states that many of the students she has consulted with have voiced their support for moving toward to Ontario legislation to retain the current structure.

Harfouche states that it is beneficial to give members more time. He states that the Councils consulted should be able to decide after one year as new executives come in every year. He states that the structure would have to change under Ontario legislation in four years in any case. He states that it is inefficient to wait four years. He states that there has already been time to discuss this. He states that during consultations other options besides the Ontario Corporations Act option have not been presented.

Gomes states that he found the consultation that was held in the Faculty of Engineering to be very beneficial to clarify complex details. He states that members were open to retaining the same structure and moving to Ontario legislation. He states that he is in favor of having the membership discuss this, but he would also like to see alternative options presented.

Andison states that he is concerned with the timeline. He states that next year's Annual General Meeting would need to occur prior to October 16, 2015 to meet legal requirements. He states that this would not complicate the Annual General Meeting. He states that the Union should oppose this motion and agree on a new structure in time for that date.

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DeBues states that he hopes the Board will be working on other issues in the future. He states that this could be discussed within the one-year time frame and to extend it would take away from other issues that can be more important.

Maduri states that as legal counsel, he recommends moving to the Ontario legislation. He states that this will not be possible after October 16, and that the decision cannot be reversed. He states that the argument that the Board should not wait to act on proposing a new structure does not make sense. He states that the Union could change the structure as quickly as they wanted to. He states the reason for moving to provincial jurisdiction is to give members more time to make the right decision while retaining the current structure.

Anderson states that there is a high turnover rate and he is concerned that it would be confusing to introduce this issue to new Board members. He states that the current membership is best equipped to deal with this issue.

## FAILED

### 2014.09.19 PLEBISCITE QUESTIONS

**MOTION**      MOVED: BOLLO-KAMARA      SECONDED: WATHEY

Be it resolved that the following questions be submitted to the Elections & Referenda Committee for a plebiscite:

- 1. Do you believe that international students should have direct representation to the University of Toronto Students' Union board of directors through an individual who is elected specifically to work on issues affecting international students?*
- 2. Do you believe that queer and trans\*-identified students should have direct representation to the University of Toronto Students' Union board of directors through an individual who is elected specific to work on issues affecting queer & trans\*-identifi students on campus?*
- 3. Do you believe that women students should have direct representation to the University of Toronto Students' Union board of directors through an individual who is elected specifically to work on issues affecting women on campus?*
- 4. Do you believe that students of colour should have direct representation to the University of Toronto Students' Union board of directors through an individual who is elected specifically to work on issues of inclusion, oppression, racism and xenophobia affecting students of colour on campus?*
- 5. Do you believe that First Nations, Inuit and Métis students should have direct representation to the University of Toronto Students' Union board of directors through an individual who is elected specifically to work on issues of inclusion, oppression, racism and colonialism affecting indigenous students on campus?*
- 6. Do you believe that mature students should have direct representation to the University of Toronto Students' Union board of directors through an individual who is elected specifically to work on issues affecting mature students on campus?*

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7. *Do you believe that environmental issues affecting students should be directly represented to the University of Toronto Students' Union board of directors through an individual who is elected specifically to work on sustainability initiatives?*
8. *Do you believe that students with disabilities should have direct representation to the University of Toronto Students' Union board of directors through an individual who is elected specifically to work on issues of accessibility, mental health and other issues affecting students with disabilities?*
9. *Do you believe that residence students should have direct representation to the University of Toronto Students' Union board of directors through an individual who is elected specifically to work on issues affecting students living in residence?*
10. *Do you believe that commuter students should have direct representation to the University of Toronto Students' Union board of directors through an individual who is elected specifically to work on issues affecting students who commute to campus?*
11. *Do you believe that students should have direct representation to the University of Toronto Students' Union board of directors through an individual who is elected specifically to work on athletic issues on campus?*
12. *Do you believe that first-year students should have direct representation to the University of Toronto Students' Union board of directors through a first-year student who is elected specifically to work on issues affecting students in their first year of study?*
13. *Do you believe that Arts and Science at-large representation to the University of Toronto Students' Union board of directors should increase by one additional director, totaling three Arts & Science at-large directors?*
14. *Do you believe that Professional Faculty at-large representation to the University of Toronto Students' Union board of directors should increase by one additional director, totaling three Professional Faculty at-large directors?*
15. *Do you believe that college-based student societies should represent themselves to the University of Toronto Students' Union through a committee?*
16. *Do you believe that professional faculty-based student societies should represent themselves to the University of Toronto Students' Union through a committee?*

## DISCUSSION

Harfouche states that the motion is out of order because it is from Policy & Procedures and not served by the Executive Committee in accordance with the Charter for Referenda.

**MOTION TO RECESS**      MOVED: HARFOUCHE      SECONDED:  
SLOBODIAN

Be it resolved that the meeting recess for 10 minutes.

## CARRIED

*The meeting recessed at 17:35.*

*The meeting is called to order at 17:52.*



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*Liu enters meeting via Skype.*

The Chair rules that the motion is out of order.

## **MOTION RULED OUT OF ORDER**

### **2014.09.19 NEW BOARD STRUCTURE - DIVISIONAL PARTICIPATION**

#### **MOTION TO ADD PROFESSIONAL FACULTIES COMMITTEE**

MOVED: BOLLO-KAMARA SECONDED: WATHEY

Be it resolved that a clause under Bylaw XI(5) be added to read:

##### 6. Professional Faculties Society Committee

- 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 a new section entitled "Professional Faculties Society Committee" with the subsection "Membership" be added to the Operational Policy dated 2006 April 18 entitled "Union Committees" to read 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*
- *One (1) representative of the Engineering Society*
- *One (1) representative of the Toronto School of Theology*
- *One (1) representative of the Student Teachers' Union*
- *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*
- *The President of the Union*

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- *The Vice-President Internal & Services of the Union*
- *The Vice-President University Affairs of the Union*
- *The Professional Faculty At-Large representatives on the Board of Directors*

## DISCUSSION

Bollo-Kamara states that a similar motion was submitted to last Board meeting. She states that this ensures direct representation for professional faculty student societies. She states that there is already a motion for Arts & Science representation going to the Annual General Meeting. She states that this motion addresses the concerns that were raised at the September meeting by Alabi and others.

Harfouche asks how an election for this Committee would be held.

Bollo-Kamara states that it would be up to the student societies themselves.

## CARRIED

## 2014.09.19 ONTARIO HEALTH & SAFETY ACT COMPLIANCE

### MOTION      MOVED: BOLLO-KAMARA    SECONDED: VAS

Be it resolved that the following be adopted as operational policy of the Union:

#### **“No Discrimination**

The University of Toronto Students' Union shall exercise no discrimination, interference, restriction, harassment, or coercion exercised or practiced with respect to any employee or applicant for employment by reason of age; race; creed; colour; place of origin; ethnic origin; citizenship; ancestry; native language; political or religious affiliations and/or membership; beliefs or activities; gender or sex; sexual preference or orientation; marital status; family status; parental status; number of dependents; place of residence; having a disability which does not prevent the performance of the duties of a position; Union membership or activity; nor by reason of the exercise of any of the rights contained in the Employment Standards Act or any existing Collective Agreement or contract.

#### **No Harassment**

The Union shall not exercise or practice any form of harassment with respect to any Employee or any applicant seeking to become an Employee, by reason of any of the grounds set forth in Article 4.01.

**Harassment shall be defined as any vexatious comment or conduct that is known or should reasonably be known to be unwelcome, such as:**

- unwelcome remarks, jokes, innuendos, or taunts about a person;
- insulting gestures or practical jokes of a nature which cause awkwardness or embarrassment;
- offensive comments and/or actions which demean, humiliate or threaten an individual or group;

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- d. displaying or distributing pornographic, pin-up pictures, graffiti or other offensive pictures or written material;
- e. leering (suggestive staring);
- f. refusing to talk to, or work with, a person by reason of any of the prohibited grounds;
- g. demands for sexual favours or unwanted sexual overtures;
- h. unnecessary physical contact, such as touching, patting or pinching;
- i. sexual assault;
- j. physical assault;

**Sexual harassment shall be defined as:**

- a. unwanted attention of a sexually oriented nature; or
- b. implied or expressed promise of reward for complying with a sexually oriented request; or
- c. implied or expressed threat of reprisal, actual reprisal or the denial of opportunity for the refusal to comply with a sexually oriented request; or
- d. sexually oriented remarks or behaviour which may reasonably be perceived to create a negative working environment;
- e. insulting gesture or practical jokes of a nature which cause awkwardness or embarrassment.

**Gender harassment shall be defined as:**

- a. offensive comments and/or actions, and/or exclusion from that to which a person(s) would otherwise have a right or privilege, which demean and belittle an individual(s) and/or cause personal humiliation, on the basis of sexual orientation or gender.

**Racial/Ethnic/Religious harassment shall be defined as:**

- b. offensive comments and/or actions, and/or exclusion from that to which a person(s) would otherwise have a right or privilege, which demean and belittle an individual(s) and/or cause personal humiliation, on the basis of race, creed, religion, colour, place of origin, ethnic origin, citizenship and/or ancestry.

**Harassment** shall be defined as an offensive comment and/or action, which demeans an individual or causes personal humiliation of the types listed in this policy.

**Denial of Service**

The Union recognizes the right of employees to refuse service to individuals that behave belligerently or abusively or that contravene the Union's policies related to harassment, discrimination, in accordance with the following procedures:

- a) Where the actions of any individual pose a threat to the safety and security of other individuals, employees should take reasonable steps to immediately notify the Executive Director and or their supervisor.
- b) An employee who refuses service to an individual must provide a written record of account of the incident to the Executive Director as soon as possible, and in all cases within no more than two working days following the incident. The record or account will include the date, time and location of the incident, a full disclosure of the circumstances which lead to a denial of service and a list of witnesses to the incident where possible.

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c) A meeting with the employee will be held as soon as is reasonably possible following the incident, the purpose of such meeting is to discuss the circumstances which lead to a denial of service, to identify any strategies which could be used in future similar situations, and to initiate any resolutions. The Executive Director will inform all staff about the incident.

## **Harassment Complaints**

An employee who alleges that they have been subject to discrimination or harassed may submit a complaint.

The employee may request that contact with the alleged harasser be discontinued during the period in which the complaint is being investigated. Upon such a request, the direct supervisor shall ensure such separation. Where separation occurs the Employee with the complaint shall suffer no penalty or interference in her working conditions. Should separation impact the work of another employee the separation shall not be considered for disciplinary action.

Within ten (10) working days of receipt of the complaint, the Executive Director or appropriate supervisor shall convene a meeting with the complainant. The Union must respond in writing to the employee within ten (10) working days of the meeting on a resolution to the grievance.

## **Investigation of Harassment Complaint**

If an employee feels they have been harassed and notifies the Union, the Executive Director or appropriate supervisor shall conduct an investigation regardless of whether a formal complaint has been filed. The investigation process shall take no longer than fourteen (14) working days unless otherwise agreed upon by the employee and the Executive Director or appropriate supervisor. The Executive Director, Vice-President Internal & Services and President shall then decide what action shall be taken. The employee shall be informed of the decision within five (5) working days following the investigation. Where possible proceedings and results shall be kept in the strictest confidence.

## **Counselling during Investigation**

The employee shall be offered counselling or leave (with pay) during the investigation.

## **DISCUSSION**

Hudson states that the Union needs a harassment policy as per the Health & Safety Act. She states that most of the language is taken from the current Collective Agreement with staff.

Harfouche asks if this applies to poll clerks, members, Board members, Blue Crew volunteers and other part-time staff. He asks who would be the appropriate supervisor in each case of harassment brought forward.

Hudson states that each situation is unique. She states that she would normally be the supervisor, though other staff who are health and safety certified and who are supervisors may be more appropriate in certain circumstances. She states that this would only apply to staff of the Union.

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## CARRIED

### 2014.09.22 MOTION TO EMPOWER PROPOSED COMMITTEES

**MOTION** MOVED: BOLLO-KAMARA SECONDED: WATHEY

*Whereas the structure of the UTSU Board of Directors must change in order to be in compliance with corporations legislation;*

*Whereas direct representation for individual colleges and faculties can no longer exist in the same form as the current structure;*

*Whereas direct representation for individual colleges and faculties is a fundamental aspect of the UTSU structure;*

*Whereas through consultation by the Policy and Procedures Committee, college and faculty councils have expressed a desire for continued representation for their respective constituencies within the structure of the UTSU, and for oversight over UTSU operation;*

Be it resolved that, should they be approved at a General Meeting, amendments to the Union Bylaws referencing the Arts and Science Committee and the Professional Faculties Committee be drafted such that they empower the Committees to elect one representative who is not a member of the Union Executive as a voting member of the following Committees:

Budget Committee, Elections and Referenda Committee, Executive Review Committee, Student Accessibility Committee, Organisational Development and Services Committee and Policy and Procedures Committee

## DISCUSSION

Bollo-Kamara states that because of changes to legislation, there is concern that representation from Colleges and Faculties would not remain the same. She states that this motion attempts to ensure that Colleges and Faculties maintain the same right to vote and participate in the different aspects of the Union. She states that this allows student society representatives to directly participate in Union committees.

Gomes states that he is in favour of this proposal in principal. He asks what the legal opinion was that rendered his alternative proposal unfeasible. He asks for some description regarding the opinion given by the legal counsel.

Harfouche states that he is in favour of the motion, but states that this misses the concern representation from professional faculties. He states that for years there has been demand for a member of the Executive Committee that represents Professional Faculties.

Hawa states that he thinks it is disingenuous to state that idea came from consultation with the

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colleges. He states that the Colleges and Faculties want to maintain their level of representation and he believes that this proposal does not do that. He states that the Board structure should retain College representation.

Bollo-Kamara states that she has not heard anything about appointing a Professional Faculty representative to the Executive Committee. She states that at the student society summit last year, there was opposition to the College Board representatives being chosen through an electoral process rather than an appointment from the student societies. She states that this type of system is not permitted by the new Act, which is why it was worked around through a Committee structure. She states that this directly addresses that concern by providing direct representation in the Union.

Wathey states the Board just defeated the option that would legally allow the Union to keep the Board structure as it is. He states that the new committees allow direct student society representation on Committees.

Harfouche states that when the Board transition occurs, there is no transition on past issues. He states that there is no context provided to Board members. He states that student societies should be able to have representation on the Executive Committee as ex-officio, non-voting members. He states that the motion should fail for that reason.

Gomes states that there is a UTM Executive Committee member and that there should similarly be a Vice-President to raise issues of professional faculties to the Executive Committee's attention.

Hawa states that there is a problem with the comparison. He states that there is comparatively less representation on the committees. He states that it is disingenuous to say that the student societies see this as additional representation. He states that it is weakening representation.

Andison asks about the timing of this motion. He asks why this cannot be presented to the Board of Directors at a later meeting.

Bollo-Kamara states that passing this motion now binds the Union to ensure that college and faculty societies maintain the same type of representation as they have now if the proposal is adopted.

Wathey states that this is an important compromise. He states that committees do most of the work of the Union. He states that the committees can propose motions to the Board. He states that representation through committees can be greater as it presents a direct say to the Union.

Hudson states that if members agree with aspects of the proposal but think that it can be improved, it would be best to amend the motion.

DeBues asks for clarification on the consultations. He states that Board members should be cautious when interpreting what is being claimed from the consultations. He states he is sure that more members voted for him at the Victoria University Students Administrative Council than

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members who voted for the Union's Victoria Board representatives.

Andison states that it is in the Union's best interest to amend the motion later. He states that it is important for the Board to accept the concept of incompleteness and passing things that are not ready to be passed. He states that committees are supposed refine motions before presenting motions to the Board. He states that the Board should refer this back to the committee to refine the motion to be more complete. He states that because there is no time sensitivity, this motion should be referred back to committee.

## **MOTION TO REFER**

MOVED: GOMES

SECONDED: HARFOUCHE

Be it resolved that this motion be referred to the Policy & Procedures Committee for amendments.

## **DISCUSSION**

Gomes states that there has been much discussion on the incompleteness of the motion.

Bollo-Kamara states that it is important to show intent to maintain representation for the Faculties and Colleges in the Union. She states that she is against the motion to refer because it is important to show members that there will be representation on all committees. She states that she has never heard discussion about Professional Faculty representation on the Executive Committee.

Andison states that if a motion is incomplete, it is disingenuous to move the motion forward, even if it shows intent. He states that this should be referred back to the Committee and the Committee should seek further consultation.

Henry states that this debate will not be settled at this Board meeting. She states that this will continue to be debated because of disagreements. She states that it is the Board's responsibility to present as many choices to members as possible. She states she is opposed to referring the motion because the outcome of this motion today will inform the debate that will occur at the Annual General Meeting. She states that this motion is refining the Committees and there is no sense in debating hypotheticals. She states that another motion should be made for Executive representation if others are interested in that.

Harfouche states that if the motion to refer passes, there can be another Board meeting before the Annual General Meeting. He states that he is in support of referring this motion back to the committee.

Yang states that he is against referring the motion. He states that the Colleges have raised concerns over representation. He states that other proposals can be brought forward later.

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## **MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION**

MOVED: ANDISON      SECONDED: BASTAN

## **CARRIED**

## **MOTION TO REFER FAILED**

Gomes states that he wishes this could have been referred back to the Committee. He states concerns over forwarding something to the membership that is not ready. He states that the Union is supposed to be allowing membership to have input on decisions like this.

Saban states that this motion should fail because it can be brought back to the Board before Annual General Meeting.

## **MAIN MOTION CARRIED**

## **2014.09.22 ELECTIONS AND REFERENDA COMMITTEE APPENDIX A**

Harfouche states that the nomination period is open and that the Elections Procedure Code cannot be modified while the nomination period is open.

The Chair states that the Elections & Referenda Committee has already met and amended the Code prior to the nomination period opening, and the Board is voting to approve or not approve changes to the Elections Procedures code. The Chair states that the amendment is in order.

Harfouche states that the Elections Procedure Code states that amendments of the code cannot be adopted after the commencement of the nomination period. He states that the Board cannot approve the Elections Procedure Code during a nomination period. He states that he has no issues with the contents of the Elections Procedure Code but that technically it cannot be approved.

The Chair states that the motion is in order.

## **APPEAL TO THE RULING OF THE CHAIR    APPELLANT: HARFOUCHE**

## **MOTION TO UPHOLD THE RULING OF THE CHAIR**

The Chair states the nomination period opened a few hours ago. He states that the Code was approved by the Election & Referenda Committee and posted online. He states that if the Board wants to overturn an elected Code based on a technicality it is their right, but the Board needs



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to assess the potential harm caused. He states that the Code has already been posted and to dismiss this on technicality is disingenuous. He states that in the past, the Board has approved the Elections Procedure Code moments after nomination period opens. He states that the Board does not have the power to amend decisions of the Elections & Referenda Committee, so the approval is a formality. The Board could only refer the Code back to the Committee.

Harfouche states that it is troublesome that the Elections Procedure Code was given to candidates without Board approval. He states that the Bylaws and Policies state that the Code cannot be amended once the nomination period has begun. He states that this is not a technicality, but a need to follow the Bylaws. He states that the Elections Procedure Code must be approved before the start of an election period. He states that the Board can discuss this later before the next set of elections.

Gomes states that the Board should respect all the Bylaws, and should be careful of which technicalities are respected and those that are not.

Andison states that the Board should uphold the technicality and wait to approve the Code.

Bollo-Kamara states that the Elections & Referenda Committee cannot make changes to the Elections Procedure Code at this point. She states that only the Elections & Referenda Committee has the power to make amendments to the Elections Procedure Code and the Board should consider the issue of procedural fairness.

Henry states that the Elections & Referenda Committee should take some responsibility for the timing error. She states that there is some confusion because of the language used in the Policy and Bylaws. She states that the Elections & Referenda Committee has authority over all substantive changes, not the Board. She states that this should have been approved before today, but there is a problem with changing an Elections Procedure Code part way through the nomination period, which would be a breach of fairness of elections. She states that, under the circumstances, she supports the Chair's ruling on this unfortunate situation.

DeBues states that he disagrees with the Chair's ruling. He states that the Board should stop calling this a technicality. He states that these are Bylaws. He states that this is unfair to members who have taken out nomination packages, but it is the responsibility of the Board to uphold the Union's bylaws and disagree with the Chair.

Ahmed states that he supports the Chair's ruling. He states that not accepting the Elections Procedure Code will create chaos.

Bastan asks if amendments by the Elections & Referenda Committee to the Elections Procedure Code have to be approved by the Board.

The Chair states that they do, but that this is not an unseen circumstance.

Bastan asks what would happen if the Board defeats this motion.

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The Chair states that there is no absolute answer. He states that he understands the concerns in regards to the Bylaws. He states that while it is a technicality, it is a matter of hours. He states that the Board should vote in favour of his ruling.

## **MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION**

MOVED: R.SCHWENGER

SECONDED: PIGUING

## **FAILED**

## **MOTION TO UPHOLD THE RULING OF THE CHAIR CARRIED**

*Opposed: Andison, Chen, Gomes, Harfouche, Piquing, R. Sschwenger*

DeBues states that he is concerned with the section concerning Acts of God in the Elections Procedure Code because it gives too much power to the Elections & Referenda Committee. He states that it is deeply concerning that a small Committee would have so much authority over elections because of vague language in the Code, though he still understands the issues raised from the last election.

Henry states that it is important to read the clause in its entirety. She states that the Elections & Referenda Committee cannot make changes at will, but only in circumstances beyond the control of the Union. She states that this is an important limiting clause. She states that there is also a Mission Statement in the Elections Procedure Code to help direct the Elections & Referenda Committee in its decisions. She states that this tells the Elections & Referenda Committee how to understand the Elections Procedure Code and that this would not allow the Elections & Referenda Committee to make changes outside very specific circumstances.

Harfouche states that there is controversy during elections every year. He states that there is still a complaint with the administration with respect to the Spring elections. He states that if this Code is approved, someone will raise the issue that the Elections Procedure Code was approved after the nomination period began. He states that Board members may not care about it, but the Board will have to go through a grievance procedure if this continues. He states that it is not wise to change the Code in the middle of an election period, because someone will complain. He states that this could result in the Union's fees being withheld.

Andison states that he has a problem with this because Elections Procedure Code has yet to be approved by the Board. He states that if the motion is defeated, it would raise issues with the current elections. He states that he does not understand how an Elections Procedure Code was distributed before being approved by the Board. He states that

Maduri states that as legal counsel, he would be surprised if the university were to decide to withhold fees based on this minor issue. He states that the Union would have an excellent case to oppose such an action.

Bollo-Kamara states that it is important to discuss the merits of the Elections Procedure Code.

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She states that the Board has the choice to either approve the changes or reject them. She states that the Board does not have the power to amend any portion of the Code. She states that the amendments to the Code clarify some of the issues that were raised last year, ensuring the Elections & Referenda Committee and Chief Returning Officer fairly in elections.

## **MOTION TO CALL TO QUESTION**

MOVED: WATHEY    SECONDED: GOMES

## **CARRIED**

## **MAIN MOTION CARRIED**

*Abstention: Andison, Bastan, Chen, Gomes, Harfouche, Piquing, R. Schwenger*

## **MOTION TO LIMIT DISCUSSION**

MOVED: BASTAN    SECONDED: SARDAR

Be it resolved that speaking time is limited to two minutes per speaker.

## **CARRIED**

## **5. APPROVAL OF BUDGET PRIORITIES**

**MOTION**    MOVED: WATHEY    SECONDED: GOMES

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

Sustainability Commission Budget Priorities 2014-2015 (p. 176)

## **CARRIED**

## **6. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**MOTION**    MOVED: WATHEY    SECONDED: AGBEYEGBE

Be it resolved that the Annual General Meeting date be changed to Wednesday, October 29, 2014.

## **DISCUSSION**

Wathey states that the Board previously approved October 30 as the date for the General Meeting. He states that the Governing Council meeting is on October 30 and there will be

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discussion on the Student Commons project. He states that members of the Executive Committee should be present at the Governing Council meeting.

Andison asks if this is allowed according to the bylaws.

The Chair states that it is allowed.

Harfouche states that he has issues with moving the meeting to a Wednesday. He states that he knew about the Governing Council meeting when the Board resolved to have the meeting on October 30. He states that the staff of the Union can run the Annual General Meeting and only a few Executives need to attend. He states that having the meeting on a Thursday would increase attendance.

Slobodian states that any day proposed would pose problems for some students. She states that at the last meeting, some Board members opposed Thursday for the same meeting. She states that having it on October 29 would mean all Executives could be present and that the discussion at the Governing Council meeting would be more effective.

Bollo-Kamara states that all Executive and Board members should attend both the Annual General Meeting and the Governing Council meetings.

Hudson states that the work that is required to set up the Annual General Meeting is extensive. She states that the staff cannot do it alone and Executive assistance is required.

## **MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION**

MOVED: ANDISON      SECONDED: AHMED

## **CARRIED**

## **MAIN MOTION CARRIED**

### **7. RECEIPT OF AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS MOTION**

MOVED: WATHEY      SECONDED: BASTAN

Be it resolved that the audited financial statements for 2013-2014 fiscal year be received by the Board of Directors.

## **DISCUSSION**

Najimi states that he can answer any questions.

## **CARRIED**

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## 8. BUSINESS REFERRED TO THE BOARD BY COMMITTEES

### 2014.09.22 – 4: “MOTION TO AMEND ARTICLES OF CONTINUANCE”

Be it resolved that the Articles of the Union be amended at the Annual General Meeting as moved by Ryan Gomes:

*WHEREAS while continuing under the Canada Not for Profit Act [CNCA], the Corporation can create classes of members; and*

*WHEREAS the membership believes it is in their best interest to define these classes in the ways described in Schedule “B” (Part I), with the additional conditions attached in Schedule “B” (Part II), and Schedule “C”; and*

*WHEREAS the following would give the membership the ability to elect directors based on their enrollment in a college, professional faculty, or campus at the University of Toronto; and*

*WHEREAS not define classes could harm representation on campus; and*

*WHEREAS this motion seeks to defi a new set of Articles for the University of Toronto Students' Union (Students' Administrative Council of the University of Toronto) to replace the letter's patent or Articles previously submitted to Corporations Canada; and*

*WHEREAS as of October 16th 2014, the status of the corporation as a corporation without share capital under the Canada Corporations Act Part II [CCA] may change to a not-for-profit corporation incorporated under the CNCA subsequent to a resolution passed by the Board of Directors on July 25 2014; and*

*WHEREAS since the future status of the Corporation is not yet known, the membership would be best served by voting to both transition from the CCA Part II to the CNCA and to vote to amend a pending transition to the CNCA; and*

*WHEREAS this allows the Corporation to seek clarification from Corporations Canada on our status after October 16th while permitting the membership to have the appropriate notice requirement for either a transition and an amendment to the Articles;*

BE IT RESOLVED AS A SPECIAL RESOLUTION THAT the membership authorize

#### **Action i**

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.

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2. The Articles of Continuance (Form-4031) of the Corporation, which have been submitted to this meeting (Appendix A), are approved; and
3. Any director or officer of the Corporation is authorized to execute the Articles of Continuance and First Notice.

## **Action ii**

1. The Corporation is authorized to amend its articles of continuance under section 197.
2. The Articles of Amendment (Form-4004) of the Corporation, which have been submitted to this meeting (p. Appendix A) are approved; and
3. Any director or officer of the Corporation is authorized to execute the Articles of Amendment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the director or officer making the application seek clarification from Corporations Canada to determine which action should be carried out to be compliant with relevant legislation.

## **DISCUSSION**

Wathey states that Hudson has opinions from legal counsel to distribute.

Hudson states that she suggests a recess so members of the Board can review the memos.

## **MOTION TO RECESS** MOVED: SLOBODIAN SECONDED: HENRY

Be it resolved that the meeting recess for 10 minutes.

## **CARRIED**

*The meeting recessed at 19:50.*

*The meeting is called to order at 20:08.*

Gomes states that he wishes that the information from the legal counsel was given to him earlier. He states that the proposal he has put forward tries to maintain a similar structure to the current one. He states that he understands the argument that the proposal would be taxing. He states that he believes that democracy should be taxing and this proposal should be considered by the membership.

DeBues states that the legal opinions should have been delivered earlier. He states that this is disrespectful to the Gomes and that he should have been given more time to prepare. He states that the legal document presented is difficult for the average Board member to go through and that Board members should have been given more time to understand this proposal.

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Andison states that distributing paperwork to review with such little time is not acceptable, as they have not had enough time to review and consult their own legal counsel. He states that he cannot act in the best interests of the organization in this way. He states that the Board has to be given time to review the documents presented.

Bollo-Kamara states that she has been involved in the consultation process and that that the arguments presented in this proposal are the same arguments that have been raised over and over again. She states that legal counsel is present, so Board members can ask questions about what is presented. She states that legal advice is very costly.

Harfouche states that when creating the proposal with Gomes, they considered logistical difficulty posed by classes. He states that he acknowledges that the Annual General Meeting would be different and logistically complicated, but it would be more representative of the Union's members. He states that this message is not being communicated to legal counsel.

Hudson states that in order for legal counsel to review a proposal, there must actually be a proposal. She states that everything was done to ensure that members received this information as soon as possible. She states that Gomes' proposal was received four business days before the Board meeting. She states that the proposal was sent to two firms to ensure that there were multiple opinions presented to the Board. She states that both firms advised the Union that Gomes' proposal was inadvisable and unfeasible. She states that it would very difficult to calculate votes at meetings of members with the proposal on the table.

Henry states that the new legislation is not particularly helpful for corporations like the Union. She states that the Board has to do what is best given the limitations. She states that the concerns over the implications of classes are not new. She states that, as far as she understands, the Policy & Procedures Committee did not come up with a proposal involving classes because of the issues outlined in the legal memo. She states that the Union has lawyers because they are experts in this situation, and to proceed against their advice would be irresponsible.

Maduri states that as legal counsel, he is compelled to advise the Board that this is an issue of feasibility, not of legality. He states that among all his corporate clients, he cannot think of an organization with more than two classes. He states that it is simply not feasible and irresponsible to implement 19 classes as suggested in Gomes' proposal. He states that the process being taken is not proper. He states that there should be a Bylaw amendment prior to any discussion about the Articles. He states that he thinks that, should the proposal be adopted, it could be subject to a legal challenge. He states that the Board should not feel rushed as there is time to amend Bylaws, if necessary.

Wathey states that one of the memos states that implementing 19 classes would lead to corporate paralysis and concerns about fiduciary responsibility. He states that the Board should consider that another option was defeated earlier in the meeting.

The Chair states that the meeting is inquorate.

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## **MOTION TO ADJOURN TO A LATER DATE**

MOVED: GOMES                      SECONDED: SARDAR

Be it resolved that the meeting is adjourned until Wednesday, October 1 at 16:00.

## **CARRIED**

The meeting is adjourned at 21:00.

The meeting resumes at 16:10 on October 1.

## **CONTINUED DISCUSSION**

Wathey states that the Board has two legal opinions stating very similar things about Gomes' proposal. He states that this would paralyze the corporation and would not permit the Union to follow its mandate. He states that the Union would be required to have 19 general meetings in the event that certain proposals were brought forward. He states that the Union would be unable to work on anything else. He states that the Board has a fiduciary responsibility and should listen to the legal advice received. He states the Board should vote this motion down.

Morgenstern states that he originally had a hard time supporting the proposal. He states that he then thought that it should be sent to the Annual General Meeting to give the members the option to vote. He states that because the motion to provide members with the option to have the same structure through Ontario jurisdiction has been defeated, he has a hard time supporting this being sent to the meeting. He states that there are issues with the class system. He states that the logistical questions are important to consider.

Hudson states that if a class vote happens, all other classes have a right to vote, not just the affected classes.

**MOTION** MOVED: HARFOUCHE      SECONDED: R.SCHWENGER

Let it be resolved that speaking time be extended from two minutes to 10 minutes.

## **FAILED**

Harfouche states that he is in favor of the motion. He states that veto rights do exist and that classes should be able to veto a name change. He states that the proposal has a lot of thought put into it. He states that Gomes mentioned explicitly the issue of veto votes. He states that the proposal considers issues of groups being excluded by the majority. He states that the Board should keep the classes as they are.

Hudson states that she wishes to clarify to the Board that, at the moment, classes do not exist.



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Gomes states that he hopes the Board has had a chance to review his letter to the board. He states that he hopes the intentions of the proposal were clarified and the issues raised were addressed. He states that under the new law, any member can submit a proposal to the Annual General Meeting. He states that if this motion does not go to Annual General Meeting now, he will push for a new General Meeting to consider this proposal.

Sardar states that she believes there is confusion as the Board has voted down moving to Ontario jurisdiction. She states that this has complicated the issue. She states that she likes the idea of Gomes' proposal and appreciates the input by others. She states that she would not have a problem with forwarding it to the Annual General Meeting, but fears that it will be approved and that the Union would be forced to abide by it. She states the Union has one year to implement compliant Bylaws as of October 16.

Maduri states that as legal counsel, he is advising the Board that considering a proposal with 19 classes is absurd. He states that there are different cases that will affect who will be able to vote. He states that it is concerning that the Board has no back up plan, as the Board defeated the Ontario option. He states that there is constraint to the Union if members vote down all proposals at the Annual General Meeting. He states that the Board must put together Bylaws that are in order and approved by the membership. He states that the Board must consider fiduciary trust and that having 19 classes of membership is not feasible.

Andison asks if the defeated proposals could be put to another General Meeting later this year.

Maduri states that after October 16, the Union will no longer have the ability to move to the Ontario legislation that would allow it to maintain its current structure. He states that the Board decision on that was unfortunate, but there is no opportunity to bring it back as an option, given the notice requirements for Board meetings and the date by which the proposal would need to be adopted.

Bastan states that the lawyers have made it clear that this motion may cause corporate paralysis. She states that she is opposed to a proposal that affect the services used by thousands of members.

**CALL TO QUESTION**      MOVED: BASTAN      SECONDED: MALIK

## **DEFEATED**

Siewrattan states that a proposal with 19 classes would divide the Union, and no other not-for-profit in Canada has a similar kind of system. She states that the Association for Part-time Undergraduate Students has moved to provincial jurisdiction.

Tint states that there needs to be unity among the Union's members. He states that the Union should not be divided as suggested in the proposal.

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Malik states that this seems like a dangerous route as the Board does not know how it would result. She states that the proposal would further divide the Union and the Board should be worrying about what is in the best interest of the membership. She states that there is too much uncertainty for the Board. She states that this could be very detrimental and difficult to reverse.

Vas states that the Board should provide the Colleges and Faculties with this information. He states that there are significant logistical concerns. He states that trying to organize meetings of all the classes is not feasible. He states that the Board must consider the ability of the Union to act on issues relevant to members.

DeBues states that the Board should not patronize its membership. He states that the Board should educate the membership on these issues. He states that the membership can make the decision on its own. He states that he wants to see the Union survive and flourish.

Harfouche asks for clarification of section 212 of Canada Corporations Act and its application if the Board does not have the Articles of Continuance as of October 30.

Yang states that DeBues has made contradictory arguments. He states that he and other Board members used the opposite argument to defeat the motion to allow the membership to consider maintaining the same structure it has now through moving to Ontario legislation. He states that Board members have already taken away choice from the membership by defeating that motion. He states that these arguments are contradictory and disingenuous. He states that Gomes has put a lot of work into the proposal and he respects this, but the Board should take legal considerations into account. He states that Board members are not experts nor do they have experience on this issue. He states that the Board should not be arguing this on personal opinions when an expert is available, advising the Board to defeat the proposal.

Piquing asks the Board to imagine how the membership would be divided with the proposal. He states that the Board should send this motion to the Annual General Meeting, educate the membership, and let the membership decide. He states that he is concerned that the Board is deciding the future of the Union.

Bollo-Kamara states that while she agrees that members of the University community are intelligent, the Board members are not experts and that expert legal counsel from two firms have said very similar things about the proposal is important to consider. She states that the Board defeated the Ontario motion arguing that it was confusing and not feasible. She states that the fact that this is not an issue for this proposal is strange. She states that the Board is talking about corporate paralysis. She states that over the next 12 months a better proposal could be developed.

Henry states that she is opposed to the proposal. She states that normal circumstances she would want things to go to the Annual General Meeting for members to decide, but she states that this motion is different. She states that the bylaws would need to be changed, as has been stated by the lawyers. She states that there is a specific process for how bylaws have to change and that

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trying to bypass this structure in this manner before having approval from the membership on Bylaw changes is undemocratic. She states that she is not sure if the motion is in order if it is contrary to the Unions Bylaws. She states that in the future, the Board can look at changing the bylaws.

Andison states his role on the Board is to represent his constituents. He states that he is representing the smallest college at the University. He states that the Board has to understand that the Union is unlike any other organization in Canada. He states that in order to move forward, the Board will need unique legal advice and it is important to take time to consider these issues.

Agbeyegbe states that as Board members, they have to look into these issues. He states that the Board has legal advice. He states that it is unwise to take this to membership contrary legal advice. He states that Board members were voted in by the membership and therefore the Board can make this decision.

A. Huang states that she represents the smallest faculty. She states that under other proposals, Nursing might not have representation. She states that the current proposal comes from the Colleges and Faculties wanting representation on the Board, which is important. She states that if this is defeated, the membership will only have one proposal to debate at the Annual General Meeting.

## **MOTION TO LIMIT DEBATE**

MOVED: OLOW    SECONDED: EGBEYEGBE

Be it resolved that the speaker's list is limited to three in favor of the motion and three against the motion.

## **DEFEATED**

## **MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION**

MOVED: RAIFAI                      SECONDED: PIGUING

## **CARRIED**

## **FAILED**

*Opposed: Piguin, Gomes, Harfouche, R. Schwenger*

## **2014.09.22 – 5: “MOTION TO AMEND ARTICLES OF CONTINUANCE”**

**MOTION** MOVED: BOLLO-KAMARA SECONDED: AGBEYEGBE

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Be it resolved that the Articles of the Union be amended at the Annual General Meeting as moved by Pierre Harfouche:

*WHEREAS while continuing under the Canada Not-for-Profit Act [CNCA], the Corporation can create classes of members; and*

*WHEREAS notwithstanding a decision to create classes of membership, it is a good idea to remove the ability for individuals who are not a part of the U of T community to promote candidates seeking to become directors of the Corporation; and*

*WHEREAS individuals who are not a part of the UofT community have in the past campaigned on the campus leading to much controversy;*

*WHEREAS this motion seeks to amend the Articles for the University of Toronto Students' Union (Students' Administrative Council of the University of Toronto) previously submitted to Corporations Canada; and*

*WHEREAS as of October 16th 2014, the status of the corporation as a corporation without share capital under the Canada Corporations Act Part II [CCA] may change to a not-for-profit corporation incorporated under the CNCA subsequent to a resolution passed by the Board of Directors on July 25 2014; and*

*WHEREAS the status of the corporation will be determined in the coming weeks; and WHEREAS notwithstanding the date upon which the corporation continues to the Not For Profit Act, the membership would like to amend the articles at their earliest convenience;*

BE IT RESOLVED AS A SPECIAL RESOLUTION THAT THE MEMBERSHIP AUTHORIZE

1. The Corporation is authorized to amend its articles of continuance under section 197 of the CNCA.
2. The Articles of Amendment (Form-4004) of the Corporation, which have been submitted to this meeting (Policy & Procedures 2014.09.22 - Appendix B) are approved; and
3. Any director or officer of the Corporation is authorized to execute the Articles of Amendment.
4. This action be taken as soon as previously submitted Articles of Continuance or Articles of Amendments be received by Corporations Canada.

## **MOTION RULED OUT OF ORDER**

## **2014.09.22 – 6: “MOTION TO AMEND ARTICLES OF CONTINUANCE”**

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## **MOTION** MOVED: BOLLO-KAMARA SECONDED: MORGENSTERN

Be it resolved that the Articles of the Union be amended at the Annual General Meeting as moved by Pierre Harfouche:

*WHEREAS while continuing under the Canada Not for Profit Act [CNCA], the Corporation can create classes of members; and*

*WHEREAS it is currently unknown whether or not the membership would like to have classes; and*

*WHEREAS notwithstanding a decision to create classes of membership, it is a good idea to remove the ability for directors to promote themselves in tandem with the executives; and*

*WHEREAS the directors of the corporation should keep the executives in check and should therefore not promote themselves during electoral proceeding in tandem with executives; and*

*WHEREAS this motion seeks to amend the Articles for the University of Toronto Students' Union (Students' Administrative Council of the University of Toronto) previously submitted to Corporations Canada; and*

*WHEREAS as of October 16th 2014, the status of the corporation as a corporation without share capital under the Canada Corporations Act Part II [CCA] may change to a not-for-profit corporation incorporated under the CNCA subsequent to a resolution passed by the Board of Directors on July 25 2014; and*

*WHEREAS the status of the corporation will be determined in the coming weeks; and*

*WHEREAS notwithstanding the date upon which the corporation continues to the Not For Profit Act, the membership would like to amend the articles at their earliest convenience;*

BE IT RESOLVED AS A SPECIAL RESOLUTION THAT the membership authorize

1. The Corporation is authorized to amend its articles of continuance under section 197 of the CNCA.
2. The Articles of Amendment (Form-4004) of the Corporation, which have been submitted to this meeting (Appendix C) are approved; and
3. Any director or officer of the Corporation is authorized to execute the Articles of Amendment.
4. This action be taken as soon as previously submitted Articles of Continuance or Articles of Amendments be received by Corporations Canada.

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## **MOTION RULED OUT OF ORDER**

### **DISCUSSION**

The Chair states that the motions are out of order because they are trying to propose bylaw amendments through a backdoor. He states that if these motions are approved it would cause a contradiction in the bylaws.

## **APPEAL TO THE RULING OF THE CHAIR**

APPELLANT: HARFOUCHE

## **MOTION TO UPHOLD RULING**

MOVED: HENRY                      SECONDED: MALIK

### **DISCUSSION**

The Chair states that the Board has no input on the Elections Procedure Code. He states that to change this, the Bylaws need to be amended. He states that motion 2014.09.22-6 attempts to change the jurisdiction of the Elections & Referenda Committee in a manner that is contrary to the Bylaws. He states that the Elections & Referenda Committee currently has sole prevue of Elections Procedure Code. He states that if the Board adopts these motions it would contradict the Union Bylaws. He states that some Board members may have a vested interest in the outcome of the elections, which is why Bylaws prevent the Board from amending the Elections Procedure Code. He states that there would be democratic issues if the Board and members could amend the Elections Procedure Code.

Harfouche states that section 212.2 of the new legislation supersedes the Union's Bylaws. He states that this must be put to the Annual General Meeting. He states it would be illegal not to allow this to go to the membership.

Maduri states that as legal counsel, Harfouche is incorrect. He states that the Union is governed by the Canada Corporations Act, not the new legislation.

Malik states that she is in favor of upholding ruling. She states that she sat on the Elections & Referenda Committee last year. She states that at times it was difficult because some members would attempt to find and use loopholes to win the elections. She states that if the Board allows this it would allow members to micromanage elections, which would defeat the purpose of the Elections & Referenda Committee. She states that the only thing she agrees with is that members should be able to make recommendations, but through the process outlined in the Union's bylaws.

Andison asks which set of legislation is being followed and when.

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Chair states that at the moment, the Bylaws are not in conflict with legislation.

Morgenstern states that he supports the ruling and he would caution any Board members against using partisan allegiance in voting against the ruling of the chair.

Bollo-Kamara states that this motion seeks to amend the Bylaws without going through the necessary process to do so.

## **MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION**

MOVED: SARDAR                      SECONDED: AGBEYEGBE

## **CARRIED**

## **MAIN MOTION CARRIED**

Opposed L. Gomes, Harfouche, R. Schwenger.

Maduri exits at 18:30.

## **9. MOTION MOVED: HARFOUCHE    SECONDED: PIGUING**

WHEREAS there has been a lot of discussion over the UTSU's structure over the past year; and

WHEREAS the student society summit was recently hosted by the University to discuss democratic student governance; and

WHEREAS the student society summit report has been condemned by the Board; and WHEREAS the issues which brought about the student society summit still exist; and  
WHEREAS while the University drafted conclusions of the summit have been condemned, the UTSU should seek to address the issues put forward during the summit; and

WHEREAS the relationship between the UTMSU and UTSU was brought up during the summit; and WHEREAS many students have praised the UTSU's very healthy relationship with the UTSU; and

WHEREAS student societies have expressed interest in having a relationship with the UTSU similar to that of the UTMSU; and

WHEREAS the relationship between the UTSU and the UTMSU is governed by our bylaws and a contract in which the remission of fees, collected by the UTSU from UTM students, is detailed; and

WHEREAS exploring how a similar relationship could be developed with other student societies

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may help resolve some of the issues put forward at the Student Society summit;

BIRT the board instructs the executive committee to explore the feasibility of duplicating the UTMSU and UTSU relationship with other divisions on Campus;

BIFRT the board instructs the Executive Committee report back with a feasibility report for the October Meeting of the Board;

BIFRT that the report be drafted by the President and the Vice-President University Affairs, chief liaison between student societies and the UTSU per the Bylaws.

## DISCUSSION

Harfouche states that the current structure of the Union and the University of Toronto Mississauga Students' Union (UTMSU) seems to work efficiently and that there should be a similar relationship with the Union and the individual college councils. He states that this motion asks that Bollo-Kamara and himself draft a report that explains the relationship between the Union and UTMSU and whether something similar could be proposed with the individual colleges. He states that this would move forward a discussion to the improve relationships with colleges.

Gomes states that he is in favour of the motion. He states that the Engineering Society discussed this with Wathey in previous months. He states that this is feasible and it would be beneficial to have a report on how this could happen with the individual colleges.

Bollo-Kamara states that she is against the motion. She states that previously UTMSU used to be the Students Administrative Council at University of Toronto Mississauga. She states that members at UTM could not easily access services the Union provides, so the Erindale College Council merged with the Union to create the UTMSU in order to solve geographical barriers. She states that the UTMSU first adopted Bylaws that were very similar to the Union's in order to facilitate the process. She states that the colleges serve a different purpose than the Union and would likely be opposed to mirroring the Union's Bylaws.

Gomes asks if the Board can see the agreement between the Union and the UTMSU.

Hudson states the question has been asked before. She states that the agreement is confidential, but the substantive requirements in the agreement are contained in the Bylaws and is public.

Harfouche asks if the Board can be made aware of the percentage of fees that are transferred to the UTMSU.

Hudson states that the agreement is confidential.

Lang states that it is important to improve relationships with colleges. She asks for more specifics as to how this report would be created.



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## **MOTION TO AMEND**

MOVED: HENRY      SECONDED: BOLLO-KAMARA

Be it resolved that the motion be amended to read:

BIRT the board instructs the Policy & Procedures Committee to explore the feasibility of duplicating the UTMSU and UTSU relationship with other divisions on Campus;

BIFRT the board instructs the Policy & Procedures Committee report back with a feasibility report for the October Meeting of the Board;

## **DISCUSSION**

Henry states that it is useful looking into different structures. She states that it would be useful to have the Committee look into this as it already deals with these issues and to have the committee report back to the Board. She states that a Committee of more than two members would be more effective.

Bollo-Kamara states that she is in favour of the motion to amend. She states that she was previously against the motion as she was unsure as to whether Board had an understanding of the history of the relationship. She states that the Policy & Procedures Committee would be able to do a more effective job. She states tasking members of the Executive Committee who are already very busy with this report is not feasible.

Gomes states that he is against the amendment. He states that changing it to the Policy & Procedures Committee is an attempt to keep Harfouche off the report. He states that is unfair and inappropriate.

Yang states that he believes it is a good amendment. He states that Harfouche should be allowed to assist with the report giving input if he feels strongly about it, but that he supports the amendment because the Executive are very busy with various duties that require large time commitments. He states that he feels that it might not be wise to have only Executive members do this work. He states that Board members should contribute to the work.

Harfouche states that the Policy & Procedure Committee is very busy. He states that the Policy & Procedure Committee will be reviewing and going over a new structure proposal and that they should focus on that. He states that he is opposed to Board members changing their minds about the motion because he is not involved in the Committee. He states that this is against the spirit of the original motion. He states that the Board should vote down the amendment unless he is part of drafting the report.

DeBues states that as Vice-President University Affairs, Harfouche is chief liaison with other colleges. He states that if Harfouche does not write the report, it does not make sense. He states that it is important to have Harfouche involved in the process of creating the report.

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## **MOTION TO AMEND THE AMENDMENT**

MOVED: HARFOUCHE    SECONDED: WU

Be it resolved that the motion be amended to read:

BIRT the board instructs the Policy & Procedures Committee and the Vice-President University Affairs to explore the feasibility of duplicating the UTMSU and UTSU relationship with other divisions on Campus;

BIFRT the board instructs the Policy & Procedures Committee and the Vice-President University Affairs report back with a feasibility report for the October Meeting of the Board;

## **MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION**

MOVED: HARFOUCHE    SECONDED: LUNIANGA

**CARRIED**

## **MOTION TO AMEND THE AMENDMENT FAILED**

## **MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION**

MOVED: SLOBODIAN    SECONDED: LUNIANGA

**CARRIED**

## **MOTION TO AMEND CARRIED**

*Opposed: Gomes*

**MOTION TO AMEND**    MOVED: HENRY    SECONDED: MALIK

Be it resolved that the date that the report is submitted to the board be changed from October to January.

## **DISCUSSION**

Henry states this would give the committee more time to put together the proposal.

## **MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION**

MOVED: GOMES    SECONDED: AGBEYEGBE

**CARRIED**

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## MOTION TO AMEND CARRIED

Bodley states that the amendments are good, but he is not in support of the motion. He states that he is unsure if the members asking for this report are doing so in good faith. He states that he believes that members asking for the report are looking for a specific result from the report. He states that he does not feel that the report will benefit the Union. He states that it will simply benefit the strategy of some members of student society councils. He states that the Union represents all students. He states that he does not see how spending time and resources on this will benefit the Union.

Andison states that he understands there may be concerns as to the nature of the report. He states that generating more information for improving quality of service to members is important. He states that the Board should not be restricting information for Board members.

Ahmed states that a campus-based organization is distinct from society-based membership. He states that there is collaboration and that UTM representatives should speak against this motion.

DeBues states that he has past experience regarding the referenda for fee diversion for Victoria University Students' Administrative Council (VUSAC) from the Union. He states that VUSAC's neutrality changed when there was a perceived unwillingness to work with the Union executives at the time. He states that it would be a great show of faith from this Board to entertain this. He states that this would show effort from the Union to help improve relations with the Colleges student societies. He states that he does not believe any harm is done by asking question and finding answers.

Sardar states that she is in favour of the report, but is cautious. She states that the comparison is different between campus and divisional representation. She states that she is in favour of finding ways for student societies and the Union to improve relations, but the comparison presented does not make sense.

Lang asks how the report would be conducted disregarding finances. She asks what Harfouche envisioned.

Harfouche states that he had envisioned looking at the services and to what would be best handled by the different College student societies.

Lang states that she believes that the Vice-President University Affairs has done a good job in engaging College and Faculty student society representatives and she is in favour of the report, but that it should look at the relationship with multiple groups, not just the UTMSU.

Slobodian states that she is opposed to the motion. She states that the Union represents individual members. She states that the current relationship makes it easier to provide Union services to members on the Mississauga campus. She asks the Board to remember that the Board represents individual members and not student societies. She states that the student societies represent themselves. She states that it is strange report focuses on the relationship

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with the UTMSU and not any other group.

Anderson states that UTMSU relationship as it stands now works very well. He states that the motion is intentionally vague. He states that the report might lead to changes and can highlight aspects of the relationship with the UTMSU that are relevant to the St. George campus.

## **MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION**

MOVED: PATEL      SECONDED: MALIK

## **CARRIED**

## **MAIN MOTION FAILED**

*Opposed: Harfouche*

## **10. NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING**

### **DISCUSSION**

Wathey states that Board members should forward their schedules so he can schedule the next meeting.

## **11. OTHER BUSINESS**

### **MOTION TO ADD AN ITEM TO THE AGENDA**

MOVED: TINT      SECONDED: BOLLO-KAMARA

Be it resolved that the following item be added to the agenda:

Be it resolved that the Union write a statement of support on the Umbrella Revolution.

### **FAILED**

Harfouche states that Hudson should have presented the legal opinions to the Board the day they were acquired. He states that legal counsel should be invited to meetings regularly. He asks what other motions were submitted to go to the Annual General Meeting and what was and was not allowed.

Hudson states there was never intention to have legal counsel here, but rather the Board should be respecting the work of the Committees. She states that the legal opinion was unnecessary as she has been stating the same information that they provided since the previous academic year. She states that the opinion was received on the weekend and that she did not receive it until the day of the Board meeting, and had not read them herself. She states that counsel's time is very expensive. She states that the other motions submitted are currently with legal counsel to review

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permissibility.

Andison asks how the situation could be rectified for next year.

Hudson states that communication should be improved. She states that Board members and individuals who are creating proposals should contact the Vice-President Internal & Services or herself and ask for assistance. She states that a collaborative process could ensure that proposals are vetted and feasible before they are considered.

Wathey reminds Board members that their role extends beyond attending Board meetings. He states that Board members are required to attend Commission meetings.

Harfouche states that if members are interested in the Student Commons project, they should attend the Governing Council meeting.

Henry states that she felt uncomfortable about the back-and-forth discussion that occurred earlier directed at staff. She states that it was inappropriate and disrespectful. She states that complaints about staff conduct should be approached differently.

Yang states that there are many upcoming events and that planning for these events has started. He states that Board members interested in events, such as the E-Sports event, should attend his Commission.

Mateo states that as member, he appreciates the meetings of the Board. He states that he wants to voice discontent with the Board's decisions with regards to the motions to be considered at the Annual General Meeting. He states that he believes Board members should have access to all the documents under corporate law. He states that the Board should consider how it represents members and that he wishes to voice discontent with the Board and the Union recently.

The Chair states that members of the Board have specific responsibilities and the Board's power is not absolute.

## **MOTION TO ADJOURN TO A LATER DATE**

MOVED: HARFOUCHE                      SECONDED: GOMES

Be it resolved that the meeting is in recess until Wednesday, October 8.

## **FAILS**

## **12. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION**                                      MOVED: GOMES      SECONDED: SLOBODIAN

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Be it resolved that the meeting is adjourned.

## **CARRIED**

*Opposed: Harfouche*

The meeting adjourned at 19:02.

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**SOCIAL JUSTICE & EQUITY COMMISSION**

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**OCTOBER 2, 2014**

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO STUDENTS' UNION

# MINUTES

Meeting 2 of the Social Justice & Equity Commission of the University of Toronto Students' Union  
Thursday, October , 2014 | 17:00 | Sidney Smith Room 2101

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## ATTENDANCE

Najiba Aly Sardar  
Yolen Bollo-Kamara  
Grayce Slobodian  
ZiJian Yang  
Sydney Lang  
Kriya Siewrattan  
Tom Gleason  
Kevin Lunianaga  
Ella Henry  
Jeffrey

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting is called to order at 17:15.

### 2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

**MOTION**            MOVED: SARDAR    SECONDED: YANG

Be it resolved that the agenda is approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

### 3. REPORT ON TOPICS: QUEER ORINATION, WOMEN IN POLITICS, MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

#### DISCUSSION

Sardar states the past week was Queer Orientation and there were a number of events and workshops for all students to attend. She states that the Union worked in collaboration with Woodsworth Inclusive (WiNC), New College Student Council and the Equity Studies Student Union on the event Queer Migration + Ally Night. She states the event consisted of a four-person panel speaking about their stories of migrations, followed by food and a Drag King performance.

Gleason states that this event had a large attendance and was well received.

Sardar states that when a final budget is presented, the Commission will be contributing up to \$200, which was passed in the previous meeting.



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Sardar states that her Women in Politics event will be held in collaboration with numerous campus groups, including Equal Voice. She states the event will be held at the end of January, and that the panel will consist of high profile women in politics speaking about the barriers they have faced while in their positions.

Sardar states that the Municipal Elections calendar of events website has been launched. She states that it is interactive and holds information for individuals to get involved in the community as poll clerks.

Kriya states that the Buttery could be a venue as well.

Jeffrey asks whether this will be a social and a performance event or more of a silent performance event.

Sardar states that the event will allow for individuals to socialize in between performance. She states that students should have time to socialize and watch the performances. She asks if people think \$500 would be sufficient.

Siewrattan states that for the 'Fight Like a Girl' event, funds can be covered by Kinesiology & Physical Education Administration if the Commission applies for their equity initiative fund for athletic activities.

Gleason asks if the keynote speaker is coming from this budget line.

Sardar states that the keynote funds will come from the \$2,300 that was allocated to Expression Against Oppression and from other Commissions at the Union.

Sardar states that for the film screening, a film that is a part of a trilogy directed by Deepa Mehta will be screened. She states that the trilogy considers social justice issues in India. She states that Mehta is unable to attend the event.

Henry states that the University has a license that covers educational videos.

Gleason states that Sardar should speak to Robarts Library about the licensing and what the conditions are for educational film showings.

Sardar states she will look into it. She states that she was looking to book Kruger Hall as the venue.

Lang states only that Woodsworth groups are allowed to book Kruger during the school year.

Gleason states that they should talk about collaborating with WiNC.

Yang states that they can look into hosting the event in Sidney Smith.

Sardar asks what the best time is for the two workshops.

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Gleason states that the dance workshop should be at 16:00 and that the Muay Thai workshop should be in the morning.

Yang states that the workshops should both be at 16:00.

## 7. END THE BLOOD BAN SUB-COMMITTEE

### DISCUSSION

Sardar states that a sub-committee will be struck from the Social Justice and Equity Commission for 'End The Blood Ban' campaign. She states that it will be in collaboration with WiNC.

Henry asks if the petition that was circulated is a different petition than one from the Canadian Federation of Students.

Sardar states that it is. She states that the Commission is starting a petition specifically for University of Toronto students.

Gleason states that this Committee can meet any day of the week except for Thursdays.

Sardar states that this Committee will focus on re-launching this campaign and working to engage as many students as possible. She states that at every event we will be pushing this campaign and telling students to check out the WiNC website to fill out the survey on this campaign.

Gleason states that the survey is from Blood Services and it asks people about reducing the five-year ban to one year. He states that the phrasing is odd, but encourages people to still fill out the survey.

## 8. MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

### DISCUSSION

Sardar states that a Committee was put together a few weeks ago consisting of students and administration for Mental Health Awareness. She states a calendar is being put together on recourses for students and will be distributed when finished.

Henry states that the Faculty of Law has a section on their website with information on resources for students in the Faculty.

Sardar states that she wants to help people doing this work. She states that if people are interested in joining the committee to let her know.

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## 9. SISTERS IN SPIRIT VIGIL: SPONSORSHIP REQUEST

**MOTION**            MOVED: SARDAR    SECOND: YANG

Be it resolved that up to \$150 be allocated to this event from schedule 6.

### DISCUSSION

Sardar states that a group in the community is working on a vigil to honour and protest lack of action for missing and murdered Aboriginal women on October 4, 2014. She states that the group reached out to her looking for financial support for the event. She states that she wants to help out in anyway possible, but that the Commission should keep in mind that we are working on bringing Laverne Cox to Toronto. Sardar states that a possible amount is \$100 if people are interested.

Yang states that if the Commission is saving funds on the Expression Against Oppression event as discussed earlier, they should consider giving more funds.

Sardar states that the maximum amount that could be given is \$150.

Jeffery asks if the Commission is assisting in any other way.

Sardar states that they can only assist financially. She states that because it is an important community event, she would recommend passing the funds proposed.

### CARRIED

## 10. DECEMBER 6, 1989 – MONTREAL MASSACRE MEMORIAL

### DISCUSSION

Sardar states that this year is the 25th anniversary of the Montreal Massacre. She states because it is the 25th anniversary, the University would like to have a larger event that has been done in the past. She states that she would like to do a film screening of *Politechnique*. She states that having an art show during the film screening is also an idea.

Lang states that Women and Gender Studies Professor June Larkin is a person to get in contact with about this event.

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## 11. OTHER BUSINESS

### DISCUSSION

Lunianga asks if there is anything planned to educate students on Cultural Appropriation for the month of October.

Lang states that the Equity Studies Students' Union is planning a panel around this topic and will be collaborating with numerous groups on campus, including professors.

Sardar states that she is supporting this event with any help that the groups need in planning or advertising.

Lang states that if anyone has ideas or wants to be involved in the planning process they should talk to her after the meeting.

Henry states that on Tuesday or Wednesday of next week, there will be a protest by the Faculty of Law around Chevron's actions and the lawsuit happening in Canada. She states that individuals who are interested in attending the protest should let her know.

## 12. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION**            MOVED: SARDAR    SECONDED: LUNIANGA

Be it resolved that the meeting is adjourned.

### CARRIED

The meeting is adjourned at 18:17.

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**CAMPUS LIFE COMMISSION**

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UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO STUDENTS' UNION

# MINUTES

Meeting of the Campus Life Commission of the University of Toronto Students' Union  
Thursday, October 16, 2014 | 15:00 | Ontario Institute for Studies in Education 4414

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## ATTENDANCE

Mariam Chevrier  
Sydney Lang  
Xinwei Li  
Erin McTague  
Inna Ratman  
Alice Yushi Wang  
Cameron Wathey  
ZiJian Yang  
Lawrence Zhang

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting is called to order at 15:13.

### 2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

**MOTION**            MOVED: YANG            SECONDED: LANG

Be it resolved that the agenda is approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

### 3. RATIFICATION OF NEW MEMBERS

**MOTION**            MOVED: YANG            SECONDED: LANG

Be it resolved that the following members be ratified as new members:

Mariam Chevrier  
Erin McTague  
Inna Ratman  
Alice Yushi Wang  
Lawrence Zhang

**CARRIED**

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## 4. BRIEFING OF EVENTS AND INITIATIVES

### DISCUSSION

Yang states that the Commission's five major initiatives are the Art Show, Frost Week, E-Sports, Cultural Collaborations and the Tri-campus Talent Show.

## 5. SIGNING UP FOR EVENTS SUBCOMMITTEES

**MOTION**                      MOVED: YANG                      SECONDED: LANG

Be it resolved that Sydney Lang, Lawrence Zhang, Mariam Chevrier, Alice Yushi Wang and Xinwei Li sit on the Art Show Sub-committee.

Be it further resolved that Sydney Lang, Inna Ratman and Alice Yushi Wang sit on the Cultural Collaborations sub-committee.

Be it further resolved that Lawrence Zhang and Xinwei Li sit on the E-Sports sub-committee.

Be it further resolved that Sydney Lang, Inna Ratman and Mariam Chevrier sit on the Tri-Campus Talent Show sub-committee.

Be it further resolved that Sydney Lang and Erin McTague sit on the Frost Week sub-committee.

**CARRIED**

## 6. MOTION TO ADJOURN

**MOTION**                      MOVED: YANG                      SECONDED: WATHEY

Be it resolved that the meeting is adjourned.

**CARRIED**

The meeting is adjourned at 16:04.

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## SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

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**OCTOBER 14, 2014**

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO STUDENTS' UNION



# MINUTES

Meeting of the Sustainability Commission of the University of Toronto Student's Union  
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## **ATTENDANCE:**

Riley McCullough  
Chloe Lopez  
Christelle Broux  
Klim Khomenko  
Sean Manners  
Cullen Brown  
Yolen Bollo-Kamara  
Grayce Slobodian  
Cameron Wathey

## **1. CALLED TO ORDER**

The meeting is called to order at 18:03.

## **2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**MOTION** MOVED: MCCULLOUGH SECONDED: BOLLO-KAMARA

Be it resolved that the agenda be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

## **3. RE-CAP OF LAST MEETING**

### **DISCUSSION**

McCullough provides an overview of what was discussed at the last Sustainability Commission meeting.

## **4. RATIFICATION OF NEW MEMBERS**

**MOTION** MOVED: MCCULLOUGH SECONDED: SLOBODIAN

Be it resolved that the following members be ratified:

Cullen Brown  
Chloe Lopez  
Christelle Broux  
Klim Khomenko

**CARRIED**

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## 5. CO-CURRICULAR RECORD

### DISCUSSION

McCullough states that she had a meeting with Lopez, the president of the University of Toronto Environmental Network. She states that the Co-Curricular Record wants to have as many environmental groups recognized on campus as possible. McCullough states that if members of the Sustainability Commission and other volunteers attend a certain number of meetings and help with events and campaigns, they can receive Co-Curricular Record credit for their performance. She states that the Commission members may also list the specific skills that they acquired from their experience, for it to be recognized by the Co-Curricular Record. She states that it is geared to be a fairly simple process for the members and as soon as she is told about the requirements for the recognition, she will let the members know about them.

## 6. UPDATE: VEGAN BARBECUE, GREEN DRINKS, OTHER EVENTS

### DISCUSSION

McCullough states that the Vegan Barbecue will be held Thursday October 16 from 11:00 to 13:00 on the Union's lawn. She adds that free vegan food will be provided to the attendees and the Veg Club will run the event.

McCullough states that the first Green Drinks will be hosted with the University of Toronto Environmental Network at the Paupers pub. She states that it is geared to be kept as an informal event.

McCullough informs the Committee about the Divestment Action Week. She states that it is run by Toronto 350, and includes a march, canvassing, and other events to bring awareness of the divestment campaign at UofT. She also states that the committee should follow Toronto 350 on Facebook, and also follow their upcoming event Climate Change is Spooky which will take place on October 30, 2014. McCullough also states that this Thursday October 16, the Toronto 350 will be holding their communications meeting. She states that all interested Committee members who are interested in getting involved should attend this meeting. She states the location for the meeting is yet to be announced. She explains that the Toronto 350 will be setting out goals for the year in this meeting.

Brown states that there is a networking event for the water regulation industry.

Lopez asks whether that is with Way-O.

Brown states that it is.

McCullough states that Sustainable Unprofessionals is a networking opportunity, as numerous people attending work in sustainable fields in Toronto will be attending.

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Brown states that there is a Work In Government event on October 29 and a seminar on working in the solar industry at 17:30.

Lopez states that there is a Green Steps to Work event.

## 7. INVOLVEMENT

### DISCUSSION

McCullough states that the Divestment Action Week is an opportunity to get involved. She states that she can be contacted for any questions that the Commission members may have.

McCullough states that EcoFest is taking place in March 2015, with collaboration with University of Toronto Environmental Network. She states that this will coincide with the residence challenge and Trinity College and Victoria College are already on board. She states that a drawback to the EcoFest is the fact that it will be taking place so close to the end of the school year.

McCullough discusses the Drinking Fountain Infrastructure.

Broux states that there is an application on campus called Quench which can be used.

Lopez asks whether this can be incorporated into EcoFest as some sort of a scavenger hunt. She states that it can be held this fall. Participants can be provided the incentive of winning prizes to get involved.

Slobodian asks what the scavenger hunt would be about.

McCullough says that the scavenger hunt will be a crowdsourcing map.

Brown asks if the Union has any extra water bottles that can be used

Wathey states that the extra water bottles and mugs from UTSU's Got You can be put to use.

McCullough asks if there can be a sale to get rid of them?

Slobodian suggests looking into cost of water bottles and teaming up with other environmental groups on campus to order new ones.

McCullough states that the Sustainability Offices may be interested in getting involved.

Slobodian states that it might be an interesting idea to tie the water bottles into a holiday game.

Wathey states that the Union can collaborate with MoveU.

Brown states that they could be sold at Kelly Library or at Brennan Lounge. He states that selling them at Diablo's might be a good idea as well.

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McCullough states that they could be sold at student society offices.

Wathey proposes sales at student societies offices and student coffee shops.

Broux states that they can be sold at the vending machines at the libraries, specifically Robarts.

McCullough states that Robarts library already has vending machines without food in them that could be used.

Lopez says that they can also be sold at dining halls.

Khomenko states that students should be able to buy a bottle where they buy food.

Broux asks what EcoFest is.

McCullough states that it is a month-long event in March.

Khomenko states that he and Manners are also interested in helping with EcoFest.

McCullough states that she will collaborate with Toronto 350 on divestment.

McCullough asks if anyone wants to help with the Drinking Foundation. She states that she is talking to organizations on campus regarding this issue.

McCullough explains the Sustainable Food program. She asks whether anyone would like to help with the food waste program. She also states that this will allow people to be made aware of how much food they are wasting.

Broux states that the organization called Second Harvest might be interested in collaborations.

McCullough asks whether anyone else would be interested in looking into food waste program.

Broux states that she will contact cafeterias

McCullough states that she would send out emails for what everyone agreed to work on. She also states that she is always free to meet in case any of the members want to catch up on what they want to do.

## 5. OTHER BUSINESS

### DISCUSSION

McCullough states that the next Sustainability Commission meeting will be held next month.

Broux states that she will talk to Environmental Students' Union regarding used pen drive. She states that she would want to get it started by the exams.

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## 6. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION**            MOVED: MCCULLOUGH    SECONDED: BROWN

Be it resolved that the meeting is adjourned.

**CARRIED**

The meeting adjourns at 18:46.

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**OCTOBER 6, 2014**

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO STUDENTS' UNION

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## 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  
Cameron Wathey, Vice-President Internal & Services  
Vita Carlino, Clubs and Service Groups Coordinator (non-voting)

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting is called to order at 16:30.

## 2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

**MOTION** MOVED: YANG                      SECONDED: LIN

Be it resolved that the agenda be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

## 3. SUMMER FUNDING- TABLED APPLICATIONS

### DISCUSSION

Carlino states that both applications were tabled due to pending recognition status. She states that both groups have been recognized since the last meeting.

### 2.01 – FO REAL HIP HOP DANCE CREW

**MOTION** MOVED: BOLLO-KAMARA      SECONDED: YANG

Be it resolved that the Fo Real Hip Hop Dance Crew receive \$250 in summer funding.

### DISCUSSION

Bollo-Kamara states what the event is and details their budget.

Lin states that based on their expenses and high eligibility, it is reasonable to give the club the full \$250 they are requesting.

**CARRIED**

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## **2.02 - TAMIL STUDENTS ASSOCIATION**

**MOTION** MOVED: YANG

SECONDED: LIN

Be it resolved that the Tamil Students Association receive \$202.50 in summer funding.

### **DISCUSSION**

Bollo-Kamara states that she attended the event and that it was very well attended.

Yang states that their eligibility is less than \$250.

Bollo-Kamara states that the group should receive their eligible amount.

### **CARRIED**

## **3. LONG TERM FUNDING**

### **3.01 - UofT Aeronautics Team**

**MOTION** MOVED: YANG

**SECONDED: BOLLO-KAMARA**

### **DISCUSSION**

Bollo-Kamara states the group has received \$250 in summer funding already this year.

Yang asks if there are any anomalies in the application.

Bollo-Kamara states that there are none. She states that it is a very reasonable application and that their budget includes a lot of confirmed revenue sources.

Carlino states that this application was the first received and that it came long before any other applications.

Yang states that the committee should double their long term allocation from last year.

### **CARRIED**

### **3.02 - Canadian Society for Chemical Engineering**



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**MOTION** MOVED: YANG

SECONDED: WATHEY

Be it resolved that the Canadian Society for Chemical Engineering application be tabled.

## DISCUSSION

Wathey states that the group is requesting \$500 this year. He states the details of their budget, which he states includes a large amount of carry-over from last year's bank account.

Carlino states that the group received \$250 last year in long term funding and \$60 in summer funding.

Wathey states that the application is great, and came in very early, but is concerned about the large amount carried over from last year.

Yang states that it can be positive if a group has left some money left in the bank account for the next year's executive to prep for the new year.

Wathey states that the application does not have a membership list.

## CARRIED

### 3.03 - Engineering Chinese Club

**MOTION** MOVED: LIN

SECONDED: YANG

Be it resolved that the Engineering Chinese Club receive \$810 in long term funding.

## DISCUSSION

Lin states that the group is requesting \$1500 and that their difference is \$810. She states that most expenses are for rentals, drinks and food.

Bollo-Kamara states that they did not receive UTSU funding last year, but that in previous years they have received around \$250 and haven't applied for funding since 2011.

Lin states that the application adds up and that the expenses are not unreasonable.

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## 3.04 – Immunology Students Association

**MOTION** MOVED: KIM                      SECONDED: LIN

Be it resolved that the Immunology Students Association receive \$1000 in long term funding.

### DISCUSSION

Kim states that their revenue is coming from grants. She states that their expenses include transportation, food and prizes. She states that they are requesting an amount to cover their loss. She states that the group received \$500 last year in short term funding.

Carlino states that they are eligible for more than their difference, but that it would be a significant increase from last year.

Bollo-Kamara states that it is not sustainable to increase a club's allocation by so much.

Yang states that unless the application is outstanding, we should limit the increase for any club to double what they have received in previous years. He states that the conference that the group holds is well received.

**CARRIED**

## 3.05 – Water Environment Association of Ontario UofT Student Chapter

**MOTION** MOVED: BOLLO-KAMARA      SECONDED: YANG

Be it resolved that the Water Environment Association of Ontario UofT Student Chapter received \$500 in Start Up Funding.

### DISCUSSION

Yang states that the group has included a very comprehensive membership list and that the \$650 being requested is around the same as their difference. He states that most of the groups' revenue is pending and that the majority of expenses are refreshment related costs for their regular seminars.

Carlino asks about past the groups' past funding.

Yang states that they have not applied for funding in previous years and would be eligible for a

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Start Up Funding allocation.

## **CARRIED**

### **3.06 – Students for Wishes UofT**

**MOTION** MOVED: LIN                      SECONDED: YANG

Be it resolved that Students for Wishes UofT receive \$500 in Start Up Funding.

#### **DISCUSSION**

Bollo-Kamara states that the money raised at the event will be donated to the Toronto Make a Wish Foundation.

Carlino states that this club was formed just last April. She asks what their total expenses would be if all alcohol related expenses were removed.

Bollo-Kamara states that it would bring their eligibility down a couple hundred dollars. She states that because this is a new group, they could benefit from a Start Up funding allocation.

## **CARRIED**

### **3.07 – Muslim Students Association**

**MOTION** MOVED: WATHEY                      SECONDED: YANG

Be it resolved that the Muslim Students Association receive \$18,000 in Long Term Funding.

#### **DISCUSSION**

Wathey states that they are requesting \$20,996 to cover an amount that is close to their difference.

Yang states that the group wants to increase the number of issues published of the Muslim Voice, as well increase the scale of their Eid Dinner, which is celebrating its 50th year.

Wathey states that he doesn't see a reason to increase their allocation significantly from last year. He states that they are capable of receiving a large allocation, and the application looks great, but he is worried about setting a precedent for always increasing a groups allocation.

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Carlino states that their expenses and revenues are less than last year. She states that she agrees with Wathey that it doesn't necessarily justify an increase in their funding, but that a large allocation would be justified for such an active and organized group.

## **CARRIED**

### **3.08 - Silhouettes Dance Company**

**MOTION** MOVED: LIN                      SECONDED: BOLLO-KAMARA

Be it resolved that the Silhouettes Dance Company receive \$3000 in Long Term Funding.

#### DISCUSSION

Lin states that the group is requesting \$3000. She states that most of their expenses are for off-campus rentals, as Hart House and the Athletic Centre can no longer accommodate all of their regular rehearsals. She states that the application is very detailed.

Carlino states that the group applied very early for funding last year.

Bollo-Kamara states that the group is very popular on campus and their events are very well attended.

## **CARRIED**

### **4. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION**                      MOVED: YANG                      SECONDED: BOLLO-KAMARA

Be it resolved that the meeting is adjourned.

## **CARRIED**

The meeting is adjourned at 17:59.

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## ATTENDANCE:

Bukky Adeyinka, New College Director  
Yolen Bollo-Kamara, President  
Kevin Chen, Faculty of Engineering Director  
Yuzhen Li, Clubs Community Member  
Jenny Lin, Woodsworth College Director  
Cameron Wathey, Vice-President Internal  
Zijian Yang, Vice-President Campus Life  
Vita Carlino, Clubs and Service Groups Coordinator (non-voting)

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting is called to order at 16:38.

## 2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

**MOTION** MOVED: YANG                      SECONDED: LIN

Be it resolved that the agenda be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

## 3. LONG TERM FUNDING APPEAL

### 2.01 - MUSLIM STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

**MOTION** MOVED: ADEYINKA                      SECONDED: YANG

Be it resolved that the Muslim Students Association appeal to Long Term Funding decision be tabled.

### DISCUSSION

Yang states that the group is not content with the amount they were allocated. He states that they would have to cut back on their programming if they are not allocated more funds. Bollo-Kamara asks how much they originally asked for.

Yang states \$21,000.

Carlino states that the information in their appeal statement had already been given to the Clubs Committee during the first review. She asks Yang what was discussed when the group met with

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him in person.

Yang states that the group assumed that they would receive the funds they requested based on the budget consultation they had prior to submission.

Carlino states that it was never discussed in the budget consultation the dollar amount they would be requesting.

Adeyinka states that the clubs committee should wait until all Long Term Funding applications are reviewed to determine if there is money left in the budget to allocate more to the Muslim Students Association.

CARRIED

*Abstention: Wathey*

*Lin enters 4:48pm*

## 3. LONG TERM FUNDING APPLICATIONS

### 3.01 – Eyes of Hope

**MOTION** MOVED: BOLLO-KAMARA                      SECONDED: YANG

Be it resolved that Eyes of Hope receive \$450 in Long Term Funding.

### **DISCUSSION**

Bollo-Kamara states that the group is asking for more than their difference, but that none of their revenue sources are confirmed.

Yang asks how much funds Bollo-Kamara thinks the group should receive.  
Bollo-Kamara states \$450.

Adeyinka asks why not the whole amount.

Bollo-Kamara states that because they are a charity, and because their revenue isn't all confirmed, it would not be ok to give them more than their difference.

**CARRIED**

### 3.02 – Taiwan ROCSAUT

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**MOTION** MOVED: ADEYINKA      SECONDED: YANG

Be it resolved that Taiwan ROCSAUT receive \$1200 in Long Term Funding.

## DISCUSSION

Adeyinka asks if UTSU funding can cover venue costs.

Yang states that it can.

Adeyinka states that they are a cultural club that helps Taiwanese students to meet up and learn more about their culture. She states they mainly hold social events.

Carlino asks if their ticket sales are included in revenue.

Adeyinka states that they are.

## CARRIED

### 3.03 – Application Development Association

**MOTION** MOVED: YANG      SECONDED: ADEYINKA

Be it resolved that the Application Development Association application be tabled.

## DISCUSSION

Carlino states that this group has not attended a training session.

Yang states that the group is new. He states that their total expenses are \$1000 and that it is a very detailed application.

Carlino recommends that this group be directed to attend a training session before the Start Up funding deadline. She states that the application can be reviewed at that time.

## CARRIED

### 3.04 – UofT Peer Tutoring

**MOTION** MOVED: WATHEY      SECONDED: LIN



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Be it resolved that the UofT Peer Tutoring application be tabled.

## DISCUSSION

Wathey states that the application does not include a membership list. He states that most of their expenses consist of food and A/V charges for their tutoring

## CARRIED

### 3.05 - Mind in Mathematics

**MOTION** MOVED: BOLLO-KAMARA                      **SECONDED:** ADEYINKA

Be it resolved that Mind in Mathematics receive \$1000 in Long Term Funding.

## DISCUSSION

Li states that they are eligible for nearly \$6000 and that most of their expenses go toward high school outreach. They are requesting \$4000.

Carlino states that last year they received \$500 in Start Up funding last year.

Li states that most of the money is not spent on our members, but on the high school students that they tutor.

Yang states that they should help this club grow, but slowly.

Bollo-Kamara states that she agrees with Yang.

## CARRIED

### 3.06 - Active Minds

**MOTION** MOVED: LIN                      **SECONDED:** ADEYINKA

Be it resolved that the Active Minds application be tabled.

## DISCUSSION

Lin states that the group seeks to increase mental health awareness and that they mostly plan

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socials and discussion panels. She states that the group is requesting 1000.44. She states that the group admits that they did not use all of their funding last year, but they insist that they have a new team this year and will avoid this in the future. She states that it would be good to know how much revenue the charity ball makes.

Carlino states that the group received \$350 last year.

Lin states that she would need more information from this group before making an allocation decision.

## **CARRIED**

### **3.07 - Etiquette Club**

**MOTION** MOVED: BOLLO-KAMARA    **SECONDED:** LIN

Be it resolved that the Etiquette Club receive \$400 in Long Term Funding.

## **DISCUSSION**

Yang states that the group received \$1000 in 2012-2013. He states that the group's purpose is to expand the cultural capital of students at the University. He states that they hold seminars on etiquette and their primary expense is for a semi-formal event.

Carlino asks where the semi-formal event is being held.

Yang states that they did not indicate the venue. He states that the group is planning on collaborating with other groups this year.

Carlino states that according to her records, the group was allocated \$200 in 2012-2013. Yang states that his comfortable allocating up to \$400 this year.

Lin states that the group seems a bit disorganized.

Bollo-Kamara states that it has been 2 years since they've accessed funding, which is sufficient time for a turnover of new executives.

## **CARRIED**

### **3.08 - Public Speaking Club**

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**MOTION** MOVED: WATHEY                      SECONDED: YANG

Be it resolved that the Public Speaking Club receive \$389.31 in Long Term Funding.

## **DISCUSSION**

Wathey states that the group's application is all in order and that most of their expenses come from their workshops, a discounted comedy night, snacks and other administrative expenses. Carlino states that the group received \$400 in Start Up last year, so their request is a very reasonable increase.

Yang asks Carlino to state their eligibility.

Carlino states \$389.31.

## **CARRIED**

### **3.09 – Egyptian Students Association**

**MOTION** MOVED: ADEYINKA                      SECONDED: LIN

Be it resolved that the Egyptian Students Association receive \$2000 in Long Term Funding.

## **DISCUSSION**

Li states that the group's past funding listed in 2012-2013 is \$500 and in 2013-2014 they received \$700. She states that most of their expenses are for cultural and social events, academic lectures, sporting events and a large talent show. She states that the application is well organized and detailed. She states that the group is requesting \$2000.

Yang states that their expenses seem reasonable.

Carlino asks about revenue sources.

Li states that it's mostly tickets sales from events.

## **CARRIED**

### **3.10 – Greek Students Association**

**MOTION** MOVED: YANG                                      SECONDED: BOLLO-KAMARA

Be it resolved that the Greek Students Association receive \$7000 in Long Term Funding.

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## DISCUSSION

Bollo-Kamara states that the group received \$5000 last year and that they have been growing, with membership doubling from the previous year. She states the details of their events for the year, including events where they are collaborating with other campuses. She states that their largest event is their Reading Week trip.

Carlino asks where the trip is going.

Bollo-Kamara states that the Reading Week trip is to Montreal. She states that the application is very detailed and that their funding has grown steadily over the years.

## CARRIED

### 3.11 – UNICEF UofT

**MOTION** MOVED: ADEYINKA      SECONDED: YANG

Be it resolved that UNICEF UofT receive \$1500 in Long Term Funding.

## DISCUSSION

Adeyinka states that most of their events are fundraisers for UNICEF, including movie nights, bake sales and an end of the year raffle. She states that they received \$650 last year. She states that they will also be doing youth engagement sessions. She states that the application is very, very detailed.

Yang asks Adeyinka to suggest an amount.

Adeyinka states that she recommends the amount requested.

Yang states that most of their revenue is mostly for donations. Donations are expressed as an expense and as revenue.

Carlino states that groups often don't account for donations properly, so she is glad that they have.

## CARRIED

*Abstention: Lin*

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## 3.12 – Black Students Association

**MOTION** MOVED: LIN                      SECONDED: BOLLO-KAMARA

Be it resolved that the Black Students Association receive \$16700 in Long Term Funding.

### DISCUSSION

Lin states that most of their events are social events and conferences. She states that all of their expenses seem reasonable.

Carlino states that they received \$14500 last year and that they would have likely received more had the application been received earlier.

Bollo-Kamara states that this group is very active and will have a series of events that includes many different issues. She also highlights their high school conference, which is very large. Lin states that the application is very detailed and would recommend giving them the amount that they are eligible to receive.

### CARRIED

*Kevin Chen arrives 6:30pm.  
Adeyinka exits at 6:30pm*

## 3.13 – Chinese Magazine

**MOTION** MOVED: YANG                      SECONDED: BOLLO-KAMARA

Be it resolved that Chinese Magazine receive \$3000 in Long Term Funding.

### DISCUSSION

Yang states that the application is very, very detailed and includes copies of their magazine. He states that they also hold a lot of events including seminars, a music fundraiser, a large conference and a Chinese New Year concert, but that most of their costs as a magazine goes towards printing.

Carlino states that last year they received \$1000 because there was a clerical issue with their recognition. She states that if not for the recognition mistake, they would have likely received more.

Bollo-Kamara states that she likes the magazine and that their Chinese New Year event has been

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very impressive.

Wathey states this application is gorgeous.

## CARRIED

### 3.14 - Unity at UofT

**MOTION** MOVED: BOLLO-KAMARA      SECONDED: WATHEY

Be it resolved that Unity at UofT receive \$850 in Long Term Funding.

#### DISCUSSION

Carlino states that in 2012 they received \$600 and in 2013 they received \$650.

Wathey states that everything is in order, but that they include a cost for renting the Innis Town Hall, which is closed for renovations this year. He states that they host breakdance competitions, an urban arts work shop and a graffiti competition. He states that most of their expenses are associated with venue rental.

Bollo-Kamara asks Wathey what amount he would recommend.

Wathey states that he would recommend between \$700-800, and that they are requesting \$1470.

Bollo-Kamara would recommend more.

## CARRIED

### 3.15 - Agape Impact

**MOTION** MOVED: CHEN                      SECONDED: YANG

Be it resolved that Agape Impact receive \$500 in Long Term funding.

#### DISCUSSION

Carlino states that this group received \$350 last year.

Li states that the group has no revenue and that their expenses total \$4440. She states that most of their expenses go towards their retreat and a conference, which is held at the Sheraton Hotel. She states that they also spend money on t-shirts and have listed some capital expenses.

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Carlino asks for details of the capital expenses.

Li states they include tshirts, a keyboard and a microphone.

Carlino asks if Yang met with this group in advance to discuss capital assets.

Yang states he did and that the cost they would incur from renting the equipment would be more than purchasing it. He states it would be reasonable to allocate double the amount they received last year.

## **CARRIED**

### **3.16 – African Student Association**

**MOTION** MOVED: CHEN

SECONDED: WATHEY

Be it resolved that the African Students Association receive \$11000 in Long Term funding.

## **DISCUSSION**

Bollo-Kamara states that the groups' events include Afrobeat, which is their largest event, a large stage production, Afro-Fusion, a Back to School BBQ, Club Night, Used Coat Drive, Ski Trip and a number of panel discussions.

Carlino states that last year the group received \$11500 in UTSU funding and that they received \$8000 the year before.

Wathey states that they have been very active for years and have a lot of people come out to their events.

Carlino states that their revenue sources have grown from last year, which is good to see.

## **CARRIED**

### **3.17 – FSAT Filipino Students Association**

**MOTION** MOVED: CHEN

SECONDED: WATHEY

Be it resolved that FSAT Filipino Students Association receive \$2350 in Long Term Funding.

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Chen states that their largest event is Filipino Awareness Week. He states that they also collaborate with community groups and host a volunteer appreciation event at the end of the year. Carlino states that last year they received \$2000.

Yang states that he would like to see this group seeking more revenue sources.

Carlino asks what their revenue sources are.

Wathey states that their revenue sources are food sales, ticket sales and community sponsorship.

Yang states that a reasonable increase would be \$2500.

Chen states that \$2300 would be more reasonable.

## CARRIED

### 3.18 – Education Chinese Children Hope Offered ECCHO

**MOTION** MOVED: LIN                      SECONDED: YANG

Be it resolved that Education Chinese Children Hope Offered ECCHO receive \$600 in Long Term Funding.

## DISCUSSION

Lin states that the group focuses on providing better education for Chinese children and to recruit students to teach in China. She states that they host fundraising events, weekly bake sales and a talent show. She states that most of their expenses come from venue booking and A/V rentals. She states that the application is very straightforward.

Yang states that some of the math in the budget is incorrect.

Lin states that she would recommend \$600. She states that she is in support of the Spelling Bee event they are hosting.

## CARRIED

## 4. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION**                      MOVED: YANG                      SECONDED: BOLLO-KAMARA



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Be it resolved that the meeting is adjourned.

## **CARRIED**

The meeting is adjourned at 17:59.

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## BUDGET COMMITTEE

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**OCTOBER 23, 2014**

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO STUDENTS' UNION

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## ATTENDANCE:

Nick Grant, New College Director  
April Huang, Faculty of Nursing Director  
Lakisha Ledchumanan, St. Michael's College Director  
Belal Raifai, University Of Toronto Mississauga (via Skype)  
Yolen Bollo-Kamara, President

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting is called to order at 16: 14.

## 2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

**MOTION**            MOVED: WATHEY    SECONDED: LEDCHUMANAN

Be it resolved that the agenda be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

## 3. RECOMMENDATION OF LARGE ALLOCATIONS

**MOTION** MOVED: WATHEY            SECONDED: GRANT

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

Academic & Student Rights Commission: \$4,500  
Social Justice & Equity Commission: \$10,850  
Long Term Funding: \$153,000

## DISCUSSION

Wathey states the steps that the Committee has to make to pass the budget. He states that the Committee must approve the budget from the Commissions priorities. He states that the majority of the Commission priorities were approved in August. He states that the Sustainability Commissioner was hired at the end of August and that the Sustainability Commission budget priorities were approved in September. He states that most of the Commission budget priorities have been approved by the Board of Directors as required by the Budgeting Framework. He states that the recommendations made by the Budget Committee have been approved by the Board of Directors. He states that the Operating Budget has been prepared and recommendations have been made to the Budget Committee. He states the changes that were made to the budget.

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Huang asks if actuals for all expenses have been received from Orientation.

Wathey states that invoices are still being sent and received with respect to Orientation. He states that the Budget Committee has followed the eight-step budgeting framework according to the Union's Bylaws and Policies and it is ready for approval by the Board of Directors. He states that the Union has yet to receive the Budget Priorities of the Academic & Students Rights Commission. He states that Harfouche held his first Commission meeting this week. He states that his negligence in holding a meeting earlier, as required, did not allow the Budget Priorities to be approved by the Board at the appropriate time. He states that the budget for 2014-2015 has not been able to be approved because of this item, which should have been put forward and approved months ago. He states that this does not follow the framework in the Bylaws and Policies of the organization. He states that but the committee has to make a decision on the budget based on the fact that the Board will not approve this in time.

Huang asks what the process is for the approval of the budget according to the Bylaws.

Wathey states that the only solution would be for the Committee to review the Academic and Students Rights Commission priorities and have the Board approve these recommendations in the October Board of Directors meeting.

Huang states that the Commission has only requested \$4,700 as opposed to the \$7,500 originally allocated.

Wathey states that since it is October and Harfouche has not approved a budget to work with, he will not be using the entire amount initially thought to be needed.

Ledchumanan asks if any work has done by the Commission, since it is already the end of October.

Wathey states that since the first meeting of the Commission happened this month, it has impaired ability of the Commission to do anything. He states that the balance can be allocated to club's funding.

Huang states that if the Committee decreases the commission budget allotment to \$4,500, the other \$3,000 originally allocated to this Commission can be reallocated. She states that an extra \$1,000 can be allocated to the Social Justice & Equity Commission as the budget committee had reduced its allocation in past meetings.

Wathey states that additional funding should be allocated to Long-Term Clubs Funding.

Grant states that it is a good idea to reassign the remaining amount from the Academic & Students Rights Commission to other Commissions and Long-Term Clubs Funding if the full allotment cannot feasibly be used.

**CARRIED**

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## 5. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION**            MOVED: GRANT            SECONDED: LEDCHUMANAN

Be it resolved that the meeting is adjourned

### **CARRIED**

The meeting adjourns at 16:37.

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**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

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**OCTOBER 20, 2014**

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO STUDENTS' UNION

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## ATTENDANCE

Ebi Agbeyegbi (via phone)  
Yolen Bollo-Kamara  
Pierre Harfouche  
Najiba Aly Sardar (entered at  
Grayce Slobodian  
Cameron Wathey  
ZiJian Yang

Sandra Hudson (non-voting, via Google Hangouts)

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 13:15.

## 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**MOTION**      MOVED: BOLLO-KAMARA      SECONDED: WATHEY

Be it resolved that the agenda is approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

## 3. OUTREACH SCHEDULE

### DISCUSSION

Bollo-Kamara states a schedule has been created up until the Annual General Meeting. She states that Executive Committee members should take a look and contribute.

## 4. TA-NEHISI COATES EVENT

### DISCUSSION

Bollo-Kamara states that the Arts & Science Students' Union would like to know who is attending the event being held on November 3.

Harfouche states he cannot attend the event and will give his ticket away.

Yang states he will attend.

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Slobodian states she will attend.

## 5. ACADEMIC APPEALS GUIDE

### DISCUSSION

Slobodian states that more guides should be printed for the office. She states students are constantly looking for this guide and it is a huge service that the Union provides, especially during this time of year.

Harfouche states that it should be put online.

Slobodian states that it is online, but students are requesting a hard copy.

Harfouche states that he will put it in his budget priorities.

Hudson states that Harfouche's budget priorities are far too late to be considered in time for the budget, which is being presented at the next Board of Directors meeting. She states that this is why there was a training explaining the budget priorities needed to be submitted by a certain date. She states that the Academic & Student Rights Commission priorities are three months too late to affect the budget. She states this was explained at the retreat, and that this procedure is outlined in the Policies and Bylaws. Hudson states that the communications line item can be increased to print more material and the Guide can be printed through that.

Wathey states that he will figure it out.

## 6. STAFF WORK

### DISCUSSION

Bollo-Kamara states that there is an issue with Executive Committee members doing the work of the bargaining unit. Bollo-Kamara states that this is in violation of labour union rights, as explained at the management training. She states that Harfouche has violated this right several times and staff have raised it as an issue.

Harfouche states that he has spoken to affected staff and resolved the issue.

Bollo-Kamara asks why he did the work of the staff in the first place.

Harfouche states that he did not know what work the staff did.

Bollo-Kamara states that it's odd for Harfouche to attempt to do work that is outside of his portfolio.



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Hudson states that the labour union has particular rights. She states that more than one staff member has raised frustrations with Harfouche's conduct. Hudson states that the specifics of the staff's duties were outlined during staff training and executive training. She states that these reckless actions could land the Union with a labour grievance or other type of labour dispute. She states that if Harfouche is unsure of what work is being done outside his portfolio, he should ask Wathey. She states that she has received several concerns from staff about Harfouche's conduct throughout this year so far. She states that it is Harfouche's responsibility to not to treat his staff in ways that are contrary to legal labour protections.

Hudson states that the Executive Committee also took a motion that no Executive Committee member would contact the lawyers without first receiving permission from the Executive Committee. She states she was informed by the lawyers that Harfouche contacted them. She states that she does not recall the Executive Committee providing permission for this, and that this costs money. Hudson states that there is no point in the Executive Committee taking a motion to restrict their actions if the decision could be ignored.

Harfouche states he didn't know there was an issue with doing the work of the staff. Harfouche states that the Executive Committee passed a motion to not contact the lawyers. He states that he did not know that this was meant for all situations. He states that he only asked a question about access to the retainer with the firm. He states that he did not hide that he called the lawyers. He states that he mentioned it at the Board meeting. He states that no one brought this issue up at the Board meeting.

Hudson states that he did not inform the Board of this. She states that the motion was clear. She states that Harfouche is misrepresenting his conversation with the lawyers as he requested all memos and wanted to know if there were memos that had not been shared with him. Hudson states that Harfouche's elected position has nothing to do with focussing on the work of other people in the office. She states if Harfouche has questions, he could ask.

Harfouche asks how he can fix the issue and whether he should apologize.

Hudson states that she has dealt with the issue in her capacity as Employer's Representative. She states that part of dealing with the issue is the conversation they are currently having. She states that Harfouche's actions make the staff feel that their job security is threatened of their position.

Bollo-Kamara states that Harfouche should asks questions before acting on impulse.

## 7. HART HOUSE BOARD OF STEWARDS UPDATE

### DISCUSSION

Harfouche states that Hart House is doing a major restoration project. He states that they are also increasing outreach to the satellite campuses.

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Wathey states that Harfouche should not refer to Scarborough and Mississauga as satellite campuses. He states that Hart House should allow the East and West campuses to opt-out.

Harfouche asks how to handle this situation appropriately.

Bollo Kamara states she will speak to the University of Toronto Mississauga Students' Union and the Scarborough Campus Students' Union, first. She states that this issue should be considered at the Council on Student Services.

## 8. COUNCIL OF ATHLETICS AND RECREATION UPDATE

### DISCUSSION

Harfouche states that the Goldring Centre will open on October 27. He states that the Union has a seat on the Budget Committee.

## 9. GOVERNING COUNCIL PRESENTATION

### DISCUSSION

Bollo-Kamara states there is a joint students' union presentation being coordinated for the October 30 Governing Council meeting. She states that this is an opportunity to focus on the Student Commons. She states that one person from each of the students' unions is able to speak. She states that it should be collaborative and that it makes most sense to talk about the Student Commons.

Harfouche states that he wants to know what to focus on. He states that the Student Commons is good but should not be the sole focus. He states that other issues should be brought up, such as international students being permitted to sit on Governing Council.

Bollo-Kamara states that campaigns work and services work should also be discussed.

## 10. STUDENT COMMONS TRAINING

### DISCUSSION

Harfouche asks if this can be done before the October 30. He states that the Governing Council meeting may vote, but the Executive Committee has not been briefed on the Student Commons. He states that student societies have been talking about it and have questions that he cannot answer.

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Hudson states that is unlikely to happen before October 30 because all of the unexpected work she has had to do due to failure to ask questions and assumptions that Harfouche has made. She states that if Harfouche receives any questions on the Student Commons, there are people that he can redirect student to, such as Hudson, Bollo-Kamara, Wathey, Yang, or the Clubs Coordinator who are working on the project.

Harfouche asks what topics in the agreement cannot be touched and what can be compromised.

Hudson states that this has been a seven-year negotiation process. She states that nothing in the agreement can be touched because it has already been agreed to. She states that organizations don't enter a seven-year legal process without ensuring that there is proper representation. She states that reopening the agreement would be seen as negotiating in bad faith.

Harfouche states that students have not been consulted.

Hudson states that there has been significant consultation over the years. She states that there was a Project Planning Committee that contained representatives from College student societies and faculty student societies. She states that the Union held townhalls over various aspects of the agreement, such as the move to 230 College street from Site 12.

Harfouche states that his impression is that Governing Council can change what is in the contract.

Hudson states that it has already been agreed to by all the Committees.

Harfouche states that Professor Jill Matus told the St. George Roundtable (SGRT) that they could change whatever they wanted in the last meeting that the Executive Committee had with her.

Hudson states that his claim is patently false.

Bollo-Kamara states that Professor Matus specifically stated that she did not tell the SGRT that this was possible.

Harfouche asks if the agreement cannot be changed, what is the Governing Council waiting for.

Hudson states that she does not know.

Harfouche asks why the administration does not pass the Student Commons motion. He asks what is holding them back. He states that it seems to him that they should just sign it. He states that he is baffled. He states that if they are holding back this agreement then the Union must be missing some information.

Hudson states that she is unsure. She states that there has been significant administrative turnover.

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Harfouche states that he believes that might explain it. He states that the change over of individuals may have caused miscommunication.

Hudson states that Harfouche should not assume anything he does not know. She cautions him against taking actions on assumptions he does not have answers to.

Harfouche states that it is better to be safe than sorry.

## 12. EMAILS TO THE BOARD

### DISCUSSION

Bollo-Kamara states that claiming that Wathey is not doing his job through an email to the Board of Directors is inappropriate. She states that Harfouche made assumptions based on false information. She states that it was irresponsible and rude to do what he did without speaking to Wathey first. She asks why Harfouche would do that.

Harfouche states that he does not want to talk about this. He states that he wants to discuss these matters with the Board. He states that the motions are in order. He states that Wathey has not been doing his due diligence. He states that these motions are for the Board to reflect on. He states that he submitted it early before so the Board has time to read through these motions.

Bollo-Kamara states that Harfouche does not know what is Wathey is working on. She states that he could simply ask herself, Wathey or Hudson.

Harfouche states he sent two motions so that they could discuss what Wathey is working on. He states that he has asked but not received an answer.

Bollo-Kamara states that situations such as this are getting ridiculous. She states that it is frustrating that Harfouche is repeatedly fabricating scandals every month at Board meetings.

Hudson states she would like to know questions that were not answered. She asks if Harfouche is aware that the letter that was sent to the Board that informed his motions makes requests of Corporations Canada that they cannot oblige. She states that anyone can send a letter requesting anything that they want in order to cause panic amongst the Board of Directors. She states that this does not mean that the letter's claims are true or should be a concern in any way.

Hudson states that Industry Canada cannot deny a corporation continuance in the way that the letter demands. She states what we should be concerned about is if this is a substantive concern, from a student who had a lawyer submit this, why they have not sent the concern to the Union. She states that he should ask himself why the aggrieved party is not taking legal action against the Union and is instead sending a letter that cannot be acted upon to Corporations Canada. She states that Corporations Canada does not have a special bias against the Union, which is but one of the thousands of organizations that are going through the same thing that we are. She states that this letter is asking for something we that Corporations Canada cannot do.

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Bollo-Kamara states that Harfouche needs to stop focusing on everyone else's portfolio. She states that he does not know what he is doing with respect to these items. She states that he should stop spending time on this subject which he has no context to.

Harfouche states that leaving everything up to chance and opening the Union up to dissolution is irresponsible. He states that the Union should protect itself from lawsuits. He states that his gut tells him that this letter will have an impact. He states that the only thing he can do is to submit a motion. He states that the Union should protect ourselves and have a new set of eyes to look over the Union's processes. He states that he knows our lawyers are very competent. He states we should start from scratch. He states that he is trying to prevent dissolution.

Hudson states that the only actions with respect to this file that could have led to dissolution are Harfouche's himself. She states that Harfouche, based off false information, counseled the Board of Directors to defeat a motion to continue the organization because he did not understand the legal requirements or did not ask. She states that her actions to ensure legal counsel at the July meeting prevented this. She states that had he left it up to the process that the Policy & Procedures Committee had gone through that everything would have been fine and there would have been no need to spend exorbitant funds on legal counsel to attend the meeting. She states that at the Executive Committee Retreat, Harfouche stated that maybe something the organization should do is dissolve. She states that she wonders if Harfouche is trying to make this happen. She states that it is strange that Harfouche does not trust the organization's own legal counsel, but will trust an unsigned letter sent to the entire Board by a legal assistant without context or previous contact. She states that this should be a very simple process. She states that he is making it complicated and confusing the board members. She states that he seems to be doing this intentionally and she is unsure why. She states that at this point, the Articles have been filed and Union is in the clear. She states that there is no way the Union will be dissolved at this point. She states that what he has done now is told Board members that there is cause for concern where there is none. She states that if he has a concern, he should ask the individuals working on the file. She states that he sent his motions minutes after the letter was sent instead of doing the responsible thing and asking how, if at all, the letter would affect the Union. She states that his actions are wildly irresponsible and have been for some time.

Harfouche states that he never stated that the Union should dissolve. He states that he merely stated that if a member suggested it, it should be discussed. He states that if someone suggested it as a proposal, it may have merit. He states that he never advocated for the Union to disappear entirely. He states that he would never advocate for complete dissolution.

Hudson states that after Harfouche won his election for a Board position, he posted on Facebook that he would attempt to get rid of the Union.

Harfouche states that what he said in that post is that Engineers should not be apart of the Union. He states that people should not put words in his mouth. He states that with the respect to the letter sent to the Board that it clearly shows that there is cause for concern. He states

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that if Hudson feels differently, that is her opinion. He states that it is inappropriate for Hudson to tell him to leave this alone. He states that other Executives have “liked” things on Facebook that claim that the Union will dissolve if the new structure does not pass at the Annual General meeting. He states that this is an ambush. He states that he has no information. He states that the motions he served starts a conversation.

Hudson states that she takes offense that Harfouche is calling her statements an ambush. She states that she would prefer Harfouche had not sent out an email to the board. She states that had he raised it at the Executive Committee instead, she could have had this conversation in a preventative manner rather than one that is holding him accountable for his actions. He states that he should expect that he will be held accountable in this space as well as at the Board, as should all Executive Committee members. She states that If he thinks that Wathey has done something wrong, it should be raised at an Executive Committee meeting to try to find a resolution. She states the impact of his actions may be large. She states that he did not raise his concerns responsibly. She states that she is not putting words in Harfouche’s mouth, and that she quoted his statement. She states that some Board members have contacted her with concerns over his motions. She states that the letter that was sent to the Board does not make sense. She states that the authors of the letter do not work for the Union. She states that it is unclear who they work for and what their intentions are. She states that it would be irresponsible to take actions based on so little information.

Harfouche states that he knows that these people do not work for us and can say things that do not benefit us.

Hudson states that Harfouche should not act on impulse and act as though he somehow knows more than anyone else.

Harfouche states that he does not know more than everyone else. He states that he is not given all the information. He states that he does not have the retainer from the Union’s lawyers.

Bollo-Kamara, states that it is irresponsible that Harfouche’s immediate response was to propose these motions without any information.

Harfouche states that the motions are related, he states that it was not condemning anything or any one. He states that there needs to be a new team looking at our legal concerns.

Hudson states that Harfouche is not even aware of all the files the lawyers are working on and how this will affect the Union.

Harfouche asks whether or not the Union will continue or dissolve.

Hudson states that the Union will continue, as she stated earlier. She states that even if Harfouche does not trust her work, she could have provided information to him that he could have checked on his own if he wished to act responsibly.

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Wathey states that he feels ambushed and bullied by the motions. He states he did not even have a chance to read it before it was sent to the Board. He states that he works very hard and puts in far more than the 40-hours per week required of him. He states that he was very hurt when he saw what Harfouche had sent to the Board. He states that he has never treated Harfouche similarly.

Bollo Kamara states no one sent an email to strip Harfouche of his Commission because a budget was not passed and meetings were not held in violation of the Bylaws and Policies. She states that it was raised with him at a meeting.

Harfouche states if Wathey is over worked then he should reduce his powers. He states that he admits that he sent his motions hastily. He states that he will retract his motions. He states that more communication should be had between Executive Committee members. He states that Executive Committee members should share information with him. He states that the Executive Committee should meet more. He states that he did not even know when proxies for the General Meeting were to be made available.

Hudson states she agrees. she states that at the beginning of the previous meeting, Harfouche tried to claim that the Union should be operating with 1992 Bylaws. She states that she found out about this being a concern through the administration, who contacted her when Vigneswaran contacted them making the same claim. She states that if the administration did not contact her, she would not have been prepared with a memo from legal counsel correcting the claim that we should ignore the will of the membership from the last 24 years. She states that in the interest of communicating effectively, this is an example where he should have been forthcoming. She states that this was not something to raise for the first time at a Board meeting. She states that the Executive Committee needs to make sure they are working together if the goal is to ensure that the students union is working in the best interest of the membership. She states that she is frustrated that we have not had regular Executive Committee meetings, but that this does not stop Executive Committee members from communicating with each other. She states that Harfouche would know when the proxies were available if he came into the office, or asked. She stated that thousands of posters with proxy information were distributed around campus and posted in the office the day after the Board meeting. She states that ads were sent to the Varsity and the Newspaper. She states that he could have asked if he missed this information. She states that no one was trying to keep information from anyone. She states that she is confident that it was adequately advertised because there was a constant and steady stream of members requesting proxies the moment they were made available.

Bollo-Kamara states that Executive Committee members should contact each other if they have concerns with one another's conduct.

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## 13. COUNCIL ON STUDENT SERVICES

### DISCUSSION

Bollo-Kamara provides an overview of the Council on Student Services (CoSS). She states that it is the only administrative committee in which students have a majority. She states that the Committee approves ancillary fee increases. She states that the Policy requires the Vice-President University Affairs to sit on CoSS along with three other Union representatives. She states that she will sit on CoSS with Harfouche.

Slobodian states that she would like to sit on CoSS.

Wathey states that he would like to sit on CoSS.

Bollo-Kamara states that the representatives will be herself, Harfouche, Slobodian and Wathey.

## 14. COMMITTEE FOR THE ALLOCATION OF STUDENT ACTIVITY SPACE

### DISCUSSION

Bollo-Kamara states that two Executive Committee members sit on this Committee. She asks which Executive members would like to sit on it.

Wathey states that he will sit on it.

Slobodian states that she will sit on it.

Bollo-Kamara states that Wathey and Slobodian will sit on CASAS.

*Sardar enters at 16:30.*

## 14. OTHER BUSINESS

### DISCUSSION

Yang states that one of the dates for UTSU's Got You is on the date of the Annual General Meeting. He states that this should be changed.

Sardar states that October 27 is election day.

Slobodian states any day next week will be inconvenient. She states that the membership is more important. She states that the Blue Crew can help after the voting days.



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Sardar states that Executive Committee members should be at UTSU's Got You.

Yang states that he suggests doing it later in the week.

Bollo Kamara states that the Executive Committee was invited to a televised debate by CityTV. She states that she will send out the information.

Yang states he has received a lot of emails from clubs training. He states clubs still want to apply for funding. He states that there needs to be club training dates added for mid-November.

Bollo-Kamara states that the Union needs to have four representatives to the Library Committee and one representative for CIUT Radio.

Harfouche states that he will sit on the Library Committee.

Slobodian states that she will sit on the Library Committee.

Wathey states that he will sit on the Library Committee and the Board of CIUT Radio.

Bollo-Kamara states that she will find a first-year student for the Library Committee.

Bollo-Kamara states that the new time for Executive Committee meetings are Monday at 17:00.

Harfouche states some individuals have been spreading rumors that the Union may dissolve. He asks if this is true.

Bollo Kamara states that if the Bylaws don't pass then we have 12 months, it is unclear what happens next.

Harfouche states that Bollo-Kamara should ask Raifai to stop posting misinformation.

Bollo Kamara states that she had a great conversation with Division III Board members about the motions at a consultation. She states that there is a lot of misinformation out there and that she is working on a statement to correct the record. She states that Trinity heads are offering their students free beer to attend the meeting and that Harfouche himself also publicized that there will be beer after the General Meeting for attendees.

Harfouche states that the dissolution lies should have been corrected. He states that the Executive Committee should approve Bollo-Kamara's statement before it is sent. He states that he states that the University of Toronto Mississauga Students' Union is offering food to their members who attend.

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Sardar states that Harfouche shared an article online about the proposed Board structure that is very manipulative and attacks the Union in a way that does not make sense. She states that article has no respect. She states that he posted it in such a way as to manipulate the minds of first year students. She states that if he wanted to talk to first-year students, he could have gone about it in a way that was balanced.

Bollo-Kamara states that there is a radically different impact when false information is coming from a member of the Executive Committee.

Harfouche states that the article is all he has to share. He states that there is no statement or proposal. He states that it is a problematic article but that the Executive Committee does not have a statement. He states that while he posted it in a forum geared toward first-year students, the comments were mostly from upper years, so this is not a concern.

Slobodian states that sharing the article is completely irresponsible and that the Union should release a statement that the full Executive Committee agrees with.

Sardar states the purpose of sharing this article was to mislead students. She states that the article is a two dimensional opinion. She states that the Executive Committee has a responsibility to disseminate accurate information and that info online is misleading.

Wathey states that the Executive Committee should have honest conversations with each other.

Bollo-Kamara states that Harfouche sharing the article is similar to endorsing it.

Harfouche states that the amount of information collected on the proxy form was concerning. He asks why there is a need to collect so much information.

Hudson states the proxy system is coordinated between the Internal Coordinated and herself. She states that the information is to verify student status, verify that the student themselves is filling out the form, and to receive contact information should there be an issue.

Harfouche states that the form should specify that. He states that proxies should be available online.

# MINUTES

Meeting of the Executive Committee of the University of Toronto Students' Union  
Tuesday, October 20, 2014 | 12:00 | UTSU Building

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**MOTION**            MOVED: BOLLO-KAMARA    SECONDED: YANG

Be it resolved that the open letter to Member of Parliament Corneliu Chisu opposing Bill C-585.

## **DISCUSSION**

Bollo Kamara states that she will include the letter in an appendix to the minutes. She states that she is in favour of the motion.

**CARRIED**

## **15. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION**            MOVED: BOLLO-KAMARA    SECONDED: SARDAR

Be it resolved that the meeting is adjourned.

**CARRIED**

The meeting is adjourned at 17:04.

# APPENDIX A

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

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**OCTOBER 20, 2014**

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO STUDENTS' UNION

Mr. Corneliu Chisu  
Member of Parliament for Pickering-Scarborough East  
300 Kingston Road, Unit 4  
Pickering, ON L1V 6Z9

October 17, 2014

### Open Letter on Bill C-585

Dear Mr. Chisu,

As organizations that have an interest in ensuring that everyone in Canada has equal access to income security, we are alarmed by the introduction of your Private Members Bill C-585. Many of our organizations are health and social service agencies and legal and community advocates that work directly with refugee claimants and others with precarious immigration status. Bill C-585 would allow provinces to restrict access to social assistance for refugee claimants and others who have not yet been granted permanent residence.

To receive social assistance in any province, one must already qualify through testing and demonstrate great need. To then deny social assistance based on immigration status is to cruelly deny the most vulnerable in our society the crucial lifeline that allows them to survive.

A Federal Court recently described your government's denial of healthcare to refugee claimants as "cruel and unusual". It is disturbing to see another initiative in Parliament that seems to be using legislation to threaten the well-being of migrants attempting to navigate Canada's immigration system.

Fleeing persecution places tremendous stress and burden on families seeking refugee status in Canada. Some of these families suffer from post traumatic stress disorder that can make finding and holding a job difficult without appropriate health care. Work permits take time to be approved and issued, which often leaves people with no source of income for months on end. In the interim, access to social assistance is vital to sustain and rebuild lives. Without that source of support, many will be unable to feed, house, or clothe themselves and their families, putting further pressure on already overburdened charities and shelters. We know that poverty leads to poor health outcomes including higher rates of diabetes, heart disease, cancer and depression – it is unacceptable for our government to implement policies that worsen people's health in this manner.

We are also concerned that such a significant legislative change, one that would amend the fiscal relationship between the Federal and Provincial governments, is being presented through a Private Member's Bill. It is well known that Private Member's Bills undergo less scrutiny compared with Government Bills and that they are meant to tackle issues of regional importance.

Our organizations call on you to immediately withdraw Bill C-585. We will be making this Open Letter public and will continue to raise this issue with you, your MP colleagues, and the general public to ensure that Bill C-585 is withdrawn or defeated.

# OPERATING BUDGET

**OCTOBER 31, 2014**

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO STUDENTS' UNION

## University of Toronto Students' Union 2014-2015 Operating Budget

	2013-2014 Revised Budget	2014-2015 Preliminary Budget	2014-2015 Operating Budget	2014-2015 Revised Budget
<b>Revenue</b>				
Student Levied Membership Fees	1,269,055	1,350,000	1,350,000	
Sundry Income	58,717	15,000	15,000	
Administrative Income	315,000	315,000	315,000	
Member Services Revenue	1,099,255	900,000	900,000	
	<u>2,742,027</u>	<u>2,580,000</u>	<u>2,580,000</u>	-
<b>Expenses</b>				
Audit & Accounting Fees	15,255	22,000	22,000	
Communications (1)	44,500	44,500	34,500	
Book Bursary	2,450	2,500	2,500	
Book Exchange (2)	123	-	0	
Executive Members' Stipends (3)	169,200	173,400	173,400	
Orientation Weeks' Expenses (4)	52,715	59,500	59,500	
Org. Governance & Meetings (5)	44,318	45,000	43,150	
Campaigns and Equity (6)	102,906	94,000	92,850	
Equipment, Printing and Supplies (7)	38,558	33,500	33,500	
Members' Health & Dental Plan (8)	140,828	136,500	136,500	
Legal Fees	80,146	60,000	60,000	
Repairs and Maintenance	5,606	7,500	7,500	
Insurance	44,503	34,000	34,000	
Telephone	2,983	4,500	4,500	
Sundry	-	5,000	5,000	
Salaries and Wages	205,936	160,000	160,000	
Member Services (9)	1,360,283	1,133,000	1,133,000	
Clubs Funding (10)	169,345	259,000	272,000	
Postage	1,687	2,500	2,500	
Elections and Referenda (11)	41,380	73,000	73,000	
Capital Expenditure Reserve	20,423	12,000	12,000	
Professional Development	3,074	5,000	5,000	
Benefits	39,289	40,000	40,000	
RSP Exp	33,913	30,000	30,000	
CPP Exp	33,573	40,000	40,000	
EI Exp	19,498	21,000	21,000	
EHT	23,243	13,000	13,000	
WSIB	3,065	3,500	3,500	
Bank Charges	8,948	6,000	6,000	
Associate Honouraria	18,656	30,000	30,000	
Accomodations Fund	-	5,000	5,000	
Contingency Reserve	-	25,000	25,000	
<b>Total</b>	<u>2,726,406</u>	<u>2,579,900</u>	<u>2,579,900</u>	-
<b>Total Revenue</b>	2,742,027	2,580,000	2,580,000	-
<b>Total Expenses</b>	2,726,406	2,579,900	2,579,900	-
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<u>15,622</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	-

	2013-2014 Revised Budget	2014-2015 Preliminary Budget	2014-2015 Operating Budget	2014-2015 Revised Budget
<b>Schedule 1 - Communications</b>				
Website	15,000	15,000	5,000	
List-Serve Email Communications	777	1,000	1,000	
Membership Mailout	20,181	15,500	15,500	
Promotions	8,542	13,000	13,000	
<b>Total</b>	<b>44,500</b>	<b>44,500</b>	<b>34,500</b>	<b>-</b>

<b>Schedule 2 - Book Exchange</b>				
Administrative Expenses	123	-	-	
Advertising & Promotion	-	-	-	
<b>Total</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

<b>Schedule 3 - Executive Member Stipends</b>				
President	28,700	28,900	28,900	
Vice President External	25,700	28,900	28,900	
Vice President Equity	28,700	28,900	28,900	
Vice President Internal & Services	28,700	28,900	28,900	
Vice President Campus Life	28,700	28,900	28,900	
Vice President University Affairs	28,700	28,900	28,900	
<b>Total</b>	<b>169,200</b>	<b>173,400</b>	<b>173,400</b>	<b>-</b>

<b>Schedule 4 - Orientation Weeks' Expenses</b>				
Orientation Sponsorship Revenue	(95,545)	(90,000)	(90,000)	
Orientation Levy	(37,529)	(40,500)	(40,500)	
Clubs Fair Revenue	(29,509)	(20,000)	(20,000)	
Orientation & Week of Welcome Week	215,297	210,000	210,000	
<b>Total</b>	<b>52,715</b>	<b>59,500</b>	<b>59,500</b>	<b>-</b>

<b>Schedule 5 - Org. Governance &amp; Meetings</b>				
UTSU Board of Director Meetings	9,436	11,000	10,000	
General Meetings	8,310	6,000	6,000	
Conferences & Other Meetings	16,251	18,000	18,000	
Board Retreat	10,321	10,000	9,150	
<b>Total</b>	<b>44,318</b>	<b>45,000</b>	<b>43,150</b>	<b>-</b>

<b>Schedule 6 - Campaigns and Equity</b>				
Academic & Student Rights Commission	3,678	7,500	4,500	
Campus Life Commission	26,334	25,000	25,000	
Community Action Commission	3,591	8,500	8,500	
Social Justice & Equity Commission	26,485	9,000	10,850	
Sustainability Commission	2,327	4,000	4,000	
Executive Committee	3,491	5,000	5,000	
Policy & Student Rights Coordinator	35,000	35,000	35,000	
<b>Total</b>	<b>100,906</b>	<b>94,000</b>	<b>92,850</b>	<b>-</b>

<b>Schedule 7 - Equipment, Printing and Supplies</b>				
Equipment and Supplies	20,018	19,000	19,000	
Photocopier (Lease and Printing)	18,540	14,500	14,500	
<b>Total</b>	<b>38,558</b>	<b>33,500</b>	<b>33,500</b>	<b>-</b>



	2013-2014 Revised Budget	2014-2015 Preliminary Budget	2014-2015 Operating Budget	2014-2015 Revised Budget
<b>Schedule 8 - Members' Health &amp; Dental Plan</b>				
Advertising	3,379	8,000	8,000	
Supplies	735	2,500	2,500	
Opt-Outs	5,715	10,000	10,000	
Bank Charges & Interest	7,000	7,000	7,000	
Health & Dental Plan Staff	124,000	109,000	109,000	
<b>Total</b>	<b>140,828</b>	<b>136,500</b>	<b>136,500</b>	

<b>Schedule 9 - Member Services</b>				
TTC Metropasses	996,678	700,000	700,000	
TTC Tokens	42,947	45,000	45,000	
Cineplex Tickets	51,229	85,000	85,000	
Wonderland Tickets	31,284	50,000	50,000	
Ripleys' Aquarium	-	12,000	12,000	
Copy/Print Service	4,000	4,000	4,000	
Good Food Box	6,066	6,000	6,000	
Miscellaneous Merchandise	4,913	3,500	3,500	
Tax Clinic	-	1,000	1,000	
Advertising & Promotions	-	4,000	4,000	
Members Handbook and Planner	37,231	36,500	36,500	
Food Bank	13,935	14,000	14,000	
Member Services Staff	172,000	172,000	172,000	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,360,283</b>	<b>1,133,000</b>	<b>1,133,000</b>	

<b>Schedule 10 - Clubs Funding</b>				
Long Term Funding	96,811	140,000	153,000	
Start Up Funding	5,579	12,000	12,000	
Short Term Funding	2,565	10,000	10,000	
Summer Funding	2,740	3,000	3,000	
Academic Endeavour Grants	-	3,000	3,000	
Clubs Directory	19,261	12,000	12,000	
Unity Ball	5,890	10,000	10,000	
Clubs Printing	4,000	4,000	4,000	
Clubs and Events Staff	32,500	65,000	65,000	
<b>Total</b>	<b>169,345</b>	<b>259,000</b>	<b>272,000</b>	

<b>Schedule 11 - Elections &amp; Referenda</b>				
Operations	40,414	55,000	55,000	
Candidate Reimbursements	966	18,000	18,000	
<b>Total</b>	<b>41,380</b>	<b>73,000</b>	<b>73,000</b>	

# REPORT OF THE CHIEF RETURNING OFFICER

**OCTOBER 31, 2014**

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO STUDENTS' UNION

# **FINAL REPORT OF THE CHIEF RETURNING OFFICER**

University of Toronto Students' Union Fall 2014 Elections

Submitted by: Tony Vuong, Chief Returning Officer

Monday, October 27, 2014

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## **Introduction**

This report accounts the events of the UTSU Fall 2014 Elections period. It also provides recommendations for consideration by the Board of Directors and the Elections and Referenda Committee for improving processes and policies in order to facilitate future elections.

The Fall 2014 Election period held elections for the UTSU Board of Director candidates for the following seats: Transitional Year Program (TYP), Toronto School of Theology and OISE. No referenda were held during this period.

## **Activities before Voting Period**

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

1. Reviewing all relevant UTSU governing documents.
2. Preparation of nomination and election-related publicity materials for campus newspapers, and the UTSU website.
3. Preparation of the nomination packages for Board of Director candidates.
4. Hiring of two Deputy Returning Officers (DRO) for the St. George campus.
5. Site inspections, selection and booking of potential polling locations.
6. Obtaining an up-to-date voters list.
7. Testing the online system, and insuring that the system works fine.
8. Scheduling and logistics for the All-Candidates' Meeting.
9. Arranging for the secure storage of ballot boxes between voting days.
10. Ordering ballot boxes, voting screens and seals from Elections Canada.
11. Organizing poll clerk hiring, scheduling and logistics for poll-clerk training sessions.
12. Preparation of polling station kits.
13. Ensuring the UTSU website was updated with relevant election material.

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14. Designing ballots and determining ballot quantities and distribution.
15. Preparing laptops for use at the voting stations

### **Nominations**

Nominations for the UTSU elections opened Monday September 29, 2014 at 10:00 and closed Friday, October 3, 2014 at 17:00. Four (4) Director nomination packages were signed out and three (3) were returned before the end of the nomination period. All of the submitted nomination packages were ultimately approved except for one (1) for a student seeking nomination for the Toronto School of Theology Representative, who was found to have an insufficient number of nominators.

The Fall 2014 election was for a total of two candidates both from the Transitional Year Program (TYP).

### **All-Candidates' Meeting**

The all-candidates' meeting was held on Sunday October 5, 2014 at 14:00 in UTSU building in a meeting room. Attendance was limited to the candidates only and as they were all present there was no candidates' authorized representatives attending the meeting. All-candidates packages were distributed to all candidates. The meeting lasted approximately 1.5 hours, as the CRO reviewed the relevant sections of the Elections Procedure Code, University of Toronto and discussed the role of the elections staff.

### **Campaigning**

The campaign period opened on Monday October 6, 2014 at 09:00 and closed on the last day of voting on Wednesday October 15, 2014 at 18:30. Campaign materials, including posters, flyers, rave cards, and Facebook content were submitted and approved by the CRO throughout the campaign period. It was

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ensured that at least one DRO/CRO was present at the UTSU office to approve the campaigning material at all times.

No complaint was submitted during the campaigning period to the CRO.

### **UTSU Elections at St. George Campus**

#### ***Poll Locations***

There were some last minute changes made to the polling stations and only one poll location was used to collect the voting for the Fall 2014 election. That station was in the TYP building as the election was only between the two TYP candidates at the 123 St. George St. Voting was also available online.

#### ***Poll Clerk Training***

Poll Clerk training sessions were held at the University College room UC 244 on Thursday October 9 at two times from 17:30-19:00 and again 19:00-20:30. The training sessions were one and a half hour long and consisted of a brief introduction to the roles and responsibilities of the CRO and DROs, poll clerk duties and responsibilities, polling station setup and closing, trouble-shooting and scenario role-play. During the training sessions, poll clerks were given the opportunity to complete any missing paperwork (tax forms, confidentiality agreement, etc.).

#### ***Voting***

Voting took place on Tuesday October 14 and Wednesday October 15, 2014. Poll stations were open from 09:00 to 18:30. Three (3) poll clerks worked in shifts from 08:00 to 13:00 and three (3) from 13:00 to 18:30. Poll clerks started by using the online voting system ([utsu.simplyvoting.com](http://utsu.simplyvoting.com)) to confirm voters' eligibility by typing the student's UTORid. The system was not operable for

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checking eligibility. There were a total of 65 eligible electors in the TYP program. The poll clerks checked eligibility manually. Voters were asked to sign in and provide their name, student number, faculty/college and signature. Poll clerks were instructed to each initial each ballot as they were given out to students upon confirmation of their eligibility as voters. Poll clerks were provided with a sheet of instructions for the voting procedure.

If prospective voters did not have their T-Card (but knew their student number and had other photo ID) or if the prospective voter's name was not provided in the list of eligible students for the TYP program but the prospective voter believed that they were a full-time undergraduate student and a UTSU member, poll clerks were instructed to use the double envelope system.

The poll clerks met each morning at 08:00 at the UTSU office to collect the necessary equipment and materials from the CRO and DRO. Ballot boxes were assembled at the polling locations using Elections Canada seals, clearly marked. Poll stations were closed each day at 18:30 and ballot boxes were sealed and signed by poll clerks. On October 15, poll clerks transported ballot boxes, accompanied by the CRO and DROs, from the Ombudsperson office to the UTSU office. Ballot boxes from October 15 were brought directly to the UTSU office for the count.

All the ballots were designed in house and ballots were printed at Copyrite. The ballots were delivered on Friday, October 10 where they were locked and stored in the Elections Office. The ballots were then sorted to the appropriate designated polling location box along with all the other election items.

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### ***Storage and Transportation of Ballot Boxes***

At the close of each voting day, poll clerks transported the sealed ballot boxes to the University of Toronto Ombudsperson Office, where it was to be kept for safekeeping. The Ombudsperson along with another staff facilitated access to the room through a secured key process. Only the Ombudsperson, CRO and DROs had access to the office.

No election was coordinated at the UTM campus due to the limitation of voting to only TYP program students at the St. George campus.

### **Ballot Counting**

At 18:45 after the close of voting on Wednesday October 15, 2014, the CRO oversaw the vote count at the UTSU office. The count was concluded at 19:00. No scrutineers appointed by the candidates. Present for the vote count was the CRO as supervisor, the DROs, and the Executive Director. Ballot boxes were opened. With the supervision of the DROs, CRO and the Executive Director one of the poll clerks opened and read the ballots while the Executive Director recorded the result.

### ***Online Ballots***

No electors voted online.

### ***Spoiled Ballots***

Ballots were considered spoiled if:

- No voter intent was indicated on the ballot;
- Only one poll clerk initialed the ballot;
- No poll clerks initialed the ballot;
- Too many candidates were selected on the ballot

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### ***Double Envelope Ballots***

Elections staff verified the eligibility of voters who had used the double envelope system. Double envelopes were checked against the master voters list to determine if (a) the voter was eligible; and (b) the student had not already voted using their T-Card. Eligible voters' ballots remained in the second, interior unmarked envelope and were sorted and counted normally in order to maintain the anonymity of the voters' choices. All ineligible ballots were separated and not counted.

### **Announcement of Results and Recount**

At the conclusion of ballot counting on October 15, 2014, unofficial election results were posted on the UTSU website on October 15, 2014.

**No appeals or complaints regarding the online system was made.**

### **Results:**

Voter Turnout for the TYP program (60%)

**Anastasiya Harovska: 21 votes (58.3%) THE ELECTED CANDIDATE**

Saad Shafiq: 8 votes (22.2%)

Spoiled: 7 votes (19.4%)

### **Acknowledgements**

The CRO would like to thank the DRO, poll clerks, UTSU staff who provided logistical support for the elections.



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UTSU Fall 2014 Election

Elections and Referenda Committee

### **ERC Ruling 001**

**Date: October 14, 2014**

**Time: 15:30**

On October 14, 2014 Anastasiya Harovska, one of the TYP candidates requested that her candidate's statement be posted on the UTSU website as well as the poll station for the remainder of the voting period. Upon investigation, the Chief Returning Officer notified Ms. Harovska that although she did not submit her Candidate's statement before the end of the nomination period for the Fall 2014 elections, she can still submit one for approval.