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TO DO THIS:	YOU SAY THIS:	MAY YOU INTERRUPT THE SPEAKER?	MUST YOU BE SECONDED?	IS THIS MOTION DEBATABLE?	IS THE MOTION AMENDABLE?	WHAT MAJORITY IS REQUIRED?
Object to incorrect procedure being used	Point of order	Yes	No	No	No	No vote taken, chair rules
Seek clarification from the previous speaker	Point of information	Yes, if urgent	No	No	No	No vote taken, chair rules
Object to something which prevents your continued participation (eg. excessive noise)	Point of personal privilege	Yes	No	No	No	No vote taken, chair rules
Object to a motion being considered	I object to consideration of this motion	Yes	No	No	No	2/3 majority
Consider something out of its scheduled order	I move the agenda be amended in order to deal with the following item...	No	Yes	No	No	2/3 majority
Overturn the ruling of the chair	I challenge the chair on...	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Majority
Change a motion	I move that the motion be amended to read...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
Have a motion studied more before voting on it	I move that the motion be referred to...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
Postpone further discussion on a motion until later in the meeting	I move that the motion be tabled until...	No	Yes	Only to time	Yes	Majority
Postpone consideration of a motion until a future meeting	I move that the motion be postponed until...	No	Yes	Only to time	Yes	Majority
Raise a matter previously tabled	I move that motion...be lifted from the table	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
Reconsider a motion already voted on earlier in the meeting	I move that motion...be reconsidered	Yes	Yes	Yes (if original motion was)	No	Majority
End debate on a motion	I call the question	No	Yes	No	No	2/3 majority
Ask that everyone's vote on a particular motion be recorded in the minutes	I call for a roll call vote	No	No	No	No	No vote required, chair rules
Recess the meeting	I move that the meeting recess until...	No	Yes	Only to time	No	Majority
End the meeting	I move that the meeting adjourn	No	Yes	No	No	Majority

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Roll call and reading of statements

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION MOVED: GOMES SECONDED:

Be it resolved that the agenda be approved as presented.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION MOVED: GOMES SECONDED:

Be it resolved that the Minutes Package, including the following documents, be approved as presented:

Board of Directors Minutes

N/A

Committee Minutes

- A. Policy & Procedures Committee, 3 December 2015 (pending the receipt and approval of these minutes by Board of Directors for addition)

Commission Minutes

N/A

4. STRIKING OF STANDING COMMITTEES

4A. BUDGET COMMITTEE

MOTION MOVED: GOMES SECONDED:

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

Be it resolved that two directors from Division I, one director from Division II, one director from III, and two additional directors from either Division I, II or III be elected by and from the Board of Directors to serve on the 2015-2016 Budget Committee.

4B. ELECTIONS & REFERENDA COMMITTEE

MOTION MOVED: GOMES SECONDED:

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

Be it resolved that one director from Division I, one director from Division II, and one additional director from the Board of Directors to serve on the 2015-2016 Elections and Referenda Committee.

4C. ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT & SERVICES COMMITTEE

MOTION MOVED: GOMES SECONDED:

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

Be it resolved that two directors from Division I, one director from Division II, one director from III, and one additional director from either Division I, II or III be elected by and from the Board of Directors to serve on the 2015-2016 Organizational Development and Services Committee.

4D. EXECUTIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE

MOTION MOVED: GOMES SECONDED:

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

Be it resolved that two directors from Division I, one director from Division II, one director from III, and two additional directors from either Division I, II or III be elected by and from the Board of Directors to serve on the 2015-2016 Executive Review Committee.

4E. ST. GEORGE CLUBS COMMITTEE

MOTION MOVED: GOMES SECONDED:

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

Be it resolved that two directors from Division I, one director from Division II and one additional director from either Division I or II be elected by and from the Board of Directors to serve on the 2015-2016 Clubs Committee.

Be it resolved that three non-Director members of UTSU be appointed to the Clubs Committee from the applications recommended by the Vice-President, Campus Life.

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4F. STUDENT ACCESSIBILITY COMMITTEE

MOTION MOVED: GOMES SECONDED:

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

Be it resolved that two directors from Division I, one director from Division II, and one director from III be elected by and from the Board of Directors to serve on the 2015-2016 Student Accessibility Committee

4G. BURSARY & GRANTS COMMITTEE

MOTION MOVED: GOMES SECONDED:

Whereas the Bursaries and Grants Committee is a standing committee of the University of Toronto Students' Union,

Be it resolved that two directors from Division I, one director from Division II, and one additional director from either Division I or II be elected by and from the Board of Directors to serve on the 2015-2016 Bursaries and Grants Committee.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

6. NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

MOTION MOVED: GOMES SECONDED:

Be it resolved that the 2016 January Board of Directors occur on ____.

7. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION MOVED: GOMES SECONDED:

Be it resolved that the meeting is adjourned.

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IN ATTENDANCE

Ryan Gomes, Vice-President Internal
Ben Coleman, President
Ebi Agbeyegbe, UTMSU President
Khrystyna Zhuk, Arts & Science at Large Director
Auni Ahsan, Victoria College Director (online)
Raffi Dergalstanian, Faculty of Engineering Director (online)
Abdulla Omari, UTM Director (via proxy to Agbeyegbe)

GUESTS

Christina Badiola Irigoyen, Associate Vice-President Internal

1. CALL TO ORDER AND STATEMENTS

The meeting is called to order at 9:22.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION Moved: GOMES Seconded: ZHUK

Be it resolved that the agenda be approved as presented.

Gomes moves to amend the agenda.

MOTION TO REFER Moved: GOMES Seconded: AGBEYEGBE

Be it resolved that a motion be added before motion 8, Bylaw Amendments:

MOTION ON JUSTIN BIEBER

Be it resolved that the following be referred to the Special General Meeting as moved by member Abdullah Shhipar:

Whereas Justin Bieber hails from nearby Stratford, Ontario; and

Whereas Justin Beiber has undertaken a dramatic rehabilitation process; and

Whereas Justin Bieber is now producing bangers.

Be it resolved that the executive committee release a statement congratulating Justin Bieber

DISCUSSION

Coleman states that this motion shouldn't even be considered

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Gomes reminds the committee that it has to consider member motions served with due notice.

CARRIED

Opposed: Zhuk, Coleman

CARRIED

3. MOTION TO APPROVE COMPUTERIZED VOTING

MOTION TO REFER Moved: GOMES Seconded: COLEMAN

Be it resolved that the following be referred to the Special General Meeting as moved by member Natalie Petra, seconded by Mathias Memmel:

Whereas participation in elections and referenda of the University of Toronto Students' Union [UTSU] is a fundamental right for all members; and

Whereas the UTSU has an obligation to sustainability in all of its projects; and

Whereas paper ballots use enormous quantities of paper every year, which goes against the Union's mandate to seek out sustainable mechanisms in its operations; and

Whereas paper ballots make fairer systems of elections (such as preferential, STV or alternative vote) much more difficult to calculate, unlike online voting; and

Whereas the UTSU recognizes the importance of physical voting for students who experience barriers to participation in campus life and accessing online voting off-campus; and

Whereas the UTSU is committed to improving accessibility and computerized voting provides further options to increase accessibility; and

Whereas the UTSU remains committed to providing paper ballots for all students who request them,

Be it resolved that all University of Toronto Students' Union's members be given equal access to online voting and physical voting via computerized polling booths for all elections and referenda conducted by the UTSU; and

Be it further resolved that paper ballots continue to be available at all polling booths for any and all students who request them; and

Be it further resolved that all efforts be made for elections to be fully accessible, including but not limited to ensuring that JAWS and other adaptive software is available and providing accommodations for disabled voters; and

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Be it further resolved that clear instructions on how computerized voting works are made available both in advance of elections and at all polling booths, and that these resources be further available in accessible formats; and

Be it further resolved that all staff members involved with elections be required to complete disability training, as well as training in how to help students use accessible software; and

Be it further resolved that all paper forms, including the sign in sheet and instruction sheets be made accessible by being made available in alternative formats, including but not limited to braille, electronic and large print formats; and

Be it further resolved that all campus polling stations be located inside accessible buildings; and

Be it further resolved that the Elections & Referenda Committee investigate what electronic device would work best, be they laptops, iPads, tablets, etc.; and

Be it further resolved that the Board of Directors be empowered to direct its committees to integrate computerized voting into the bylaws, policies, and procedures of the union.

MOTIVATION

All agree that the elections should be as accessible as possible. Informal discussion regarding the accessibility of current polling stations is had, in particular regarding Old Vic and Gerstein.

CARRIED

4. MOTION ON CFS MEMBERSHIP

MOTION TO REFER Moved: GOMES Seconded: ZHUK

Be it resolved that the following be referred to the Special General Meeting as moved by member Stephanie Spagnuolo, seconded by Carleigh Campbell:

Whereas members of the University of Toronto Students' Union pay membership fees to the CFS; and

Whereas the CFS is inefficient and borderline undemocratic, and restricts the democratic process; and

Whereas the CFS does not adequately represent the students of the University of Toronto; and

Whereas the UTSU can adequately represent the students of this university without the corruption associated with the CFS.

Be it resolved the UTSU contemplate leaving the CFS.

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Be it further resolved that a committee to examine the relationship between the UTSU and the CFS be struck every year the UTSU remains affiliated with the Federation.

DISCUSSION

Coleman states that he understands people's concerns about the CFS, however he believes this motion is in poor taste, as there is already a committee in place for the investigation. He states that the motion seems flippant and almost like a joke.

Gomes states that the motion is in order, and it is the PPC's duty to forward valid student motions to the general meeting.

Coleman states that he is not advocating to vote it down, as the PPC's goal should be to let as many motions through as possible, however he states that the attitude and wording seem not as serious as what it is asking for.

Zhuk states that although they struck a committee this year, there is no guarantee that one will be struck next year, therefore it is understandable and legitimate to motion to keep one, and regardless of how it was put forward, the motion should remain and be taken seriously.

Gomes states that perhaps the reason why the first clause was so vague and not substantial was because they realized that it is not to be taken lightly, and only meant to set a tone for the UTSU.

Agbeyegbe states that while he doesn't necessarily agree with the BIRT clauses, he believes they are very vague and is unsure if student motions can mandate the board to strike committees any year, and this does not have a date or time and therefore holds very little ground as a motion.

Gomes states that technically the UTSU cannot be bound to changes made at general meetings, which was discussed in the past when motions to add online voting for example could not directly change the EPC. However, generally if the membership expresses its opinion on something, the UTSU absolutely should honour the democratic role of its membership, and Gomes believes this falls under the same category of honouring the membership's will, as was done with online voting.

CARRIED

Opposed: Agbeyegbe

5. MOTION ON AN ACCESSIBLE COMPUTER LAB FOR ST. GEORGE CAMPUS

MOTION TO REFER Moved: GOMES Seconded: AGBEYEGBE

Be it resolved that the following be referred to the Special General Meeting as moved by member Gelareh Alaei, seconded by Chanda Pal:

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Whereas as the University of Toronto has over 4000 registered disabled students, and approximately 9% of undergraduate students are disabled; and

Whereas students with disabilities face numerous barriers to accessing post-secondary education; and

Whereas the University of Toronto's Statement on Equity, Diversity, and Excellence states that the University is committed to "...work to eliminate, reduce or mitigate the adverse effects of any barriers to full participation in University life that we find, including physical, environmental, attitudinal, communication or technological."3; and

Whereas disabled students require accessible software (Kurzweil 3000, Dragon Naturally Speaking, ZoomText, etc.), hardware (accessible desks/chairs, accessible computer mouse, such as a trackball mouse, headphones and microphones), and other assistive technology (video magnifier/closed-circuit television, accessible scanner and print stations) to complete their academic work; and

Whereas an accessible computer lab already exists at UTSC and UTM; and Whereas currently no equivalent accessible computer lab exists on the University of Toronto's St. George Campus;

Be it resolved that the UTSU write a letter of support outlining the importance of establishing an accessible computer lab and study space at the University of Toronto's St. George Campus.

Be it further resolved that the UTSU lobby the University administration to create a fully accessible computer lab and study space on the University of Toronto's St. George Campus.

DISCUSSION

Gomes states that while the onus is not on the UTSU to provide this, as the UTSU does not have the resources, and while accessible computer labs will be put in the Student Commons, the UTSU should pressure the admin to implement this in their own facilities. He states that the motion is a good step forward in doing this.

Coleman states that this is a good motion and the Common's lab will be at Huron and College and that the UTSU should lobby for one north of Harbord, around the Trinity College Area so that students will not have to go all the way south to access an accessible computer lab.

Agbeyegbe states that the UTSU should identify areas on campus where this could be done and possibly lobby to change already existing computer labs to become more accessible.

CARRIED

6. MOTION ON UTSU CLUBS AND SERVICE GROUPS

MOTION TO REFER

Moved: GOMES

Seconded: AGBEYEGBE

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Be it resolved that the following be referred to the Special General Meeting as moved by member Madina Siddiqui, seconded by Barbod Pournajar:

Whereas clubs and service groups are an important part of the University of Toronto Students' Union (UTSU) and student life at the University of Toronto; and

Whereas clubs and service groups provide important services, opportunities for leadership and education, and serve to create community for members of the UTSU; and

Whereas clubs and service groups receive funding from the UTSU and its members but are not involved in its direct governance; and

Whereas clubs and service groups can provide valuable insights into services, campaigns, and events of the Union; therefore

Be it resolved that University of Toronto Students' Union (UTSU) include clubs and service groups in the UTSU annual budget process.

DISCUSSION

Gomes states that he thinks this should be on the agenda and there is no reason why this shouldn't be on the agenda, and he is unsure why the committee voted it down last time. He states that if folks think its vague, the UTSU can use that vagueness to implement it in the best way possible for clubs. He believes the mover left it vague so that the UTSU can implement it properly.

Agbeyegbe states that last time when it was spoken about, due to the vagueness it was voted down, but something can be done now to include the clubs in the process. The UTMSU has 3 club heads sitting on their Clubs Committee, and the UTSU should do that.

Coleman states that the UTSU already does the same thing on their Clubs Committee.

Zhuk asks if it is a conflict of interest to have groups that receive funding from the UTSU to sit on a committee that delegates funds to so many groups and people on campus.

Gomes states that as the motion is procedurally sound, it should remain on the agenda and can be discussed further at the general meeting.

Coleman states that it is frustrating that it is vague, and that there may be some benefit to having clubs on the budget committee to better understand the delegation of money, however in terms of office procedures, you can't have clubs representatives sit in on the budgeting process, and for this reason, it is bad that the motion is worded so vaguely. However, he clarifies that last time neither he nor Gomes voted down this motion.

Zhuk states that she has issues with this vagueness.

Gomes states that those issues can be discussed further later.

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CARRIED

7. MOTION ON PREVENTION OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE

MOTION TO REFER Moved: GOMES Seconded: COLEMAN

Be it resolved that the following be referred to the Special General Meeting as moved by member Madina Siddiqui, seconded by Hashim Yussuf:

Whereas sexual assault, sexual harassment, acquaintance rape, dating violence, and gendered violence on campus are common realities for many students; and

Whereas discussions of consent, intersectionality, rape culture, and the diverse experiences of Indigenous, queer, trans, bi, women, racialized students and students with disabilities are necessary when addressing sexual and gendered violence; and

Whereas the "No Means No" campaign and its materials were developed by students for students to address sexual violence, rape culture, consent, intersectionality, and the diverse realities of students; and

Whereas the No Means No campaign was most recently used to successfully convince the government of Ontario to approve a 3-year sexual assault policies' plan for all universities and college campuses in the province; and

Whereas the announcement of this plan also resulted in the University of Toronto administration striking a committee on the prevention of sexual violence; therefore

Be it resolved that the University of Toronto Students' Union (UTSU) challenge sexual violence and rape culture on campus using the No Means No Campaign.

MOTION RULED OUT OF ORDER

Gomes states that this motion is out of order as it is already on the agenda. He emphasizes that this motion will be discussed at the general meeting and is binding as it was already properly passed by the board back in September. He states that he is glad the membership will be able to discuss it fully at the special general meeting.

8. MOTION ON JUSTIN BIEBER

MOTION TO REFER Moved: GOMES Seconded: AGBEYEGBE

Be it resolved that the following be referred to the Special General Meeting as moved by member Abdullah Shihpar:

Whereas Justin Bieber hails from nearby Stratford, Ontario; and

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Whereas Justin Bieber has undertaken a dramatic rehabilitation process; and

Whereas Justin Bieber is now producing bangers.

Be it resolved that the executive committee release a statement congratulating Justin Bieber.

DISCUSSION

Zhuk states that she thinks this motion is out of order.

Ahsan states that the UTSU should work to define the word "bangers" both for future motions and this one. He also asks what genres are qualified to achieve "banger" status.

Agbeyegbe states that he agrees with Ahsan in that a definition is necessary and that it should be anything in the top 10. He also states that this motion is technically in order and should be respected as it is a student submitted motion.

Ahsan states that the committee should think seriously about the precedent that this motion sets. He asks if all Canadian artists who undergo rehabilitation will be treated this way, or if this is a Bieber specific motion.

CARRIED

Opposed: Coleman, Zhuk

Coleman and Zhuk state that they want their opposition noted as "my momma doesn't even like this motion and she likes everyone".

9. BY-LAW AMENDMENT

MOTION MOVED: GOMES SECONDED: AGBEYEGBE

Be it resolved that the following bylaw be adopted:

Bylaw XVII (Equity, Civility and Safety)

That any meeting of the University of Toronto Students Union must be kept fair and safe for all members present and not-present, the following protocol is established.

A) A point of "personal privilege" can stop the motions and order of the floor; in or out of voting procedure, to protect the right of individuals who feel marginalized at any point.

B) By a simple majority vote, the order of the day can takes effect without further voting to ensure that individuals who cannot remain past pre-set duration are considered.

C) Speaking times for all meetings of the UTSU must operate a speaking time of 10 minutes for 2 speaking times per item as provided in Roberts Rules of Orders

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D) Members are allowed, by request to the Board, to petition that a legal opinion be provided on any motions passed by the board

E) The following set of bylaws are only amendable by the general membership as they are guarantees of Rights to Speak granted to the membership.

DISCUSSION

Gomes states that item E is out of order as it goes against the procedure in the bylaws that governs amendments. Everything else is in order from a procedural standpoint.

Agbeyegbe reads a statement from the mover of the statement expressing his disappointment regarding not being able to attend in person.

Zhuk states that she thought that point A was already in place.

Gomes states that it is in Robert's rules.

Zhuk wonders why it is necessary to add this to the bylaws if it's already in the rules. Zhuk questions the same with item B.

Gomes states that with regards to the orders of the day clause, clause B, while this exists right now in Robert's rules, one can motion to challenge the ruling and the ruling can be overturned. Thus, what the mover is trying to do is put Robert's rules into the bylaws because it is harder to challenge bylaws than it is to challenge Robert's Rules.

Zhuk states that members should be able to have the right to challenge the chair on any ruling, and because of this, takes issue with item B.

Gomes states that A, B, and C are trying to put things from Robert's Rules into the bylaws, and while there is nothing wrong with that, considering A is already followed, B has issues and C has already been discussed and voted on by the board as a standing resolution, he has issues with them becoming enshrined in the bylaws.

Gomes states that he feels as though the reason C is being put forward is to try to undo a decision that was made earlier this year by the board. He states that this shouldn't be reversed by adding bylaws, but by reconsidering the previous motion that passed. He states that speaking times should not be put in the bylaws.

With regards to D, Gomes finds D to be incredibly vague. He states that under clause D, anyone is allowed to petition the board to get a legal opinion on anything. He states that this clause in particular is not worded clearly enough to be put in the bylaws. He states that what defines a valid petition isn't defined, and that the bylaws need to be very clear. Thus, he believes D is too vague and has no enforcement mechanism.

Gomes states that he has issues with this whole motion, because these items do not have a place in the bylaws.

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Zhuk agrees that none of the points make sense to be added to the bylaws.

Ahsan states that he also takes issue with the way C would explicitly affect the board and states that the general membership would not and should not be concerned with the way the board conducts itself in regard to speaking times.

Coleman states that point A already exists, although he does not believe that one can call a point of personal privilege during voting, and this is because voting can get really messy if it is allowed to be stopped mid-vote. He believes that this point appears to add the ability to stop voting. Coleman states that B reduces the rights to use Robert's, and C should go to the board, as there is no benefit of having membership decide.

Coleman states that he is worried about D. He doesn't deny that the board can seek legal council, however if members have the right to legal council, we could begin to run into financial issues as legal opinions are expensive, and legal opinions are not as helpful as one would think. He believes that it is understandable that board members have access to legal council as they have a fiduciary duty to not waste the unions money. Coleman states that this point seems dangerous as it would not benefit a lot of people and would spend a lot of union money and resources.

FAILED

In favour: Coleman

Abstention: Gomes

10. OTHER BUSINESS

Ahsan asks what business everyone plans on bringing to the committee this year.

Zhuk states that her goal is to put better policies in to govern the XRC, as it is hard for them to do their job when there are no clear procedures put in place for the committee to follow.

Coleman states that he wants to change some procedures for minutes so that only groups that spend money and produce policy changes need minutes, and other committees and commissions can focus on having discussions instead of having such formally structured meetings and can just have notes in order to have more meetings and more efficient meetings with free flowing discussions.

Agbeyegbe states that he agrees.

Ahsan is interested in adding things to clarify meeting structures including quorums, having email voting for emergency meetings and implementing a process for sending regrets when you can't attend a meeting. He asks how policies can be sent to the committee.

Gomes states that members and directors can send motions and bylaw/policy amendments to him. He states that that wasn't the case in previous years, and the committee had the right to do that, but he states that he brings motions forward as he believes it's better for the Union to discuss more things submitted by other members of the UTSU.

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11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION MOVED: GOMES SECONDED: AHSAN

Be it resolved that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting is adjourned at 10:22

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ATTENDANCE:

Ryan Gomes, Vice-President, Internal and Services
Ben Coleman, President
Ebi Agbeyegbe, UTMSU President (online)
Khrystyna Zhuk, Director, Arts & Science at-Large
Auni Ahsan, Director, Victoria College (online)
Raffi Dergalstianian, Director, Faculty of Engineering
Abdulla Omari, Director, UTM (online)

ONLINE ATTENDANCE:

GUESTS:

Christina Badiola, Associate to the Vice-President Internal
Catherine Amigle, Associate to the President

1. CALL TO ORDER AND STATEMENTS

The meeting is called to order at 15:43

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION Moved: GOMES Seconded: ZHUK

Be it resolved that the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION TO RECONSIDER Moved: OMARI Seconded: AGBEYEGBE

Be it resolved that Omari's bylaw motion from the last PPC meeting be reconsidered after motion 4.

CARRIED

CARRIED

3. WAIVER OF NOTICE

MOTION Moved: GOMES Seconded: COLEMAN

Whereas an item was accidentally left off of the agenda for the December 3 morning Policy and Procedures Committee meeting; and

Whereas it is necessary for the Policy and Procedures committee to review all motions to be placed on the agenda of General Meetings; therefore

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Be it resolved that the Policy and Procedures Committee waive the requirement of notice (as required in Bylaw XI 7. b.) exclusively for this meeting.

CARRIED

4. MOTION FOR ETHICAL DIVESTMENT

MOTION TO REFER Moved: GOMES Seconded: AHSAN

Be it resolved that the following be referred to the Special General Meeting as moved by member Aidan Swirsky, seconded by Brenan Sivapragasam:

Whereas the Mission Statement of the University of Toronto Students' Union begins by highlighting the need to "safeguard the rights of the student";

And whereas the Purposes of the Union, as stated in its Constitution, call on us "to work toward building an environment free of systemic societal oppression";

And whereas the University of Toronto Students' Union voted to endorse the fossil fuel divestment campaign on January 24th, 2014;

Be it Resolved that the University of Toronto Students' Union oppose the investment of University of Toronto funds in any company that is found to profit from human rights violations, labour violations, especially those involving children, sweatshops or undocumented workers, war and weapons manufacturing, and/or the creation of environmental disasters, regardless of the nationality of the company or the location where the violations take place;

Be it Further Resolved that the University of Toronto Students' Union write a letter to the Governing Council of the University of Toronto and the University of Toronto Asset Management Corporation urging them to strictly honour the University Investment Funds Policy adopted on June 21st, 2007 and to review their current investment portfolio for companies that violate that policy.

DISCUSSION

Ahsan asks if BDS is a subset of this motion.

Coleman states that the scope of this motion is less in terms of action taken compared to BDS, but more in terms of countries involved.

Dergalstanian asks what BDS is.

Coleman explains what BDS is.

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CARRIED

5. RECONSIDERATION OF BYLAW AMENDMENT

MOTION Moved: OMARI Seconded: AGBEYEGBE

Be it resolved that Omari's bylaw motion from the last PPC meeting be reconsidered

DISCUSSION

Omari states that he made this motion for the purpose of the membership having a certain set of rights guaranteed. He thinks that the membership should have a right to decide how discussion at meetings is governed. He states that due to the CNCA, clause E does allow you to enact certain provisions, and that this is a member bylaw which means members should have the right to add things in however they feel. Omari states that these are not repetitions, these are precedents set in standing so that the membership can decide to have certain things.

Omari states that he fought the 3 minute speaking limit on every level and it still does not make sense to him. He states that he thinks it should go to the membership, as it is their right, and believes it is not the committee's mandate to stop this.

Gomes clarifies that the mandate of this committee is to review bylaw amendments and motions to go to the SGM. He states that if this committee does wish to vote bylaw amendments submitted to the committee down, they have the right, and as this is a bylaw change it is within the PPC's mandate to do as they see fit.

Ahsan states that this is going to be externalized tomorrow, and sees no point in reconsidering this, as having a discussion now would be redundant.

Omari states that the reason he wants to reconsider it at this body is because this is the committee that voted it down. He doesn't think that the committee did the right thing, and is trying to over turn it. He reiterates that this is a membership right.

FAILED

In favour: Omari

Abstention: Gomes

6. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION Moved: GOMES Seconded: DERGALSTANIAN

The meeting is adjourned at 15:56