March 27, 2017

RE: Vice-President Equity

On Thursday, March 31, 2017, the Board of Directors formally accepted the resignation of Farah Noori as Vice-President Equity. Farah was elected in March 2016 and had served as VP Equity since May 2016. She previously served as a UTM Division III Director on the UTSU Board of Directors. On behalf of the Executive Committee, I thank Farah for her service to the UTSU. She and her accomplishments deserve to be acknowledged.

As VP Equity, Farah organized eXpression Against Oppression Week as well as a series of student-led consultations on a new Policy on Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment on campus. She has also been a consistent advocate for the rights of Muslim students, and organized a week of events on challenging Islamophobia in February. She organized a series of events for International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. Finally, Farah proposed and successfully advocated for the creation of the UTSU Accessibility Fund. The fund will be used to cover the cost of accessibility resources needed to accommodate disabled students.

Farah informed the Board of both her decision to resign and her reasons for doing so on Sunday, March 26, 2017. We have chosen not to publicize the reasons behind her resignation. We ask that all members of the U of T community be respectful of Farah and her privacy.

We thank Farah once again for her service, and we wish her the best in the future.

The position of VP Equity will remain vacant until the VP Equity-elect takes office on May 1, 2017.

Yours in service,

Jasmine Wong-Denike
President

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