



Minutes of the 2020 Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, December 22nd, 2020
5:00pm to 9:00pm EST

Online-Only Meeting via Video Conference

Open Session

1. Call to Order

This meeting is called to order at 5:15 PM.

2. Approval of Agenda

RESOLUTION

MOVED: AHMED

SECONDED: RICHES

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

2.1 Motion to Amend

RESOLUTION

MOVED: O'HALLORAN

SECONDED: TIU

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Item #3 'Presidential Address' be struck; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Discussion Item #5 'Executive Question Period' be renamed to "Presidential Address and Executive Question Period."

CARRIED

2.2 Motion to Amend

RESOLUTION

MOVED: O'HALLORAN

SECONDED: AHMED

BE IT RESOLVED THAT item #8 'Receipt of Audited Financial Statements' be moved after Item #4 'Bylaw and Elections Procedure Code Amendments'.

CARRIED

CARRIED

3. Presidential Address



DISCUSSION ITEM

~~MOVED: AHMED~~ ~~SECONDED:~~

3. Approval of the 2020 Special General Meeting Minutes

RESOLUTION

MOVED: AHMED

SECONDED: PREM

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the 2020 Special General Meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED

4. Receipt of Audited Financial Statements

RESOLUTION

MOVED: O'HALLORAN

SECONDED: AHMED

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Audited Financial Statements of the 2019-2020 fiscal year be approved as presented.

DISCUSSION

O'Halloran stated that the receipt of the audited financial statement are the audited financial statements of the union's previous year which spanned May 1, 2019 to April 30, 2020. There has been a reduction to the restricted TTC term deposit, due to TTC tickets no longer being sold at the UTSU front desk. The changes of note within the union's operations costs is that all ticket sales have seen a decrease and there has been an increase in salaried employee benefits. He noted that the UTSU is currently building capacity in preparation for the upcoming move into the Student Commons Building. He added that the only significant change in the restricted fee revenues section of the statement is the TTC term deposit which is a result of the changes noted earlier.

Kanter asked O'Halloran about the union's surplus from the previous fiscal year and how it is being used currently. He further asked what the union does once it accumulates a large surplus.

O'Halloran stated that there was a surplus of over \$300,000 detailed on the fifth page of the report. He noted that in the most recent year there is a surplus of \$55,000. He noted that the specified surplus has been decreasing over the last year to account for the onboarding of staff in anticipation of the move into the Student Commons. He added that this a planned surplus in preparation to account for the capacity building necessary for the Student Commons.

Kanter asked about the funds that are already saved.

O'Halloran stated that it currently sits in the union's reserves to be used in the future.

Belleau stated that on the balance sheet there is 3 million dollars listed under cash. She stated that is 3 million dollars of unrestricted cash that has been reserved for future growth of the union and the move into the Student Commons as there is a projected \$300,000 deficit yearly on the Commons. These are funds reserved over the past years following the decision to restrict the growth of the union in anticipation for growth preceding the move into the student commons. She noted that there is an anticipated \$400,000 being removed from the surplus to facilitate the



move into the commons She noted that there are strict procedures on how that reserve can be spent and how it will be used to reduce losses as the union enters the Student Commons.

Kanter asked about the refunded amount of health and dental fees which would be returned and whether an amount of that money could be returned to students in the future.

O'Halloran stated that the reimbursement received through student care for services not used because of COVID-19. He noted that it is not detailed in the statements because they were for the previous fiscal year. He stated that discussion about the student care disbursement is not directly related to the statements as they are presented currently.

CARRIED

5. Bylaw and Elections Procedure Code Amendments

RESOLUTION

MOVED: O'HALLORAN

SECONDED: TIU

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the amendments to the UTSU's Bylaws and Elections Procedures Code approved by the Board of Directors since the 2020 Special General Meeting be approved as presented in the appendices.

DISCUSSION

O'Halloran stated that the Bylaw and EPC amendments presented are less substantive than what has been presented at previous general meetings of the union. Over the past year there has been a major reform project in order to modernize the union's governance documents. He noted that this reform improved the readability and formatting of the documents and added sections such as the notes for accessibility. There are very few substantive changes presented within these amendments, the majority of changes are the removal of typing errors and formatting changes. However, there is a notable change to Bylaw 3 meetings to allowing online meetings to take place These changes allow for the meetings that are entirely online. He added that there has also been minor changes to the mandate of the Executive Committee. There was a major typo which separated two paragraphs. There was also the removal of certain prescriptive language such as the description of the exact staff complement of the union as it is no longer accurate. The final major amendment is the striking of language related to the Student Choice Initiative. He noted that though this is the entirety of the changes presented currently, there will likely be more substantive changes at a special general meeting.

Kanter asked whether the changes in the bylaws related to the SCI may not be the best as the SCI is not entirely removed from law and is within proceeding.

O'Halloran noted that the Student Choice Initiative could possibly come back. If this was to occur the union could react with its current operations. However, the SCI has not been in effect for a long period and these bylaws have remained in its absence. If there was a similar initiative, the union would be able to respond by making amendments to its internal policies and procedures, as these references should not appear in the union's bylaws.

CARRIED



6. Presidential Address & Executive Question Period

DISCUSSION ITEM

MOVED: AHMED

DISCUSSION

Presidential Address

Good evening! My name is Muntaka Ahmed and it is my pleasure to be serving as your UTSU President for the 2020-2021 term. First and foremost, I want to thank each and every one of you for being here tonight. Amidst finals season and the imminent end of the Fall semester, it is understandably an incredibly busy time for everyone. Which is why, your attendance at this meeting is all the more meaningful for us.

This morning, I racked my brain to figure out what I could write in this address. How could I possibly sum up the events of this past year within the scope of a few pages written in double spaced, 11 point Montserrat? What could I possibly say that would add value to an already long and arduous meeting smack in the middle of exam season. Well, I can tell you that I still don't know the right answers to these questions, but in the next few minutes I will try my best to convey some thoughts, intentions, and expectations that I have moving forward.

As we sit in this virtual Zoom room, collectively experiencing what has become the new normal for us, it's easy to forget just how far we've actually come in the last eight months. Just as we started the summer, the world was hit with the COVID-19 pandemic. This global event reset the whole blueprint, not just for us, but for the entire world. What was expected to be only a few weeks of quarantine and isolation, turned into almost 10 months of living in a physically distanced and remote environment. Amidst this, students began to navigate a completely redefined post-secondary experience. Pre-existing barriers such as financial aid, academic forgiveness and accessibility, student mental health, and so much more, became exacerbated in the context of COVID-19. These issues were also met with new ones, including heightened health and safety measures for both domestic and international students, quarantine plans for students traveling abroad, and ensuring online accessibility for remote learning.

Advocating for these issues and trying to get students' voices on the table has been a tumultuous process in and of itself. The traditional barriers of student advocacy, such as being sidelined by administration and different levels of government, is now being met with the added difficulty of working completely online. Despite this, I believe that we have tried to put our best foot forward and leave no stone unturned when it has come to the wellbeing of our students.

From bargaining with the University to decrease tuition and ancillary fees, to using our own services and operations to fill the gaps that students are facing as much as possible, our goal has always been to be there for students from the inside out. While many outcomes have been less than ideal and people in places of power beyond our control have been unwilling to budge, I still believe we have moved in a positive direction since the beginning of this pandemic, and there is still much more progress to be made.

On this note, it is important to acknowledge that while the UTSU has tried, and will continue to try, to be at the forefront of change and advocacy, there have definitely been many times that we have fallen short and could have done better. I can say that these few months have definitely been challenging, however, the experiences that we are taking with us as we navigate the rest of our term make us even more steadfast in our effort to serve this campus community. Spaces such as these are integral for our learning process, growth, and efforts to do better as an organization. Simply put, the UTSU has a long way to go until it is perfect, but we are working to build those bridges, learn from our mistakes, and be better advocates for our community every single day.

I want to end this address by taking some time to thank a few folks that made this AGM and, frankly, this year, possible. I am eternally grateful to my wonderful Executive Team -- Dermot,



Tyler, Neeharika, Alex, and Paul -- for just being the best group of execs that a girl could ask for. I also want to thank our incredibly hardworking and supportive Executive Assistant team (hold on while I read all these names out) -- Vibhuti, Margie, Emmanuel, Joshua, Sophia, Micaela, Maria, and Winston -- this year could not have been possible without all your collective shoulders for us to lean on. And on that note, I also want to extend a big thank you to our full-time staff, many of whom are here, and our lovely Speaker, Branden, who is chairing today!

Next, I want to thank our incredible Board of Directors who have stuck with us through thick and thin, and while I will refrain from reading all 40 names out loud, please know that I am so grateful for all the dedication and energy you bring to the UTSU every single day.

Lastly, thank you to our members, without whom there would be no UTSU. Thank you for showing up, putting your trust in us, and getting through what has been one of the most difficult years ever. When I think back on this year, the word that comes to mind is resilience. I am constantly in awe of how incredibly strong, and diverse this community is and will continue to be. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to represent you this year.

5.1 Motion to Recess

RESOLUTION

MOVED: AHMED SECONDED: ERICKSON

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AGM recess for ten (10) minutes.

CARRIED

Sarit Radak asked about the expenditures and attendance for the union's orientation event.

O'Halloran stated that he does not have specific numbers currently but will look for them.

Kanter asked Riches about the union's Same Degree, Same Fee.

Riches stated that the UTSU is collaborating with the Arts and Science Students' Union, the Computer Science Students' Union and the Bioinformatics and Computational Biology Students' Union to run this campaign. They stated that these programs and their fees have been deregulated in 1998, thus their fees rose above those of similar programs. This campaign is lobbying for tuition equity for students in these three programs in the university directly and the provincial government. Members can get involved by signing the [change.org](https://www.change.org) petition and to fill out the survey to provide feedback.

Prem asked the Vice-President Student Life about Frost Week and Clubs Crawl.

Hemrajani stated that she is working with the Outreach team at the UTSU to put together an agenda and campaign materials for Frost Week and Clubs Crawl to occur in early January. Frost Week will be taking place from January 25th to January 29th. She further stated that Clubs Crawl will not be a recruitment event this year, rather it will be more of a showcase where clubs will be invited to speak about their activities and how students can get involved.

Erickson stated that earlier this year, Board Directors commissioned the UTSU Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Body to review how the UTSU handles equity-related issues. The body came back with several recommendations to the structure of the Executive Committee. How does the current executive feel about these recommendations and what further work has been done in this area?

Ahmed stated that the report resulted in good conversations in the Equity and Accessibility Committee, Governance Committee, and the Board of Directors. The recommendations have



been tabled, and will likely be brought up at the Special General Meeting. The UTSU recently hired a Manager of People and Culture in order to work with the Vice President, Equity and the Equity and Accessibility Committee to address the recommendations of the EDI Body in the meantime.

Belleau stated that there is work being done internally to address Equity 101 and procedures to create significant changes in the culture and support training for people who work for the UTSU.

Maragha asked about the movement to cut fees to clubs and ancillaries during the pandemic, and why the union expanded its staff rather than cut fees to students.

O'Halloran stated that the union has officially gained partial occupancy to the Student Commons building, and because of that it is very close to opening the operations of the building. He stated that the staff that have been hired were planned for a number of years. Furthermore, he stated that the UTSU is not currently in a position to reduce fees because it would result in a significant deficit.

Maragha asked how many Executive Assistants were hired this year compared to last year.

O'Halloran stated that there are the same number of Executive Assistants this year.

Maragha requested a specific number of Executive Assistants, as well as a description of what the EAs have been working on during the pandemic. She further stated the budget allows for a leeway to reduce fees, and why the UTSU did not choose to do so.

O'Halloran stated that the UTSU is the only student union in the country that is about to move into a student building, which will cost a lot of money. A reduction in fees could put the union in long-term financial risk and potentially cost the union the Student Commons building. Furthermore, the Executive Assistants barely contribute to the union's operating costs. Last year, there were 11 EAs and this year, there are 8 EAs.

Maragha stated that there was a conversation regarding the Canadian Federation of Students in the October Board of Directors meeting, and there was a motion to suspend the rules and remove the minutes referencing the conversation.

O'Halloran stated that this is the only time this will happen at the UTSU. There was a lot of procedural questions during that meeting, which we resolved after the fact. The motion to suspend the rules was to strike a great deal of discussion that was completely out of order. There was a motion to strike different individuals' comments. The UTSU recently hired a new speaker, Branden Cave, who is a licensed parliamentarian to ensure that mistakes like these never occur again.

Maragha asked about the problems with Clubs Funding and why Clubs Crawl did not occur this year.

Hemrajani stated that both problems are related to the infrastructure deficits in the student life portfolio. The clubs portal expired due to several technical difficulties, therefore the staff needed to sort through funding applications manually. This was a huge administrative strain, which is why clubs funding was extended so that clubs have time to receive reimbursements. The UTSU has also hired new Student Life staff to improve the administrative strain.

Hemrajani answered S. Radak's question about the Orientation event. She stated that there were over 2,500 individuals registered for the event, and on the day there were 700 attendees. The UTSU spent \$66,000 on the Orientation event this year.

Radak stated that this is \$100 per student, and this is not an acceptable ratio. They asked what Hemrajani would do differently.



Hemrajani stated that Orientation's planning procedures are completely different in the context of the pandemic. There were many restraints, thus the Student Life portfolio had to adapt. Each year, the budget for Orientation is \$130,000-\$150,000, and this has changed this year. The portfolio significantly underspent this year for Orientation. Hemrajani stated that she could have done better at testing the demand for an event like this.

Reuter asked Riches about the nature of UTSU's relationship with the CFS and to speak about the motions raised by the UTSU at the Ontario General Meeting and the National General Meeting.

Riches stated that they are the UTSU's representative to the CFS, and they manage the UTSU's interactions with the CFS. In August, the CFS OGM was held, and the UTSU moved five motions to make it easier to leave the CFS because this year is online-only and students are unable to collect signatures on campus. This motion included online petitions and online signatures. At the General Meeting, there was a motion served to take all the non-emergency motions to refer them to the Ontario Executive Committee at a later date. None of the UTSU's motions were considered emergency, thus they were referred to the OEC. OEC occurred in October, and Riches motivated for each of their motions. Unfortunately, all of the motions were referred to the general meeting in the following year or defeated. They stated that similar events occurred at the National General Meeting, and the motions were similarly not considered emergency. The National Executive will likely recommend it for the following year. In October, the UTSU Board of Directors struck an Ad-Hoc Committee on the CFS, and the goal is to create a report to the Board of Directors.

Maragha asked about what work is being done around mental health on campus.

Ahmed stated that in her position, she has had to deal with reactionary efforts to mental health. The planning and organizing efforts were undertaken by McLean and Riches, they all shared this goal to further mental health advocacy on campus. Action has been taken by members of the larger community, which the UTSU has supported. In terms of long term planning, Ahmed has met with student societies, mental wellness commissioners, and conceptualized what student leaders can do in the future to lobby administration.

O'Halloran stated that the UTSU is working on developments with the community service provider, Stella's Place and Centre for Innovation and Campus Mental Health. The UTSU was working on a peer-support program that was institutionally supported by the university. COVID interrupted the progress on this, however the UTSU will be picking it up in the new year. Furthermore, Studencare is working to release an online service provider to give students free-at-the-point-of-service mental health services.

Riches stated that they have been working with organizations across all three campuses to focus on specific issues in depth. The major issue is the University's Mandated Leave of Absence Policy, which is up for review this year. The UTSU intends to ensure that the university listens to students this time. Furthermore, UCRU and the UTSU are looking to create a mental health policy paper and further updates will be provided.

Maragha disagreed that the efforts regarding mental health are not reactionary, because this is not a new issue. She stated that efforts should not have been reactionary, and this should have been working to address throughout the year.

Ahmed stated that she did not mean that the UTSU's entire efforts have been reactionary, but the work that she had done in November were reactionary because there were certain events on campus that the UTSU had to react to in real time. She stated that these efforts to advance mental health have always been in the works and to provide in-house. Dealing with this in a COVID-19 environment and building capacity at the same time is overwhelming, and there are priorities that needed to be addressed. There are many projects coming into focus, and it is unfortunate that these come to light when there are tragedies.

Rana asked if the university has given any indication about mental health services.



Ahmed stated that she has attended meetings with PUSAG, and the administration has noted that they are investing in mental health resources. Student unions stated that these resources are band aid solutions, and are inaccessible. Her goal is to personally have those conversations with administration to voice to concerns of students. The root of the problem is campus culture.

Riches stated that the UTSU has four seats on COSS, and it has the opportunity to look over budgets, specifically in terms of fee increases to address mental health resources. Resources and policies are important, but academics, finances, and housing are all factors that play into student mental health, especially during COVID-19.

Rana stated that the coverage in terms of on-site psychologists and counsellors is still limited in numbers given that many students want to access this resource. Rana asked if the UTSU is putting pressure on the university to expand mental health coverage.

Riches stated that the three divisions on COSS will propose fee increases and there will be a vote. The UTSU is opposed to the increase in fees, and voting in favour of the Student Life budget only if more is allocated to mental health resources.

Radak asked what the UTSU's stance is on Episkopon.

McLean stated that the UTSU condems any organization like Episkopon that upholds systems of oppression.

Radak asked if there is anyone employed by the UTSU that had membership in Episkopon.

O'Halloran stated that the UTSU does not have any knowledge of anyone that had a history with Episkopon.

Reuter asked if the UTSU considered doing any budget consultation to receive more student feedback and whether financial documents of the UTSU can be more accessible.

O'Halloran stated that he is working with the management to make the accessibility of the finances more available to students.

Ramadan asked if there will be any steps in the new year to foster a better relationship with clubs, and if there will be a substitute event for the Clubs Fair?

Hemrajani stated that the UTSU is working to foster better relationships and strong lines of communication with clubs. The UTSU held a Clubs Town Hall meeting to collect feedback, and the Clubs Digest newsletter has been introduced. Furthermore, there will be an expansion and update to the Clubs Bulletin and Clubs Gallery on the UTSU website. There will also be applications available for community members to sit on the Clubs Committee.

5.2 Motion to Extend Speaking Time

RESOLUTION

MOVED: MARAGHA

SECONDED: PREM

BE IT RESOLVED THAT speaking time is extended to four speaking turns from two.

CARRIED

Maragha asked why the AGM was booked for late into the year. She noted that the AGM normally occurs in October, and asked why the meeting occurred on the last day of examinations this year. She noted that this doesn't help the meeting's turnout and asked why the meeting is not being live streamed for members.



O'Halloran stated that per the CNCA requirements the UTSU must hold an AGM within six months of the fiscal year end and no later than October 31. However, this year the CNCA provided not-for-profit organizations with a universal extension to their AGM timelines to exceed 12 months after the end of a fiscal year or December 31st. When the union received notice it was taken as an opportunity to make sure that the AGM was well attended and had the necessary provisions for an online setting. This decision was made informally in August. However, there was a misunderstanding as the policy required the union to apply the earliest of those two deadlines. When this was discovered the earliest the meeting could be held was December 10th, however the current date was chosen to accommodate the exam period. He noted that if the situation was realized sooner there could have been changes, however, there was also the hope that an in-person meeting would be possible if cases of covid-19 reduced. He added that the reason that the meeting is not being live streamed is due to the meeting being held entirely online. As such, online attendance is available to all members. Following the meeting the recording of the meeting will be published for all members.

Maragha noted that according to Bylaw III, the UTSU is mandated to hold an AGM within six months of the end of the fiscal year. She noted that this is a violation of the bylaws and asked for the executive to speak on how this would be addressed. She noted that if the event was live streamed it may have greater turnout.

Ahmed noted that the UTSU can do more to notify members about what is being done. She stated that the reality is that they are constantly learning from their mistakes. The intention was to improve the AGM with the time that the government gave and bring tangible work to the membership. She noted that the VP, Public and University Affairs has been making advances in their portfolio and commended them. However, she noted that her role as President has been less focused on creating projects and more around supporting the other members of the executive to succeed. She has worked with Riches to advocate to the university administration and government. She noted that her role is versatile and she needs to split up her portfolio to support the work of the union. She added that she is open to feedback on how she can show up better for members.

Prem asked VP, Public and University Affairs to speak to the future advocacy steps that are being taken on behalf of international and remote students, such as freezing tuition for 2021/2022 and making resources on campus accessible.

Riches stated that in terms of upcoming student advocacy. Online learning report made a lot of recommendations regarding how academics can be easier for students especially in the covid-19 context and to better support students. Based on feedback from international students. One of the recommendations was to mandate lecture recordings. The faculties are not willing to mandate that. We understand that international students are in other time zones, and they are unable to sit through synchronous classes. Advocacy is something we are keeping our eye on. We're hoping to see improvements in the new year, and we are hoping to advocate there. To the tuition point, in regards to the same degree campaign, we are going to be involved in discussions around the next tuition fee schedule. There's also the international students resources provided by the utsu, through the community resources team.

Prem asked about how the union is supporting advocacy groups on campus. He asked whether Riches could speak to the Campus Initiatives group policy and the expected timelines around making it open to members.

Riches stated that the UTSU had a policy called Working Groups policy, this replaced the union's commissions, where students could participate in projects. Working groups were designed to allow students to present ideas for projects and advocacy goals and have access to resources to carry out those goals. Restrictive and not advertised. Campus initiatives policy is less restrictive and we are trying to promote it now that the website is launched,



Ahmed noted that she is passionate about this project as there are currently a number of barriers to interacting with the UTSU due to COVID-19. The UTSU is focused on advocating for international students. She added that during UCRU Lobby Week they were able to advocate to allow international students to experience more room and consideration during discussions of post graduate work permits in Canada.

Elkerm asked how the concerns around Orientation would be addressed during Frost Week.

Hemrajani noted that Orientation and Frost week are very different events. Prior to the pandemic orientation would be a very large scale event, containing a lot of programming and time dedicated. Frost week, will not be an event on the same scale. She noted that some of the biggest lessons she's learned in an online setting, one of the biggest things that brings people out to events, is to provide incentives.

Ramadan asked why UTSU's Got You did not operate this year. She noted that this was a very important initiative and it's disappearance is a problem. She added that this may be a place for the union to be creative.

Hemrajani stated that based on how UTSU's Got You has operated in the past, execs would table at libraries during the crunch period of exam season, handing out snacks to students. The biggest challenge would be organizing this event amidst the pandemic especially since in person support has very low demand currently. She noted that there is more creativity involved in holding events such as the UTSU's Unity Ball, which is going to be diversified and held on a larger scale this year. Ramadan: UTSU should try to do something to show that they are there to support. Doesn't need to be over the top. She added that those initiatives in addition to the lack of demand, UTSU's Got You would likely have a different outcome and the funding for the event has gone towards Food aid provided by the union.

Dobias stated that a great deal of students go to UTSU events and programming to get free food and gain support with food insecurity. He asked whether there are efforts to fulfill this need.

Hemrajani stated that the union has modeled its events to incentive attendance, including winning big prizes and providing meal reimbursements. She noted that the majority of events that provide meals are college based rather than student union based.

O'Halloran noted that in the absence of UTSU's Got You and the Food Bank, the union is doubling down on its contribution through the Student Aid program to provide direct support to students. UTSU's Got You funding has come out of the union's food item budget in the past and those funds have been redistributed to the Student Aid Program. He added that the union is also supporting the food box program with UTERM. He noted that the UTSU can do better to support students and noted that it can be difficult to come up with creative solutions when they are dealing with day to day union business. He added that if any member has suggestions for improvements they should feel free to email the executive as they are constantly looking for ways to improve.

5.2 Motion to Limit Debate

RESOLUTION

MOVED: DHAWAN

SECONDED: KAKKAR

FAILED | NOTED ABSTENTIONS: AHMED, O'HALLORAN, MCLEAN, RICHES, KAITA, HEMRAJANI

Maragha asked O'Halloran about the timeline of the Annual General Meeting and asked Ahmed about the direction of the UTSU.

O'Halloran stated that the union's bylaw repeats what has been written within the CNCA, as such, it was the view of the UTSU's lawyers and auditors that the extension given by the federal



government would be inclusive of the union's bylaws. O'Halloran consulted the Governance Committee to amend Bylaw III when he was able to determine what the UTSU needed to do to hold the meeting online. Every opinion expressed is that the CNCA extension was inclusive of that fact.

Ahmed stated that she didn't expect to be moving into her term during a global pandemic, thus it has been challenging to retain her own goals and campaign platforms when there have been emergent issues. She stated that the UTSU's executive is incapacitated by the amount of time they are allotted to achieve certain goals. However, the UTSU is headed in a positive direction by building capacity and culture into a brand new building.

Maragha stated that most of the sentiment made is that there are things in the works but nothing has tangibly been done.

Ahmed stated that the priorities of the executive this year is to keep a balance between standing up for students and keeping the lights on. The executive team this year has been pulling their weight and Ahmed has played a supporting role in each of them. She stated that she does not necessarily work on projects, but she does work on supporting projects. She agreed that there are a lack of tangibles, and that they should not be leveraging the pandemic for everything. She stated that the UTSU is doing work to uplift student groups already doing work to bring issues to light and make efficient change.

7. Appointment of Auditors

RESOLUTION

MOVED: O'HALLORAN

SECONDED: RAMADAN

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ be appointed as the external auditors of the University of Toronto Students' Union for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

DISCUSSION

O'Halloran stated that the UTSU must appoint an auditor for the new fiscal year. He recommended that the UTSU remain with the current auditors.

7.1 Appointment of Auditors

RESOLUTION

MOVED: O'HALLORAN

SECONDED: AHMED

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Sloan Partners LLP be appointed as the external auditors of the University of Toronto Students' Union for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

DISCUSSION

CARRIED

CARRIED

8. Other Business

RESOLUTION

PRESENTED: AHMED

DISCUSSION

Ahmed thanked everyone for attending and providing feedback.



O'Halloran stated that the Executive is appreciative of the suggestions provided. He further stated that the UTSU is taking steps to improve the publication of its activities, including a revamped website, a new editorial schedule, and the hiring of a Director of Communications.

Riches stated that the UTSU is continuing to build capacity to make the organization better, and let everyone know to keep an eye on the website and social media on how to get involved.

9. Adjournment

RESOLUTION

MOVED: KAKKAR

SECONDED: RAMADAN

BE IT RESOLVED that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.