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**Minutes – Board of Directors**

**11th Meeting of 2021-2022  
April 3 2022 | 3:00 PM EST**

**Video Conference held via Zoom**

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**ATTENDANCE**

**Present**

Executive Committee

Alexa Ballis, President  
Omar Gharbiyeh, VP Public & University Affairs  
Reva Aggarwal, VP Equity

Division I Directors (Colleges, Academic Divisions,  
and Transitional Year Programme)

Nicholas Merrithew, University College Director  
Rayan Alim, St. Michael's College Director  
Kati Gunnell, St. Michael's College Director  
Caroline Tolton, Trinity College Director  
Halit Erdogan, Victoria College Director  
Jenny Shen, Woodsworth College Director  
Mandy Chiu, New College Director  
Samantha Chow, New College Director  
Elad Dekel, Innis College Director  
Victoria Liu, Social Sciences Director  
Jessie Wu, Humanities Director

Division II Directors (Professional Faculties)

Neo Lou, Engineering Director  
Sheral Kumar, Engineering Director  
Sydney Munro, KPE Director  
Maria Ebeid, Professional Faculties-at-Large  
Director  
Sterling Mancuso Law Director  
Hailey Goldberg, Nursing Director  
Oluwadamilola (Dami) Sogbesan  
Pharmacy Director  
Dariya Darvin, Medicine Director

Executive Assistants, UTSU

Emmanuel Sackeyfio, Chief Operations Assistant  
Nicole Giebler, EA R & A (President)  
Konrad Samsel, EA R & A (PUA)  
Maddie Kalda, EA R & A (Pro Fac)

Staff Team

Branden Cave, Speaker  
Ankit Sharma, Director of Operations, UTSU  
Nicole Johnson, Executive Coordinator, UTSU  
Arlene Williams, Learning & Development, UTSU  
Margaret De Leon

**Absent**

Easha Khan, University College Director  
Stuti Roy, Victoria College Director  
Francynes Shanira, Woodsworth College Director  
Janice Shum, Woodsworth College Director  
Ramtin Taramsari, New College Director  
Kathryn Cheng, Mathematical and Physical  
Sciences Director  
Katherine Jung, Life Sciences Director  
Nelson Lee, Engineering Director  
Catherine Tan, Music Director  
Vicdan Okman, Architecture & Visual  
Studies Director

**Regrets**

Fiona Reuter, VP Operations  
Maria Lin, VP Student Life  
Muskan Nagra, University College Director



## MINUTES

### Open Session

#### 1. Call to Order

This meeting is called to order at 3:20 PM.

#### 2. Approval of Agenda

**RESOLUTION**

MOVED: GHARBIYEH

SECONDED: BALLIS

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be approved as presented.**

CARRIED

#### 3. Consent Agenda

##### 3.1 Meetings of the Board of Directors and Committees

**RESOLUTION**

MOVED: GHARBIYEH

SECONDED: BALLIS

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following be approved as presented in the appendices:**

**1. Meeting of the Board of Directors**

10th Meeting of the 2021-2022 Board of Directors, 27 February 2022

**2. Meetings of Committees**

Student Aid Committee, 2 March 2022 (17th Meeting)  
Elections & Referenda Committee, 4 March 2022 (6th Meeting)  
Governance Committee, 4 March 2022 (6th Meeting)  
Clubs Committee, 7 March 2022 (7th Meeting)  
Services Committee, 11 March 2022 (5th Meeting)

CARRIED

#### 4. Executive Reports

**DISCUSSION ITEM**

**Executive Reports**

March 2022 Report of the President

March 2022 Report of the Vice-President, Operations

March 2022 Report of the Vice-President, Public & University Affairs

Ballis stated that many things have happened since she wrote her Executive Report. She highlighted the VOICES Through the Arts showcase and protest happening as part of the Students For Survivors campaign, which she and Gharbiyeh were working on alongside the FMUA and The PEARS Project. In addition, she highlighted Unity Ball and thanked those in attendance for their support. She stated that UTSU'S Got You is ongoing in the Student Commons from 11:00-17:00 every day, and noted that there is an accompanying scavenger hunt. She stated that she and Sharma were working on acquiring phone chargers for the Student



Commons, as well as a booking system for study spaces. She stated that she had been working with the CRO on elections, and highlighted the transition work and presidential by-elections.

Gharbiyeh also highlighted the Students For Survivors campaign and the Dining Hall Food Insecurity campaign, which concerns the changes in pricing models and lack of accommodations for students in on-campus dining halls. He stated that they had been working on a submission for the University budget, which included recommendations such as increased funding for the Sexual Violence Prevention & Support Centre and more financial aid for international students. He stated that he had also been developing a policy on international engagement, so that the UTSU doesn't alienate any members of the student body when dealing with international politics.

## 5. Question Period

DISCUSSION ITEM

## 6. Fee Change Approval

RESOLUTION

MOVED: BALLIS

SECONDED: DEKEL

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the fee changes for the 2021-2022 term be approved as presented in Appendix A.**

DISCUSSION

Ballis stated that this was an annual adjustment that reflected the results of the past election's referenda.

Sharma reiterated that this was an annual adjustment. He stated that the first fee is the society fee, which is determined by the University and correlates with inflation. He noted that not all the fees are being increased, as some of them are required to remain static. He highlighted the 3% increase in the Health & Dental Plan fees, and noted that the Health & Dental Plan costs are locked in for the next two years. He also highlighted the Student Commons Capital fee and the Operating levy, which are both collected to support the continued operation of the Student Commons. He noted that the Student Commons is expensive to run, and that they pay the University a maintenance fee. He stated that other fee increases are consistent with inflation.

CARRIED

## 7. SGM Motion Implications and Progress

DISCUSSION ITEM

PRESENTED: GHARBIYEH



**7.1 Motion to Move In-Camera**

RESOLUTION

MOVED: GHARBIYEH

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting be moved in-camera.**

CARRIED

**8. Adjournment**

RESOLUTION

**BE IT RESOLVED that the meeting be adjourned.**

CARRIED

**The meeting adjourns at 3:51 PM.**

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**Appendices Listed on Following Page**



## APPENDICES

- **Consent Agenda**

Link:<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1hhXd5fbDMyUZQIPDFT4v3uUOKVWhaA0j?usp=sharing>

**A Fee Changes**

Link:  
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1bFiO5tq2WS7jON8zsTBIQgVTO1qTx97X/view?usp=sharing>