



Minutes – Board of Directors

**6th Meeting of 2021-2022
24 October 2021 | 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM EST**

Video Conference held via Zoom

ATTENDANCE

Present

Executive Committee

Alexa Ballis, President
Fiona Reuter, VP Operations
Maria Lin, VP Student Life
Reva Aggarwal, VP Equity
Ruoheng Wang, VP Professional Faculties

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

Easha Khan, University College Director
Muskan Nagra, University College Director
Rayan Alim, St. Michael's College Director
David D'Aversa, St. Michael's College Director
Caroline Tolton, Trinity College Director
Stuti Roy, Victoria College Director
Halit Erdogan, Victoria College Director
Jenny Shen, Woodsworth College Director
Ramtin Taramsari, New College Director
Elad Dekel, Innis College Director
Katherine Jung, Life Sciences Director
Victoria Liu, Social Sciences Director

Division II Directors (Professional Faculties)

Nelson Lee, Engineering Director
Neo Lou, Engineering Director
Catherine Tan, Music Director
Vicdan Okman, Architecture & Visual
Studies Director
Maria Ebeid, Professional Faculties-at-Large
Director
Sterling Mancuso, Law Director
Hailey Goldberg, Nursing Director
Oluwadamilola (Dami) Sogbesan,
Pharmacy Director

Executive Assistants, UTSU

Emmanuel Sackeyfio, Chief Operations Assistant
Tran Thai, Chief Executive Assistant
Rebecca Wan, EA Operations
Nicole Giebler, EA R & A (President)
Emiri Katakawa, EA R & A (Equity)
Maddie Kalda, EA R & A (Pro Fac)

Staff Team

Branden Cave, Speaker, UTSU
Ankit Sharma, Director of Operations, UTSU
Nicole Johnson, Executive Coordinator, UTSU
Yara Kodersshah, People & Culture Manager, UTSU
Arlene Williams, Learning & Development, UTSU

First Year Council

Jackie Ko, First Year Council Member
Emily Huynh, First Year Council Member
Ezinne Arki, First Year Council Member
Faiz Jan, First Year Council Member
Hasna Hafidzah, First Year Council Member
Paul Meyer, First Year Council Member
Paul To La, First Year Council Member
Rebecca Sy, First Year Council Member
Mai Dang, First Year Council Member

Visitors and Other Non-Voting

Kati Gunnell

Absent

Roshawn Jamasi, Rotman Commerce Director
Sheral Kumar, Engineering Director
Dariya Darvin, Medicine Director

Regrets

Jessie Wu, Humanities Director
Sydney Munro, KPE Director



MINUTES

Open Session

1. Call to Order

This meeting is called to order at 11:15 AM.

2. Approval of Agenda

RESOLUTION

MOVED: REUTER

SECONDED: NAGRA

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

2.1 Motion to Add In-Camera Session

RESOLUTION

MOVED: REUTER

SECONDED: LIU

CARRIED

2.2 Motion to Add Executive Report

MOVED: AGGARWAL

SECONDED: BALLIS

CARRIED

2.3 Motion to Appoint Directors to PUA Hiring Committee

MOVED: BALLIS

SECONDED: REUTER

CARRIED

2.4 Motion to Add Executive Report

MOVED: WANG

SECONDED: BALLIS

CARRIED

CARRIED



3. Consent Agenda

3.1 Meetings of the Board of Directors and Committees

RESOLUTION

MOVED: REUTER

SECONDED: WANG

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

1. **Meeting of the Board of Directors**
5th Meeting of the 2020-2021 Board of Directors, 26 September 2021
2. **Meetings of Committees**
Student Aid Committee, 20 September 2021 (9th Meeting)
Student Aid Committee, 4 October 2021 (10th Meeting)
Student Aid Committee, 18 October 2021 (11th Meeting)
Elections & Referenda Committee, 8 October 2021 (3rd Meeting)
Clubs Committee, 10 October 2021 (3rd Meeting)
Equity & Accessibility Committee (3rd Meeting)
3. **Meetings of the First Year Council**
First Year Council, 3 October 2021 (1st Meeting)

CARRIED

3.2 Executive Reports

DISCUSSION ITEM

Executive Reports

October 2021 Report of the President

October 2021 Report of the Vice-President, Operations

October 2021 Report of the Vice-President, Student Life

DISCUSSION

Ballis stated that as there are no candidates for Vice-President Public & University Affairs, the UTSU will be moving forward with a hiring process in accordance with its bylaws. She stated that the Executive recently met with the OVPS as well as ISAN and discussed issues related to international students, including the return to campus and support for students accessing vaccine passports. In addition, she noted that new questions will be added to the review of the *Policy on Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment* and that the University would be working on training as a result of the recent news related to the former Provost at Trinity College. Ballis noted that she chaired the first COS meeting, which is a committee that makes recommendations about incidental fees to the University Affairs Board of the Governing Council. She stated that she has been working with the Communications & Events teams on outreach initiatives for the Student Commons, including free menstrual product dispensers.

Reuter stated that everything of substance can be found in her Exec report. She stated that the past week had been focused on bylaw amendments after the AGM, as well as wrapping up giveaways, club attendance, and looking into ways to make the UTSU exec



positions more accessible for international students. She stated that she has started research into the appellate board and a review of the past strategic planning documents in preparation for the upcoming strategic plan work.

Lin stated that she has been working on providing support and resources to clubs. She noted that the Clubs Committee has reviewed submitted appeals and will be writing up decisions soon. She noted that upon the club funding review, she has realized that some clubs need support in preparing budgets and applying for funding, and plans to create additional resources for this purpose. She also noted that the job board and events calendar are live for students to make use of.

Aggarwal highlighted the Director and FYC equity training dates, noting that they are 2.5-hour sessions and directors unable to attend the July meeting must sign up. She noted that they are improving on the training and adding a section on trigger warnings, which will detail when/how they are used. She stated that she has been developing a webpage for equity documents which should be ready to launch sometime next week. She noted that workshops with SHARE are coming up on Oct 28 and Nov 2, which involve workplace sexual violence prevention and consent. She stated that XAO will involve six videos being released on each day with the following topics: origins of inequity, disability studies, citizenship, allyship & solidarity, and common myths. She encouraged any directors interested in working on those videos to reach out to her.

Wang stated that she has been planning the ProFac Free Headshots event, which will take place at the Student Commons building sometime after reading week. She stated that the team has also been working on the Residence website for professional faculty students, which will be published in November.

3.3. Question Period

DISCUSSION ITEM

4. Motion to Move In-Camera

RESOLUTION

MOVED: REUTER

SECONDED: AGGARWAL

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

DISCUSSION

Mancuso asked if it would be possible to give a very vague overview of the topic at hand for transparency reasons.

Reuter stated that the session would be a broad conversation on the governance of the Student Commons.

CARRIED

The in-camera session began at 11:36 AM and ended at 12:10 PM.



5. Approval of First Year Council Membership

RESOLUTION

MOVED: REUTER

SECONDED: NAGRA

WHEREAS the membership of the First Year Council has been selected by a committee made up of the President, Vice President Professional Faculties, Humanities Director, Music Director, FYC Outgoing President, and FYC Outgoing Vice President;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors approve the selected members of the First Year Council as detailed in Appendix A.

DISCUSSION

Reuter stated that several members of the FYC are in the meeting, and that their commission and executive elections have recently occurred. She expressed excitement that the FYC is operational, thanked the members for a great first meeting, and encouraged Directors to attend future meetings if they are interested. She noted work done by Madhusudanan, Kou, Sackeyfio, and Ballis.

CARRIED

6. Change of Alterna Bank Signing Authority

RESOLUTION

MOVED: REUTER

SECONDED: DEKEL

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the current signing authorities of the Alterna Bank Accounts under the UTSU be removed and replaced with Fiona Reuter, Alexa Ballis, and Ankit Sharma.

DISCUSSION

Reuter stated that the motion was the result of a direct request from Alterna, and that any specific questions on the UTSU's finances can be emailed to her.

CARRIED

7. Motion to Recess

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting recess for 10 minutes.

CARRIED

The meeting entered recess at 12:17 PM and exited at 12:27 PM.



8. Election of the Vice-President Public & University Affairs Hiring Committee

RESOLUTION

MOVED: BALLIS

SECONDED: LIU

WHEREAS the Executive Committee has struck an appointment committee for the Vice-President Public & University Affairs; and

WHEREAS there are currently vacant seats on the appointment committee that are to be filled by Directors;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT three Directors be appointed to the appointment committee, consisting of one (1) Division I Director and one (1) Division II Director; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Division I Director is _____, and Division II Director is _____.

DISCUSSION

8.1 Motion to Use Secret Ballot

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the selection of the vacant appointment committee seats be conducted by secret ballot.

CARRIED

Ballis stated the Executive Committee had voted on Friday to strike a hiring committee for the role of Vice-President Public & University Affairs (VPPUA), and that the current members of the hiring committee were herself, Reuter, and the Chief Executive Assistant. She stated that they wanted to ensure that there was director representation in the process, and that there were two seats for directors on the committee.

D'Aversa asked what the qualifications were for the role of VPPUA.

Ballis stated that the candidates would have to be UTSU members.

Jung asked what the timeline was for the position.

Ballis stated that the timeline was being finalized this week, but that she expected the position to be filled by mid-November. She noted that the hiring committee position is not a substantial time commitment and encouraged all to self-nominate.

Nagra nominated herself.

Alim nominated themselves.



Nagra requested to withdraw her nomination.

Ballis noted that a member of the professional faculties is still needed.

Jung nominated Lee, who accepted.

Reuter nominated Lou, who regretted not being able to accept.

8.2 Motion to Fill Blanks

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Division I Director is Rayan Alim, and Division II Director is Nelson Lee.

CARRIED

CARRIED

9. Adjournment

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourns at 12:39 PM.

Appendices Listed on Following Page



APPENDICES

- **Consent Agenda**

Link:<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1QXOsZDrM-1Pgi2suk-CJsSXj1LDrzISv?usp=sharing>

A List of Selected Members of the First Year Council

Link:<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1tfK2vctGzDxCR6P1EEY1ooBYrM1R8Fnj/view?usp=sharing>