

# **University of Toronto Students' Union**

**Local 98, Canadian Federation of  
Students**

## **Board of Directors Package 9**

**March 28, 2014 | 16:00 |  
UTM Campus- CCT 1250**

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- We strive to understand and respect other communicators before evaluating and responding to their messages.
- We promote access to communication resources and opportunities as necessary to fulfill human potential and contribute to the well-being of families, communities, and society.
- We promote communication climates of caring and mutual understanding that respect the unique needs and characteristics of individual communicators.
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## RULES OF ORDER AT A GLANCE

To Do This:	You Say This:	May You Interrupt the Speaker?	Must You be Seconded?	Is the 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

# Board of Directors University of Toronto

## Students' Union

### 2013 – 2014

	Last Name	First Name	Constituency or Position
<input type="checkbox"/>	Akhtar	Waiz	University of Toronto Mississauga
<input type="checkbox"/>	Arif	Nabil	University of Toronto Mississauga
<input type="checkbox"/>	Barberousse	Nia-Imara	Faculty of Music
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bastan	Frishta	University of Toronto Mississauga
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bodley	Joseph	Ontario Institute for Studies & Education
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bollo-Kamara	Yolen	Vice-President Equity
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bridge	Vanessa	Faculty of Engineering
<input type="checkbox"/>	Brown	Cullen	St. Michael’s College
<input type="checkbox"/>	Chin	Suyoung Aaron	Faculty of Pharmacy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Coleman	Ben	Arts & Science At-Large
<input type="checkbox"/>	Crase	Benjamin	Trinity College
<input type="checkbox"/>	Durrani	Bilal	St. Michael’s College
<input type="checkbox"/>	Emadi	Yasmeen	Vice-President Campus Life
<input type="checkbox"/>	Gobért	Shak	Victoria College
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hamaimou	Fatima Zahra	University of Toronto Mississauga
<input type="checkbox"/>	Harfouche	Pierre	Faculty of Engineering
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hashim	Dalia	New College
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Khan	Onik	Vice-President External
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Krawczyk	Masteusz	Professional Faculty At-Large
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Malik	Maaham	University of Toronto Mississauga
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mathur	Sanchit	Faculty of Engineering
<input type="checkbox"/>	Nguyen	Catherine	Faculty of Dentistry
<input type="checkbox"/>	Petrolo	Josephine	Woodsworth College
<input type="checkbox"/>	Phan	Helen	Professional Faculty At-Large
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pramanick	Tannishtha	Woodsworth College
<input type="checkbox"/>	Quenneville	Aimee	University College
<input type="checkbox"/>	Roman	Tonia	Faculty of Nursing
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sajjad	Munib	President
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sandeela	Muhammad Bilal	University of Toronto Mississauga
<input type="checkbox"/>	Scherloski	Lynn	Victoria College
<input type="checkbox"/>	So	Agnes	Vice-President University Affairs
<input type="checkbox"/>	Theodore	Melissa	UTMSU Representative
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tint	Htay	Transitional Year Program
<input type="checkbox"/>	Warnica	Will	Innis College
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wasserman	Alexander	Faculty of Medicine
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wathey	Cameron	Vice-President Internal & Services
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wun	Billi	Faculty of Law
<input type="checkbox"/>	Yang	ZiJian	Woodsworth College
<input type="checkbox"/>	Zang	Ming	University of Toronto Mississauga

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER

### 2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

#### MOTION

Moved: Wathey

Seconded:

Be it resolved that the agenda for the March 28, 2014 UTSU Board of Directors meeting be approved as presented.

### 3. REPORT OF CHIEF RETURNING OFFICER

#### MOTION

Moved: Wathey

Seconded:

Be it resolved that the Chief Returning Officer report be approved as presented.

### 4. RATIFICATION OF ELECTIONS RESULTS

#### MOTION

Moved: Wathey

Seconded:

Be it resolved that the UTSU Spring 2014 election results be ratified.

### 5. EXECUTIVE REPORT

#### MOTION

Moved: Wathey

Seconded:

Be it resolved that the March Executive Report be approved as presented (pg. 55).

### 6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#### MOTION

Moved: Wathey

Seconded:

Be it resolved that the March 28, 2014 minutes package including the following documents be approved:

- a. Board of Directors, *February 12* (pg. 66)
- b. Bursary & Grants Committee, *March 24* (pg. 74)
- c. Budget Committee, *March 21* (pg. 80)
- d. Clubs Committee, *February 10, 12, 14 & March 19* (pg. 83)
- e. Elections & Referenda Committee, *February 26 & March 5, 12, 15, 19* (pg. 103)
- f. Organizational Development & Services Committee, *March 18, 24* (pg. 135)
- g. Policy & Procedures Committee, *March 24* (pg. 142)

### 7. UTSU HEALTH AND DENTAL PLAN FEE (for approval)

#### MOTION

Moved: Wathey

Seconded:

Be it resolved that a fee adjustment of 6.6 per cent (or \$9.11) per year, per student for the UTSU Health Plan fee and an increase of 6.6 per cent (or \$8.21) per year, per student for the UTSU Dental Plan fee be approved as permitted by our membership.

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### 8. STUDENT COMMONS FEE (for approval)

#### MOTION

Moved: Wathey

Seconded:

Be it resolved that a fee adjustment increase of \$0.75 per session per St. George member to the Student Commons fee be approved as permitted by our membership.

### 9. CPI FEE ADJUSTMENTS (for approval)

#### MOTION

Moved: Wathey

Seconded:

Be it resolved that the following adjustments be approved:

- an increase of \$0.26 per session, per member, to the UTSU (i.e. Students' Administrative Council) membership fee; and
- an increase of \$0.11 per session, per member, to the Canadian Federation of Students membership fee; and
- an increase of \$0.01 per session, per member, to the WUSC Student Refugee Program fee.

### 10. COUNCIL ON STUDENT SERVICES (COSS) FEE INCREASE MOTIONS

#### a. HART HOUSE

#### MOTION

Moved: Wathey

Seconded:

2014-2015 Fee: Full-time (St. George) – \$80.51  
Part-time (St. George) – \$16.11  
Full-time (UTM/UTSC) – \$2.47  
Part-time (UTM/UTSC) – \$0.50

Be it resolved that the UTSU Board of Directors \_\_\_\_\_ (*supports, objects to, calls for a referendum on*) the 2014-2015 budget for Hart House and increase in sessional fees for a full-time student on the St. George campus to \$80.51 (\$16.11 for a part-time student); and that the sessional fees for a full-time student at UTM or UTSC of \$2.47 (\$0.50 for a part-time student), as provided to CoSS by Bruce Kidd, Warden.

#### b. FACULTY OF KINIESOLOGY & PHYSICAL EDUCATION, CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAMS

#### MOTION

Moved: Wathey

Seconded:

2014-2015 Fee: Full-time (St. George) – \$157.07  
Part-time (St. George) – \$31.41  
Full-time (UTM/UTSC) – \$18.22  
Part-time (UTM/UTSC) – \$3.64

Be it resolved that the UTSU Board of Directors \_\_\_\_\_ (*supports,*

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*objects to, calls for a referendum on*) the 2014-2015 budget for the Faculty of Physical Education & Health Co-Curricular Programs and increase in sessional fees for a full-time student on the St. George campus to \$157.07 (\$31.41 for a part-time student); and that the sessional fees for a full-time student at UTM or UTSC of \$18.22 (\$3.64 for a part-time student), as provided to CoSS by Ira Jacobs, Dean.

### **c. COSS STUDENT LIFE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES**

#### **MOTION**

Moved: Wathey

Seconded:

2014-2015 Fee:	Full-time (St.bGeorge) – \$142.22
	Part-time (St. George) – \$28.44
	Full-time (UTM/UTSC) – \$0.00
	Part-time (UTM/UTSC) – \$0.00

Be it resolved that the UTSU Board of Directors \_\_\_\_\_ (*supports, objects to, calls for a referendum on*) the 2014-2015 budget for Student Life Programs and Services and increase in sessional fees for a full-time student on the St. George campus to \$142.22 (\$28.44 for a part-time student); and that the sessional fees for a full-time student at UTM or UTSC have zero dollar increase, as provided to CoSS by Lucy Fromowitz, Assistant Vice-President, Student Life.

### **11. APPROVAL OF UTSU REVISED BUDGET**

#### **MOTION**

Moved: Wathey

Seconded:

Be it resolved that the UTSU 2013-2014 Revised Budget be approved as presented.

### **12. NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

### **13. OTHER BUSINESS**

### **14. ADJOURNMENT**

## **FINAL REPORT OF THE CHIEF RETURNING OFFICER**

University of Toronto Students' Union Spring 2014 Elections

Submitted by: Alex Flor, Chief Returning Officer

Monday, March 24, 2014

### **Introduction**

This report accounts the events of the UTSU Spring 2014 Elections period.

The Spring 2014 Election period held elections for UTSU Executive Committee and Board of Directors positions for the 2013/2014 term. No referenda were held during this period.

Throughout the elections, the Elections and Referenda Committee (ERC) provided valuable consultation and recommendations to the Chief Returning Officer (CRO) in regards to matters dealing with the Elections and Procedure Code and past practice. The Committee's main duties are to oversee the elections, review the rules governing elections, schedule election dates subject to Board approval, and hire elections officials.

### **Activities before the Voting Period**

In preparation for the nomination and campaign period, and in accordance with the UTSU Elections Procedure Code, a number of tasks were completed prior to the start of the nomination and campaign periods:

1. Reviewing all relevant UTSU governing documents.
2. Preparing nomination- and election-related publicity materials for campus newspapers, including posters to be distributed on campus and on the UTSU website.
3. Preparing nomination packages for Executive and Board of Director candidates.
4. Hiring two Deputy Returning Officers (DROs) for logistical support at the St. George Campus and Mississauga Campus.
5. Site inspections, selection and booking of potential polling locations.
6. Obtaining an up-to-date voters list from the University of Toronto Office of the Vice-Provost, Students.
7. Arranging the renewal of the Simply Voting Online System with the University of Toronto Office of the Vice-Provost, Students.
8. Scheduling and logistical preparation for the All-Candidates' Meeting.
9. Planning and booking space for the UTSU Executive Candidates forum.
10. Ordering ballot boxes, voting screens and seals from Elections Canada.
11. Hiring poll clerks, scheduling and planning poll-clerk training sessions.
12. Preparing polling location kits.
13. Updating the UTSU website with relevant election material.
14. Designing ballots and determining ballot quantities and distribution.
15. Arranging for the rental of additional laptops.



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### **Nominations**

Nominations for the UTSU elections opened Thursday February 13, 2014 at 09:00 and closed Thursday February 24, 2014 at 17:00. Eighteen (18) Executive nomination packages were signed out, including four (4) for President, two (2) for Vice-President Equity, five (5) for Vice-President External, five for (5) Vice-President Internal & Services and two (2) for Vice-President University Affairs. Sixty-four (64) Director nomination packages were signed out. When the nomination period closed, a total of twelve (12) Executive nomination packages were returned and fifty-three (53) nomination packages were returned for the Director positions. Director packages were submitted for seventeen (17) of the eighteen (18) constituencies available. All of the submitted nomination packages were ultimately approved except for five. One individual attempting to seek election in each of the following positions failed to meet the necessary requirements to be considered candidates: Vice-President External, New College Director, Victoria College Director, Professional Faculty At-Large Director and Faculty of Law. Each were found to have an insufficient number of nominators. Three of these individuals exercised their rights for a Request to Review to the ERC. The ERC upheld the rulings of the Chief Returning Officer, the individuals were unable to stand as candidates.

Additionally, there was an issue regarding the eligibility of a member seeking nomination for candidacy for more than one position. It was initially ruled that Pierre Harfouche would not be able to seek candidacy for more than one (1) position for the current election period. Mr. Harfouche appealed the Chief Returning Officer's decision to the ERC, who upheld the ruling of the Chief Returning Officer.

A number of elections staff worked over a total of forty (40) hours verifying signatures from nomination packages. The number of candidates equalled the number of available positions for the Faculty of Architecture, Landscape and Design Director, the Faculty of Dentistry, the Faculty of Law Director, the Faculty of Medicine Director, the Faculty of Music Director, the Faculty of Nursing Director, and the Faculty of Pharmacy Director. As a result, seven (7) candidates were acclaimed, pending ratification. Eleven (11) candidates sought five (5) Executive positions, while forty-three (43) candidates prepared to vie for twenty-two (22) available director positions.

### **All-Candidates Meeting**

The All-Candidates' Meeting was held on Sunday March 2, 2014 at 16:00 in the Hart House Music Room. Attendance was limited to candidates and candidates' authorized representatives, and all-candidates packages were distributed to all attendees. The meeting lasted approximately 1.5 hours, as the CRO reviewed the relevant sections of the Elections Procedure Code, University of Toronto and University of Toronto at Mississauga policies and the UTSU By-Laws, and discussed the role of the elections staff.

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### **Campaigning**

The campaign period opened on Monday March 3, 2014 at 09:00 and closed on the last day of voting on Friday March 14, 2014 at 15:15.

Campaign materials, including posters, flyers, buttons, stickers, t-shirts, websites, Facebook content, Twitter content, Instagram content, Renren content, Reddit content and candidate videos were submitted and approved by the CRO throughout the campaign period. During the campaign period, complaints were submitted to the Elections Office alleging violations of the Elections Procedure Code. All complaints were submitted to the Elections Office via email, some with accompanying photographic, audio and video evidence. Forty-four (44) CRO rulings were made regarding complaints submitted during the campaign period. The complaints varied, encompassing allegations of misrepresentation of fact, posterage, campaign materials/campaigning in a library, campaign materials/campaigning in a residence, fair play and responsibility of campaigners/supporters. All CRO rulings are appended to this report.

### **Executive Candidate Forum**

The CRO arranged an Executive Candidate Forum where executive candidates could present a statement to, and answer questions from, the UTSU membership. The forum was held on March 6, 2014 at the Bahen Centre Room 1130 from 18:00 –21:15. The forum was also streamed live online to allow students who could not attend to watch and listen. The event was well attended.

The CRO arranged for Susan Froom, President of the Association of Part-Time Undergraduate Students to moderate this year's forum. Speaking in a predetermined order (Vice-President External, Vice-President Equity, Vice-President University Affairs, Vice-President Internal and Services, and President), Executive candidates were given three minutes for an opening statement, 15 minutes of open questions from the floor, and one minute for closing remarks. Approximately two hundred (200) people attended the forum, while a number of individuals watched via the live online streaming.

During the Vice President External candidate opening speeches, one of the Vice-President External candidates, Luis Moreno, announced the withdrawal of his candidacy. Before the beginning of the open questions from the floor, Mr. Moreno was asked to rejoin the audience as he was no longer a candidate.

### **UTSU Elections at St. George Campus**

#### ***Poll Locations***

As a large campus spread out across downtown Toronto, the University of Toronto St. George campus presents some challenges in ensuring representative distribution of poll stations. The Election and Referenda Committee is required to consider a number of factors in allocating poll stations, including but not limited to: cost, wireless access, proximity to other poll stations, accessibility for residence and

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commuter students, and student traffic. There were some last minute changes made to the polling stations.

### ***Online Voting***

Online voting was available for this election period. The online election system was created and provided by Simply Voting, a company that provides and hosts online elections. The online system was adapted to match the requirements for the spring elections.

### ***Poll Station Materials at St. George:***

The following materials were used at St. George:

- Voting screens
- Ballot boxes
- Ballot box seals
- Laptops
- Extension cords
- Envelopes
- Ballots for UTSU executives and directors
- Pens and markers
- Scissors

The polling station locations provided tables and chairs, with the exception of the Bahen centre.

### ***Poll Clerk Training***

Poll Clerk training sessions were held at the Bahen Centre, on March 4 and 5, 2014. The training sessions were two hours long and consisted of an introduction to the roles and responsibilities of the CRO and DROs, poll clerk duties and responsibilities, polling station setup and closing, online voting system, trouble-shooting and scenario role-play. During the training sessions, poll clerks were given the opportunity to complete any missing paperwork (tax forms, confidentiality agreement, etc). Polling location specifics such as expected voter turnout and considerations were expressed to the poll clerks.

### ***Voting***

Voting took place on Tuesday March 11, Wednesday March 12, and Thursday, March 13, 2014. Poll stations were open from 09:00 to 18:30, with the exception of the Faculty of Dentistry Building polling location which was opened between 09:00 to 18:00. Additionally, the Old Victoria polling location that was opened between 09:00 to 16:00 on Tuesday March 11, 2014 due to a prior booking. Thirty (30) poll clerks worked various shifts throughout the voting days. Poll clerks used the Simply Voting online system to

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confirm voters' eligibility by entering their UTORids after confirming the voter's identity by checking their T-cards. Once the voter's eligibility was confirmed, poll clerks marked the voter has having voted offline using the Simply Voting system. Voters were asked to sign in and provide their name, student number, faculty/college and signature. Poll clerks were instructed to each initial every ballot as they were given out to students upon confirmation of their eligibility as voters. Poll clerks identified each voter's constituency through the Simply Voting system which indicated which ballots to give each voter. Other than some occasional delays due to slow internet connections, the Simply Voting system functioned smoothly.

If prospective voters did not have their T-Card (but knew their student number and had other photo ID) or if the prospective voter's status came up as 'ineligible' but the prospective voter believed that she/he was a full-time undergraduate student and/or a UTSU member, poll clerks were instructed to use the double envelope system.

St. George poll clerks met each morning at 08:00 at the UTSU office to collect the necessary equipment and materials from the CRO and DRO. Ballot boxes were assembled at the polling locations using Elections Canada seals, clearly marked. Poll stations were closed each day at 18:30 and ballot boxes were sealed and signed by poll clerks, the DROs and CRO.

All the ballots had been designed in house and the ballots were printed at All Solutions Printing. The ballots were delivered on Friday, March 7 where they were locked and stored in the Elections Office. The ballots were then sorted to the appropriate designated polling location box along with all the other election items.

After Mr. Moreno withdrew his candidacy for Vice President External at the Executive Forum, the ERC decided not to reprint the Vice President External ballots due to lack of time and expense. Mr. Moreno's name was removed from the Vice President External ballot online, and poll clerks were instructed to post a notice stating that Mr. Moreno was no longer a candidate.

### ***Storage and Transportation of Ballot Boxes***

At the close of each voting day, poll clerks transported the sealed ballot boxes to the University of Toronto Ombudsperson Office, where it was to be kept for safekeeping. The Ombudsperson along with the Assistant Ombudsperson facilitated access to the room through a secured key process. Only the Ombudsperson, Assistant Ombudsperson, CRO and DROs had access to the office. On March 14, 2014, poll clerks transported ballot boxes, accompanied by the CRO and DROs, from the Ombudsperson office to the UTSU office. Ballot boxes from March 14 were brought directly to the UTSU office for the count.

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### **UTSU Elections at UTM**

This section details the following: (1) poll locations; (2) poll station materials shared with UTM; (3) poster locations allotted for UTSU candidates; (4) voting; and (5) the storage and transportation of ballot boxes.

#### ***Poll Locations***

As a diverse campus, the University of Toronto Mississauga campus presents some challenges in ensuring representative distribution of poll stations. The ERC is required to consider a number of factors in allocating poll stations, including but not limited to: cost, wireless access, proximity to other poll stations, accessibility for residence and commuter students, and student traffic. There were some last minute changes made to the polling stations. The Davis Building, which has been a regular polling location in the past, was unavailable due to a prior booking. Therefore, it was moved from the Davis Building and an additional polling station was booked in CCIT Building for the voting days of March 11-13, 2014. Due to the closure of the University of Toronto Mississauga Campus on Wednesday, March 12, 2014, an additional day of voting for the University of Toronto Mississauga was booked, and the Davis Building was available to host a polling location on Friday March 14, 2014.

#### ***Poll Station Materials***

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The UTMSU Elections Office provided tables and chairs. The materials listed above were transported by the CRO via car.

#### ***Poster Locations***

Several poster locations were allotted for UTSU candidates. The locations were spread out between the CCIT Building, Instructional Building and Kaneff Centre. In contrast with St. George campus practices, poster boundaries were clearly delineated on the UTM campus map. Candidates faced demerit point assessments if they violated poster boundaries.

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### ***Voting***

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If prospective voters did not have their T-Card (but knew their student number and had other photo ID) or if the prospective voter's status came up as 'ineligible' but the prospective voter believed that she/he was a full-time undergraduate student and/or a UTSU member, poll clerks were instructed to use the double envelope system.

UTM Poll clerks met each morning at 08:00 with the UTMSU CRO and DRO at the campus police office to collect equipment and materials. Ballot boxes were assembled at the polling locations using Elections Canada seals, clearly marked. Poll stations were closed each day at 18:30 and ballot boxes were sealed and signed by poll clerks.

All full-time UTM and St. George students were eligible to cast ballots for UTSU executives at any UTM poll location. UTM students were not, however, eligible to vote for Director candidates.

On Wednesday, March 13, 2014, due to inclement weather, the University of Toronto Mississauga Campus was closed at 13:00 by the University of Toronto administration. As a result, all UTM polling stations were also closed at this time. The ERC ruled that voting would be made available on Friday March 14, 2014 from 10:00 to 15:00 to make up for the voting hours lost by UTM students. The CRO, in conjunction with the UTMSU CRO and DRO, was able to staff three (3) polling stations at UTM for the above voting hours. The polling stations were located in the Davis Building, CCIT Building and Instructional Building.

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### ***Storage and Transportation of Ballot Boxes***

UTSU ballot boxes were transported to UTM Campus Police Office, located at the Davis Building as voting concluded on each day. When voting concluded on the last day of voting, all ballot boxes and polling station materials were transferred from the UTM Campus Police Office to a car by poll clerks, the UTMSU CRO, UTMSU DRO, CRO and ERC Chair, under the observation of scrutineers. The ballot boxes and polling station materials were then transported UTSU office via car by the CRO and ERC Chair.

### **Issues at Polling Stations**

Polling stations operated smoothly aside from a few minor wifi connection issues at Bahen and Sidney Smith.

### **Master List Verification**

Each day at the close of polls, sign-in sheets were gathered. Voters who were unable to be verified at polling stations and therefore added to the 'double envelope' list, were compiled on a list daily. This was used to produce the master list for double envelope verification.

### **Ballot Counting**

At 17:30 after the close of voting on Friday March 14, 2014, the CRO oversaw the vote count at the UTSU office. The count was concluded at 05:00 on Saturday March 16, 2014.

Each candidate was allowed one scrutineer to be present for the count. Scrutineers were instructed to request any contested ballots to be ruled on by the CRO. Scrutineers were not allowed to touch ballots or disrupt the count. There were a total of twelve (12) scrutineers that signed in for the ballot count. Prior to the count beginning, the scrutineers were instructed that there would be five (5) counting stations, and two (2) scrutineers elected to leave the count.

Present for the vote count was the CRO as supervisor, two DROs, the Chair of the Elections and Referenda Committee, a member of the Elections and Referenda Committee, the Chair of the University of Toronto Students' Union, UTSU administrative support staff, poll clerks and scrutineers. On the main floor, ballot boxes were opened and 2-3 of the administrative staff sorted the different colour-coded ballots. Teams of three counters were set up on the main floor, there were five (5) teams overall. In each team of three, one person read the ballot result aloud while the other two recorded the result on a tally sheet, creating a double blind counting system. After each pile of ballots, the two recorders verified they had identical numbers to each other and then the team moved on to the next pile of ballots.

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### ***Spoiled Ballots***

Ballots were considered spoiled if:

- No voter intent for an eligible was indicated on the ballot;
- Only one poll clerk initialled the ballot;
- No poll clerks initialled the ballot;
- Too many candidates were selected on the ballot

### ***Double Envelope Ballots***

Elections staff verified the eligibility of voters who had used the double envelope system. Double envelopes were checked against the master voters list to determine if (a) the voter was eligible; and (b) the student had not already voted using their UTORid, either in person or online. Eligible voters' ballots remained in the second, interior unmarked envelope and were sorted and counted normally in order to maintain the anonymity of the voters' choices. All ineligible ballots were separated and not counted.

### **Announcement of Results and Recount**

On March 15, 2014, a notice was posted on the UTSU website indicating that the announcement of the unofficial election results would be posted on March 17, 2014 and that the delay was due to the CRO awaiting information from Simply Voting. The unofficial election results were posted on the UTSU website on March 17, 2014.

On March 19, 2014, an automatic recount was conducted for the Executive positions of Vice President External and Vice President University Affairs and for the St. Michael's College Director position with scrutineers present for each position. These positions were required to be recounted as the vote margins between the successful and unsuccessful candidates fell below the minimum margin requirement. The individuals deemed elected in the above positions remained unchanged after the recounts.

On March 22, 2014, a recount was conducted for the Executive positions of President, Vice President Internal & Services and Vice President Equity and for the Woodsworth Director position at the request of candidates in these ballots. All candidates for those positions were contacted and afforded an opportunity to provide scrutineers for the recounts. Three of the candidates who requested recounts for their positions failed to send a scrutineer for their recount. The individuals deemed elected in the above positions remained unchanged after the recounts.

### **Appeals**

A number of appeals were made throughout the elections, challenging both CRO and ERC rulings (see Appendix B and C). While the CRO and all committees endeavoured to respond to complaints and



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appeals in a timely manner, the high volume of complaints and appeals caused some minor and unavoidable delays. However, all complaints and appeals were ultimately dealt with.

### Results: Acclamations and Election

#### *Acclamations:*

Faculty of Architecture, Landscape and Design:	Neil Vas
Faculty of Dentistry:	Diana Liu
Faculty of Law:	Ella Henry
Faculty of Medicine:	Thomas Ying
Faculty of Music:	Nia-Imara Barberousse
Faculty of Nursing:	April Huang
Faculty of Pharmacy:	Veeral Gohil

#### *Election Results:*

The total for the elections results are for all polling locations.

### UTSU EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

#### **President**

*Bollo Kamara, Yolen:	3010 (47.00%)
Huang, Ye:	2634 (41.13%)
Spoiled:	760 (11.87%)

#### **Vice President Internal & Services**

*Wathey, Cameron:	2865 (44.81%)
Yin, Anna Chen Chen:	2699 (42.21%)
Spoiled:	829 (12.97%)

#### **Vice President University Affairs**

*Harfouche, Pierre:	2814 (44.02%)
Yang, Zijian:	2767 (43.28%)
Spoiled:	812 (12.70%)

#### **Vice President External**

Bhatty, Nicky:	2555 (39.95%)
*Slobodian, Grayce:	2593 (40.54%)
Spoiled:	1248 (19.51%)

#### **Vice President Equity**

*Ali Sardar, Najiba:	2908 (45.43%)
Hashiru, Baliqis Olaitan:	2478 (38.71%)
Spoiled:	1015 (15.86%)

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#### **Arts & Science At-Large Director**

Khan, Sania:	813 (15.25%)
*Lunianga, Kevin:	1129 (24.05%)
Naqi, Maha;	652 (13.89%)
*Qiu, Shaohua:	852 (18.15%)
Tulloch, Kadija:	716 (15.25%)
Spoiled:	532 (11.33%)

#### **Innis College Director**

Gomes, Llyvell:	82 (27.52%)
*Wu, Yiwen:	177 (59.40%)
Spoiled:	39 (13.09%)

#### **St. Michael's College Director**

*Huang, Yu-Chun:	141 (21.96%)
*Kanopolous, Michael:	174 (27.10%)
Kuyoro, Bami;	127 (19.78%)
*Ledchumanan, Lakisha:	136 (21.18%)
Spoiled:	64 (9.97%)

#### **New College Director**

*Adeyinka, Bukky:	174 (15.98%)
*Grant, Nick	177 (16.25%)
Ko, Chen Han (Hank)	157 (14.42%)
Kondan, Silviu	128 (11.75%)
*Li, Xin Wei:	177 (16.25%)
Marin, Daniel:	135 (12.40%)
Tuyishime, Dennis:	82 (7.53%)
Spoiled:	59 (5.42%)

#### **Trinity College Director**

*Andison, Patrick:	260 (63.57%)
Zhang, Joanne (Weichong)	96 (23.47%)
Spoiled:	53 (12.96%)

#### **University College Director**

Hsiao, Michelle:	163 (17.53%)
*McKinnon, Alexandra	239 (25.70%)
*Schwenger, Eric	292 (31.40%)
Vicencio-Heap, Felipe	144 (15.48%)
Spoiled:	92 (9.89%)

#### **Woodsworth College Director**

*Lang, Sydney:	217 (20.61%)
*Lin, Jenny	229 (21.75%)
Liu, Junlin (Eva)	163 (15.48%)
*Petrolo, Josephine	191 (18.14%)
Zhang, Jennifer:	178 (16.90%)
Spoiled:	75 (7.12%)

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### **Professional Faculty At-Large Director**

*Alabi, Tolu:	772 (43.08%)
Huang, Thomas Boyang	344 (19.20%)
*Musa, Andi:	360 (20.09%)
Spoiled:	316 (17.63%)

### **Faculty of Applied Sciences & Engineering Director**

Amalsadia, Abhinove:	167 (7.96%)
*Chen, Kunsu	554 (26.41%)
*Gomes, Ryan	553 (26.36%)
Majumder, Safinur:	151 (7.20%)
*Piguing, Paolo Cristopher:	579 (27.60%)
Spoiled:	94 (4.48%)

### **Faculty of Kinesiology & Physical Education Director**

Firmalino, Niki Loren:	182 (80.53%)
*Schwenger, Ryan:	42 (18.58%)
Spoiled:	2 (0.88%)

\*Successful candidates

### **Voter turnout**

During the 2014 spring elections, the voter turnout was approximately 13%.

### **Recommendations**

The CRO will submit recommendations for consideration by the Board of Directors and the Elections and Referenda Committee to improve processes and policies in order to facilitate future elections.

### **Acknowledgements**

The CRO would like to thank the DROs, poll clerks, UTSU staff, UTMSU CRO, DRO and staff and ERC who provided logistical support for the elections.

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### Appendix A – CRO Rulings 001-044

#### *CRO Ruling 001*

Date: March 3, 2014

Time: 21:35

On March 3, 2014 at 15:28, the Chief Returning Officer (CRO) was contacted by a Mr. Theo Yan, a representative for The Varsity. Mr. Yan stated that he had been told that "Team Unite" had not had its campaign materials approved. Upon further investigation, the CRO has determined that members of a group of candidates calling themselves "Team Unite" gave Mr. Yan this information.

The information given to Mr. Yan was false and was descriptive of an unresolved situation.

Article VI.3.c "Committee Initiative" of the Elections Procedure Code states "Where the CRO or a member of the ERC [Elections and Referenda Committee] finds evidence of a violation, the ERC or CRO may charge a candidate with a violation of campaign rules."

The CRO has determined that members of "Team Unite" have violated the Elections Procedure Code.

Article VI.1.d.vii & viii "Rules for Elections: Campaigning: Fair Play" of the Elections Procedure Code states "Candidates shall campaign in accordance with the rules of Fair Play. Breaking the rules of fair play include, but are not limited to:...persistent attempts to undermine the ability of the CRO or the ERC to carry out their responsibilities; and any attempt to undermine the electoral process including:...misrepresentation of facts."

Article VI.1.f "Approval of Campaign Methods" states "All campaign tactics, material and advertisements need approval by the CRO in advance of posting or distribution."

By contacting Mr. Yan and stating that "Team Unite's" campaign materials had not been approved, despite the approvals sent via email as early as 22:02 on March 2, 2014 and as late as 13:06 on March 3, 2014, members of "Team Unite" have provided the press with false information. This is in violation of Article VI.1.d.vii & viii. As per Article VI.3.k.ii & iii, "Team Unite" has also engaged in:

Failure to follow the grievance procedures outlined in the Elections Procedure Code or Policy (maximum demerit points: 15)

Intentional misrepresentation of fact (maximum demerit points: 15)

As per Article VI.1.f and Article VI.3.k.i, by using The Varsity to spread platform information that had yet to receive approval by the Chief Returning Officer, members of "Team Unite" have engaged in:

Unapproved material (maximum demerit points: 15)

Misrepresentation of Facts (maximum demerit points: 3)

These violations are serious as they undermine members' faith in the elections. However, in recognition that these violations have occurred on the first day of campaigning the CRO is issuing the following demerit points:

Chenchen Anna Yin:

1 demerit point for intentional misrepresentation of fact

1 demerit point for unapproved material

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1 demerit point for misrepresentation of fact

Total demerit points: 3

Baliqis Olaitan:

1 demerit point for intentional misrepresentation of fact

1 demerit point for unapproved material

1 demerit point for misrepresentation of fact

Total demerit points: 3

Pierre Harfouche:

1 demerit point for intentional misrepresentation of fact

1 demerit point for unapproved material

1 demerit point for misrepresentation of fact

Total demerit points: 3

Ye Huang

5 demerit points for failure to follow the grievance procedures outlined in the Elections Procedure Code or Policy

3 demerit points for intentional misrepresentation of fact

1 demerit point for unapproved material

1 demerit point for misrepresentation of fact

Total demerit points: 10

Nicky Bhatti

5 demerit points for failure to follow the grievance procedures outlined in the Elections Procedure Code or Policy

3 demerit points for intentional misrepresentation of fact

1 demerit point for unapproved material

1 demerit point for misrepresentation of fact

Total demerit points: 10

### *CRO Ruling 002*

Date: March 5, 2014

Time: 11:15

On March 3, 2014 at 13:32, the Chief Returning Officer (CRO) received a complaint that Vice-President University Affairs Candidate Zijian Yang, had violated the Elections Procedure Code by misrepresenting the powers of the Vice-President University Affairs. The complaint cites a poster of the candidate posted on Facebook in which a platform point states 'Advocate for the elimination of winter'.

Upon investigation, the CRO has determined that Zijian Yang has violated the Elections Procedure Code.

Article VI.1.d.viii "Rules for Elections: Campaigning: Fair Play" of the Elections Procedure Codes states "Candidates shall campaign in accordance with the rules of Fair Play. Breaking the rules of fair play include, but are not limited to: ...misrepresentation of facts."

Article VI.1.f "Approval of Campaign Methods" states "All campaign tactics, material and advertisements need approval by the CRO in advance of posting or distribution."

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By making public a poster with unapproved content which goes beyond the powers of the Vice President University Affairs, Zijian has engaged in:

Misrepresentation of Facts (maximum demerit points: 3)

Unapproved material (maximum demerit points: 15)

The CRO is issuing the following demerit points:

Zijian Yang:

1 demerit point for misrepresentation of fact

2 demerit points for unapproved material

Total demerit points: 3

### *CRO Ruling 003*

Date: March 5, 2014

Time: 21:45

On March 3, 2014 at 23:08, the Chief Returning Officer (CRO) received a complaint that "UofT Voice" had violated the Elections Procedure Code. The complainant alleged that the "UofT Voice" platform contained a misrepresentation of fact. The complaint alleges that the "UofT Voice" platform point "Advocate for removal of \$750 international student fee introduced by the provincial government" is false on the basis that the fee was not introduced by the provincial government and is in violation of Article VI.1.d "Fair Play".

Upon investigation, the CRO has determined that "UofT Voice" has not violated the Elections Procedure Code.

According to the Ontario Budget 2012:

"The [Ministry of Training, Colleges, and Universities] has identified a reduction in indirect support, through operating grants that the government provides to non-PhD international students, as well as the elimination of subsidies for non-PhD international students provided to institutions to pay for municipal taxation in lieu of property taxes."

The International Student Recovery Fee is a reduction in per-student funding from the provincial government for each non-PhD international student. The fee is realized as a \$750 reduction in the operating grant of each University in Ontario.

The University of Toronto describes the fee as an "International Student Recovery charge" in Planning & Budget documents.

No demerit points will be issued for this complaint.

### *CRO Ruling 004*

Date: March 5, 2014

Time: 23:00

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On March 3, 2014 at 23:08, the Chief Returning Officer (CRO) received a complaint that "UofT Voice" had violated the Elections Procedure Code. The complainant alleged that the "Victory" section of the "UofT Voice" website contained a misrepresentation of fact. The complaint cites that the statement "This past summer, our Vice-President Equity candidate Najiba Ali Sardar co-launched the "I HEART Transit" campaign in Toronto" is false and in violation of Article VI.1.d "Fair Play".

Upon investigation, the CRO has determined that neither "UofT Voice" nor Ms. Sardar violated Article VI.1.d of the Elections Procedure Code. Najiba Ali Sardar has been confirmed as co-launching the "I HEART Transit" campaign taking place over summer 2013, and thus this is not a misrepresentation of fact.

No demerit points will be issued for this complaint.

### *CRO Ruling 005*

Date: March 6, 2014

Time: 00:15

On March 4, 2014 at 00:23, the Chief Returning Officer (CRO) received a complaint that "UofT Voice" had violated the Elections Procedure Code. The complainant alleged that posters on the "UofT Voice" Facebook page contain similar features to that of the current University of Toronto Students' Union (UTSU) logo and the former UTSU website. The complainant reasons that this resemblance gives "UofT Voice" an unfair advantage in the election.

The CRO investigated and determined that there was no violation of the Elections Procedure Code. As the use of a speech bubble in design is commonplace and the poster and website design of "UofT Voice" is materially different in design, use and configuration from that of the UTSU, and therefore unlikely to create an unfair advantage.

No demerit points will be issued for this complaint.

### *CRO Ruling 006*

Date: March 7, 2014

Time: 19:30

On March 5, 2014 at 20:32, the Chief Returning Officer (CRO) received a complaint that "UofT Voice" had violated Articles VI.1.i.viii "Candidate Posters and Campaign Materials", VI.1.s.iii "Campaigning During Voting Period", and VI.1.s.i "Campaigning During Voting Period" of the Elections Procedure Code. The complainant provided photographic evidence of the alleged violations regarding posters located in E.J. Pratt Library and St. Hilda's Residence.

Upon investigation, the CRO has determined that "UofT Voice" has not violated the Elections Procedure Code.

Article VI.1.i.viii "Candidate Posters and Campaign Materials" of the Elections Procedure Code states that "No Candidate may post one of their posters within one (1) foot (30.5 cm) of another one of their own posters."

Article VI.1.s.iii "Campaigning During Voting Period" of the Elections Procedure Code states "Campaigning and campaign materials are not allowed within six (6) metres of a Library."

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Article VI.1.s.i "Campaigning During Voting Period" of the Elections Procedure Code states "Campaigning is not allowed within six (6) metres of a student residence."

Upon investigation, the CRO has determined there was no violation of the Elections Procedure Code. At the time of complaint, no poster in E.J. Pratt demonstrated a violation, as each of "UofT Voice" candidates' posters was located well beyond the one-foot minimum. A violation of Articles VI.1.s.iii and VI.1.s.i is not possible as the voting period has not yet begun.

No demerit points will be issued for this complaint.

### *CRO Ruling 007*

Date: March 7, 2014

Time: 20:10

On March 6, 2014 at 00:52, the Chief Returning Officer (CRO) received a complaint that "UofT Voice", had violated the Elections Procedure Code. The complainant alleged that the "UofT Voice" Facebook page contained a misrepresentation of fact. The complaint cites that the statement "This year, many of our team's members worked on Homecoming 2013. Next year, we are committed to working with our colleges, faculties and clubs to make it even bigger" is false and in violation in violation of Article VI.1.d.iv.3 "Fair Play".

Upon investigation, the CRO has determined that "UofT Voice" has not violated the Elections Procedure Code. Some of the candidates did take part in the planning and execution of the event. As the term "many" is subjective and it is difficult to rule on whether the number of candidates who did work on Homecoming 2013 event satisfies the use of the term, a change in phrasing is suggested to better reflect participation of "UofT Voice" in the event.

No demerit points will be issued for this complaint.

### *CRO Ruling 008*

Date: March 7, 2014

Time: 20:15

On March 6, 2014 at 3:44, the Chief Returning Officer (CRO) received a complaint that Presidential candidate Ye Huang and University College Director candidate Eric Schwenger had violated the violated Articles Article VI.1.d.v "Fair Play", and VI.1.i.vii "Candidate Posters and Campaign Materials" of the Elections Procedure Code. The complainant alleged that candidates Ye Huang and Eric Schwenger or one of their Non-Arm's-Length Parties had moved campaign materials of opposing candidates in violation of Articles VI.1.d.v "Fair Play" and VI.1.i.vii "Candidate Posters and Campaign Materials" of the Elections Procedure Code. The complainant provided photographic evidence of the alleged violations regarding posters located in the University College Residence.

Upon investigation, the CRO has determined that neither Mr. Schwenger nor Mr. Huang have violated the Elections Procedure Code.

Article VI.1.d.v "Fair Play" of the Elections Procedure Code states "Candidates shall campaign in accordance with the rules of Fair Play."



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Article VI.1.i.vii "Candidate Posters and Campaign Materials" of the Elections Procedure Code states "No Candidate's poster may overlap another Candidate's poster."

The CRO has investigated and determined that there is insufficient evidence to find a violation of Articles VI.1.d.v and VI.1.i.vii. Though some candidates posters overlapped others, there is insufficient evidence to determine that the campaign materials were moved by Mr. Schwenger, Mr. Huang or a non-arm's length party of either of these candidates, specifically.

Candidates are reminded that such behaviour is not in the spirit of the elections and will not be tolerated.

No demerit points will be issued for this complaint.

### *CRO Ruling 009*

Date: March 7, 2014

Time: 20:20

On March 6, 2014 at 11:30, the Chief Returning Officer (CRO) received a complaint that Presidential candidate Ye Huang had violated Article VI.1.d.viii (3) "Fair Play" of the Elections Procedure Code. The complainant alleged that the candidate had violated the Elections Procedure Code by misrepresenting the powers of the President. The complaint cites the candidate's posters in which a platform point states „You want to drop your lowest grade. I can make that happen."

Article VI.1.d.v "Fair Play" of the Elections Procedure Code "Candidates shall campaign in accordance with the rules of Fair Play. Breaking the rules of fair play include, but are not limited to: ...misrepresentation of facts."

Upon investigation, the CRO has determined that Ye Huang has not violated the Elections Procedure Code. The language used on the poster speaks to a promise being made to work towards the ability to drop one's lowest grade, rather than the ability to do so, as a power of the President.

No demerit points will be issued for this complaint.

### *CRO Ruling 010*

Date: March 10, 2014

Time: 16:30

On March 8, 2014 at 16:42, the Chief Returning Officer (CRO) received a complaint that Vice President Equity candidate Najiba Ali Sardar had violated the Elections Procedure Code. The complainant alleged that the candidate had placed a campaign poster over another candidate's poster in violation of Article VI.1.i.vii "Candidate Posters and Campaign Materials" of the Elections Procedure Code. The complainant provided photographic evidence of the alleged violation regarding posters located in the Goldring Centre.

Upon investigation, the CRO has determined that Najiba Ali Sardar has not violated the Elections Procedure Code.

Article VI.1.i.vii "Candidate Posters and Campaign" of the Elections Procedure Code states "No Candidate's poster may overlap another Candidate's poster."

The CRO has investigated and determined that there is insufficient evidence to find a violation of Article VI.1.i.vii. While the CRO acknowledges that the candidate's poster overlaps another, there is insufficient

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evidence to determine that Ms. Ali Sardar or a non-arm's length party of Ms. Ali Sardar moved the campaign materials, specifically.

Candidates are reminded that such behaviour is not in the spirit of the elections and will not be tolerated.

No demerit points will be issued for this complaint.

### *CRO Ruling 011*

Date: March 11, 2014

Time: 20:30

On March 9, 2014 at 20:50, the Chief Returning Officer (CRO) received a complaint that Faculty of Engineering candidate Abhi Amalsadia had violated the Elections Procedure Code. The complainant alleged that the candidate Abhi Amalsadia had violated the Code by posting posters lacking stamps indicating CRO approval. The complainant provided photographic evidence of the alleged violations regarding posters located in the Sanford Fleming and Galbraith buildings.

Article VI.1.f "Adherence to Existing Policy" of the Elections Procedure Code states "All campaign tactics, material and advertisements need approval by the CRO in advance of posting or distribution."

The CRO has investigated and determined that there is sufficient evidence to find a violation of Article VI.1.f. There were multiple posters missing the stamps indicating CRO approval for physical materials, indicating that it was not an oversight during stamping.

By posting a poster lacking the stamp indicating CRO approval, Mr. Amalsadia has engaged in:

Unapproved material (maximum demerit points: 15)

In light of the fact that the CRO was contacted in regards to the unapproved posters by a non-arms' length party of Mr. Amalsadia prior to investigation and was co-operative in removing the posters lacking the stamp, in addition to the fact that Mr. Amalsadia's posters were reprints rather than new unapproved material, the CRO is issuing the following demerit points.

Abhi Amalsadia:

3 demerit points for unapproved material

Total demerit points: 3

### *CRO Ruling 012*

Date: March 11, 2014

Time: 22:30

On March 10, 2014 at 00:03, the Chief Returning Officer (CRO) received a complaint that "UofT Voice" violated the Elections Procedure Code. The complainant alleged that in a "UofT Voice" video, a volunteer states: "I'm currently volunteering with the UTSU", while the subtitle related to the volunteer states: "I'm currently volunteering with UofT Voice". The complainant alleged that the video creates an association between "UofT Voice" and UTSU and is a misrepresentation of fact, as the individual is a volunteer for "UofT Voice" and not the UTSU. The complainant also alleged that the association with the current UTSU gives "UofT Voice" an unfair advantage.

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Article VI.1.d.v "Fair Play" of the Elections Procedure Code states that "Candidates shall campaign in accordance with the rules of Fair Play. Breaking the rules of fair play include, but are not limited to: ...misrepresentation of facts."

Upon investigation, the CRO has determined that "UofT Voice" has not violated the Elections Procedure Code. The volunteer named in the complaint is both a volunteer with the current UTSU, as well as a volunteer with the "UofT Voice" campaign. The CRO further rules that association established through the volunteer in question is not an unfair advantage as other candidates may also recruit volunteers involved in the UTSU.

No demerit points will be issued for this complaint.

### *CRO Ruling 013*

Date: March 12, 2014

Time: 14:30

On March 10, 2014 at 14:34, the Chief Returning Officer (CRO) received a complaint that Presidential candidate Ye Huang had violated the Elections Procedure Code. The complainant alleged that Mr. Huang had violated the Code by posting one of his posters over that of another candidate's, substantially blocking the other candidate's platform. The complainant provided photographic evidence of the alleged violation.

Article VI.1.i.vii "Candidate Posters and Campaign Materials" of the Elections Procedure Code states "No Candidate's poster may overlap another Candidate's poster."

The CRO has investigated and determined that there is sufficient evidence to find a violation of Article VI.1.i.vii. The candidate or a non-arms' length party acting on behalf of the candidate posted the material over another candidate's poster and in doing so obscured the other candidate's platform and a substantial part of the poster.

By posting a poster over that of another candidate, Mr. Huang has engaged in:

Materials displayed in an unauthorized area (maximum demerit points: 5)

The CRO is issuing the following demerit points.

Ye Huang

2 demerit points for unapproved material

Total demerit points: 12

### *CRO Ruling 014*

Date: March 12, 2014

Time: 19:20

On March 10, 2014 at 19:46, the Chief Returning Officer (CRO) received a complaint that New College Director candidate Xinwei Li had violated the Elections Procedure Code. The complaint alleged that the candidate had placed their campaign poster over that of an opposing candidate's in violation of Article

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VI.1.i.vii "Candidate Posters and Campaign Materials" of the Elections Procedure Code. The complainant provided photographic evidence of the alleged violation regarding posters located on a poster barrel.

Upon investigation, the CRO has determined that Xinwei Li has not violated the Elections Procedure Code.

Article VI.1.s.iii "Candidate Posters and Campaign" of the Elections Procedure Code states "No Candidate's poster may overlap another Candidate's poster."

The CRO has investigated and determined that there is insufficient evidence to find a violation of Article VI.1.i.vii. While the CRO acknowledges that the Ms. Li's poster overlaps another, there was another poster not related to the elections that was placed on top of the other candidate's poster first. Ms. Li's poster was placed on top of this poster.

No demerit points will be issued for this complaint.

### *CRO Ruling 015*

Date: March 12, 2014

Time: 21:43

On March 11, 2014 at 11:45, the Chief Returning Officer (CRO) received a complaint that "UofT Voice" had violated the Elections Procedure Code. The complainant alleged that "Team Voice" had placed campaign materials within site of the polling station, in violation of Article VI.n.iii "Campaign Restrictions on Polling Stations".

The complainant further alleged that a campaign material of "UofT Voice" was placed within six metres of a polling station during a voting day, in violation of Article VI.n.ii "Campaign Restrictions on Polling Stations".

Article VI.n "Campaign Restrictions on Polling Stations" of the EPC states "No campaign materials shall be placed within six (6) metres of a polling station during voting days", and "No campaign materials may be clearly visible from the polling station".

The CRO has investigated and determined that there is insufficient evidence to find a violation of Articles VI.n.ii or VI.n.iii. There were no campaign materials clearly visible from the polling station. Members of "UofT Voice" did not place campaign materials within six (6) metres of a polling station.

No demerit points will be issued for this complaint.

### *CRO Ruling 016*

Date: March 12, 2014

Time: 8:00

Beginning on March 10, 2014 at 10:56, the Chief Returning Officer (CRO) received a complaint that "UofT Voice" violated the Elections Procedure Code. The complainants alleged that they had received unsolicited SMS and/or emails campaigning for members of "UofT" Voice. One complainant provided evidence of the SMS they received.

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Upon investigation, the CRO has determined that there is insufficient evidence to find a violation of the Elections Procedure Code in this matter. While the CRO acknowledges that at least one of the complainants received a SMS containing a message campaigning for members of "UofT" Voice, there is both insufficient and conflicting evidence to indicate that the complainants did not provide their personal contact information to "UofT Voice" for the purposes of receiving such information.

No demerit points will be issued for this complaint.

### *CRO Ruling 017*

Date: March 13, 2014

Time: 15:00

On March 11, 2014 at 15:39, the Chief Returning Officer (CRO) received a complaint that "UofT Voice" had violated the Elections Procedure Code. The complaint alleged that a volunteer for "UofT Voice" had been campaigning and campaign materials were being left by voters within the 6-metre boundary of a polling station in violation of Articles VI.1.n.i and VI.1.n.ii "Campaign Restrictions on Polling Stations" of the EPC.

Upon investigation, the CRO has determined that there is insufficient evidence to find a violation of Article VI.1.n.i, in regards to campaigning occurring within the 6-metre boundary.

Upon further investigation, the CRO has determined that "UofT Voice" has not violated Article VI.1.n.ii. While the CRO acknowledges that voters have left materials at voting booths, candidates are not responsible for the actions of voters who are arm's length parties. Election staff has been instructed to remove all campaign materials from unauthorized areas continuously throughout the voting period. The CRO has requested that voting staff remind voters to clear the voting area after use.

No demerit points will be issued for this complaint.

### *CRO Ruling 018*

Date: March 13, 2014

Time: 16:00

On March 11, 2014 at 16:09, the Chief Returning Officer (CRO) received a complaint that Presidential candidate Yolen Bollo-Kamara, Vice-President Internal & Services candidate Cameron Wathey, Vice-President Equity candidate Najiba Ali Sardar, Vice-President External candidate Grayce Slobodian, and Vice-President University Affairs candidate Zijian Yang had violated the Elections Procedure Code. The complaint alleged that posters of the aforementioned candidates were placed in Woodsworth Residence during the voting period, violating Article VI.1.s.i "Campaigning During Voting Period". The complainant attached photographic evidence.

Article VI.1.s.i "Campaigning During Voting Period" states that "During the specified voting period, and subject to Article VI.1(n), Campaigning is allowed with the following restrictions: ... Campaigning is not allowed within six (6) metres of a student residence."

Upon investigation, the CRO has determined that Ms. Bollo-Kamara, Mr. Wathey, Ms. Ali Sardar, Ms. Slobodian and Mr. Yang have not violated Article VI.1.s.i of the Elections Procedure Code. The photographic evidence submitted indicates that the posters are located in the Rotman Commerce facility in Woodsworth College.

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No demerit points will be issued for this complaint.

### *CRO Ruling 019*

Date: March 13, 2014

Time: 16:30

On March 11, 2014 at 16:30, the Chief Returning Officer (CRO) received a complaint that "UofT Voice" had violated the Elections Procedure Code. The complainant alleged that a "UofT Voice" flyer was placed in St. Hilda's College Residence during the voting period, violating Article VI.1.s.i "Campaigning During Voting Period". The complainant attached photographic evidence of the alleged violation.

Article VI.1.s.i "Campaigning During Voting Period" states "During the specified voting period, and subject to Article VI.1(n), Campaigning is allowed with the following restrictions: ... Campaigning is not allowed within six (6) metres of a student residence."

Upon investigation, the CRO has determined that there is insufficient evidence to find a violation of the Elections Procedure Code. While the CRO acknowledges the presence of campaign materials in the residence, there is insufficient to determine that "UofT Voice" or a non-arms' length party of "UofT Voice" placed the campaign materials in the residence during the voting period.

No demerit points will be issued for this complaint.

### *CRO Ruling 020*

Date: March 13, 2014

Time: 20:00

On March 11, 2014 at 16:30, the Chief Returning Officer (CRO) received a complaint that New College Director candidate Dennis Tuyishime had violated the Elections Procedure Code. The complainant alleged that the candidate's posters were visible in New College Residence during the voting period, violating Article VI.1.s.i "Campaigning During Voting Period". The complainant attached photographic evidence of the alleged violation.

Article VI.1.s.i "Campaigning During Voting Period" states that "During the specified voting period, and subject to Article VI.1(n), Campaigning is allowed with the following restrictions: ... Campaigning is not allowed within six (6) metres of a student residence."

Upon investigation, the CRO has determined that there is insufficient evidence to find a violation of the Elections Procedure Code. While the CRO acknowledges the presence of campaign materials in the residence, there is insufficient to determine that "UofT Voice" or a non-arms' length party of "UofT Voice" placed the campaign materials in the residence during the voting period.

No demerit points will be issued for this complaint.

### *CRO Ruling 021*

Date: March 14, 2014

Time: 9:00

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On March 12, 2014 at 12:23, the Chief Returning Officer (CRO) received a complaint that Victoria College Director candidate Victor Lee violated the Elections Procedure Code. The complainant alleged that they had received unsolicited private Facebook message from the candidate. The complainant provided photographic evidence of the message.

Upon investigation, the CRO has determined that it would be inappropriate to make a judgment on this complaint. As the exchange passed between Facebook 'friends', it is not unreasonable that a candidate would personally reach out in private exchanges through social media to campaign.

No demerit points will be issued for this complaint.

### *CRO Ruling 022*

Date: March 14, 2014

Time: 12:00

On March 12, 2014 at 16:30, the Chief Returning Officer (CRO) received a complaint that "UofT Voice" had violated the Elections Procedure Code. The complainant alleged that there had been multiple messages written on chalkboards in Sidney Smith Classrooms during the voting period, violating the Elections Procedure Code. The complainant attached photographic evidence of the alleged violation.

Upon investigation, the CRO has determined that "UofT Voice" has not violated the Elections Procedure Code. There is no rule in the Elections Procedure Code preventing the use of classroom chalkboards for campaigning.

No demerit points will be issued for this complaint.

### *CRO Ruling 023*

Date: March 14, 2014

Time: 12:00

On March 13, 2014 at 19:06, the Chief Returning Officer (CRO) received a complaint that Faculty of Kinesiology and Physical Education Director candidate Ryan Schwenger had violated the Elections Procedure Code (EPC). The complainant alleged that Mr. Schwenger claimed that candidates on "UofT Voice" had authorized a retreat for five people at a cost of \$10,000, violating Article VI.1.d.viii.3 "Fair Play" of the EPC.

Article VI.1.d.vii.3 of the Elections Procedure Code states "Candidates shall campaign in accordance with the rules of Fair Play. Breaking the rules of fair play include, but are not limited to:...misrepresentation of facts."

Upon investigation, the CRO has determined that Mr. Schwenger's statement is in violation of the EPC. "UofT Voice" members authorized a retreat for 40 people at a cost of \$10,000. This creates the impression that members of "UofT Voice" have engaged in irresponsible spending and misrepresents candidates currently serving as members of the Board of Directors.

Ryan Schwenger

2 demerit points for unintentional misrepresentation of facts.

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Total demerit points: 2

### *CRO Ruling 024*

Date: March 14, 2014

Time: 13:45

On March 13, 2014 at 13:20, the Chief Returning Officer (CRO) received a complaint that Vice-President Internal and Services candidate Anna Chenchen Yin had violated the Elections Procedure Code. The complainant alleged that the candidate campaigned to voters within six (6) metres of a polling station, violating Article VI.1.n.i "Campaigning Restrictions on Polling Stations". The complainant attached photographic evidence of the alleged violation.

Article VI.1.n.i states "Candidates are not allowed within six (6) metres of a designated polling station, except to vote."

Upon investigation, the CRO has determined that there is sufficient evidence to find a violation of Article VI.1.n.i of the Elections Procedure Code.

The CRO is issuing the following demerit points:

Chenchen Anna Yin:

2 demerit points for campaigning in an unauthorized area.

Total demerit points: 5

### *CRO Ruling 025*

Date: March 14, 2014

Time: 13:50

On March 13, 2014 at 17:05, the Chief Returning Officer (CRO) received a complaint that Faculty of Arts and Science Director candidate Kevin Lunianga had violated the Elections Procedure Code (EPC) . The complainant alleged that the candidate campaigned to voters within six (6) metres of a polling station, violating Article VI.1.n.i "Campaigning Restrictions on Polling Stations". The complainant attached photographic evidence of the alleged violation.

Article VI.1.n.i states "Candidates are not allowed within six (6) metres of a designated polling station, except to vote."

Upon investigation, the CRO has determined that there is insufficient evidence to find a violation of Article VI.1.n.i of the Elections Procedure Code.

No demerit points will be awarded for this complaint.

### *CRO Ruling 026*

Date: March 14, 2014



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Time: 14:10

On March 13, 2014 at 19:29, the Chief Returning Officer (CRO) received a complaint that Arts & Science At-Large candidate Kevin Lunianga had violated the Elections Procedure Code. The complainant alleged that the candidate campaigned to voters within six (6) metres of a polling station, violating Article VI.1.n.i "Campaigning Restrictions on Polling Stations". The complainant attached photographic evidence of the alleged violation.

Article VI.1.n.i states "Candidates are not allowed within six (6) metres of a designated polling station, except to vote."

Upon investigation, the CRO has determined that there is sufficient evidence to find a violation of Article VI.1.n.i of the Elections Procedure Code.

The CRO is issuing the following demerit points:

Kevin Lunianga:

2 demerit points for campaigning in an unauthorized area.

Total demerit points: 2

### *CRO Ruling 027*

Date: March 14, 2014

Time: 14:00

On March 13, 2014 at 13:25, the Chief Returning Officer (CRO) received a complaint that Presidential candidate Yolen Bollo-Kamara and Vice President Internal & Services candidate Cameron Wathey had violated the Elections Procedure Code. The complainant alleged that the candidates had abused their position on the basis of having volunteers campaigning on their behalf as benefit of office in violation of Article VI.1.p "Benefits Acquired by Virtue of Office" of the Elections Procedure Code. The complainant further alleges that some of the volunteers misrepresented their affiliation with the candidates by indicating they were University of Toronto students in violation of Article VI.1.d.v "Fair Play" of the Elections Procedure Code.

Article VI.1.p "Benefits Acquired by Virtue of Office" of the Elections Procedure Code states that "Candidates cannot use services or funds that they acquired through holding a position in a campus organization unless the same services are available to all other Candidates. This includes the use of office supplies, equipment, advertising space and staff."

Article VI.1.d.v "Fair Play" of the Elections Procedure Code states that "Candidates shall campaign in accordance with the rules of Fair Play. Breaking the rules of fair play include, but are not limited to: ...misrepresentation of facts."

Upon investigation, the CRO has determined that Ms Bollo-Kamara and Mr. Wathey have not violated Article VI.1.p. The use of volunteers that they may have met through service of UTSU does not constitute the use of "staff" as described in the Elections Procedure Code. Upon investigation, the CRO has determined that Ms Bollo-Kamara and Mr. Wathey have violated Article VI.1.d.v. As per Article VI.1.c "Responsibility of Candidates", candidates are responsible for actions of any Non-Arm's Length Party. As a volunteer misrepresented their status as a student at University of Toronto, Ms. Bollo-Kamara and Mr. Wathey are responsible for this misrepresentation.

By giving a false statement to students, Ms. Bollo-Kamara and Mr. Wathey have engaged in:

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Intentional Misrepresentation of facts (maximum demerit points: 10)

The CRO is issuing the following demerit points:

Yolen Bollo-Kamara:

2 demerit points for misrepresentation of facts

Total demerit points: 2

Cameron Wathey:

2 demerit points for misrepresentation of facts

Total demerit points: 2

### *CRO Ruling 028*

Date: March 14, 2014

Time: 14:00

On March 13, 2014 at 11:55, the Chief Returning Officer (CRO) received a complaint that Vice-President Internal and Services candidate Anna Chenchen Yin had violated the Elections Procedure Code. The complainant alleged that the candidate engaged in intentional misrepresentation of fact, malicious or intentional breach of elections policy by knowingly presenting false information to voters, violating Article VI.1.d.vi and Article VI.1.d.viii "Fair Play" of the EPC. The complainant attached audio evidence of the alleged violation.

Article VI.1.d states "Candidates shall campaign in accordance with the rules of Fair Play. Breaking the rules of fair play include, but are not limited to:...malicious or intentional breach of elections policy;...misrepresentation of facts."

Upon investigation, the CRO has determined that there is sufficient evidence to find multiple violations of the Elections Procedure Code.

Ms. Yin claimed that the UTSU membership fee was \$345. Ms. Yin has already been told to correct this claim in a previous ruling. This is in violation of VI.1.d.viii.3 and VI.1.d.vi and is intentional breach of elections policy, in addition to both intentional and gross misrepresentation of fact.

Ms. Yin claimed that the UTSU has no report indicating where funds are spent. The CRO has investigated and found that there is an audit report on the UTSU website as well as budgets. This is in violation of VI.1.d.viii.3 and is both intentional and gross misrepresentation of fact.

Ms. Yin claimed that the UTSU's largest expense is Executive salaries. The CRO has investigated and found that this false. This is in violation of VI.1.d.viii.3 and is an intentional misrepresentation of fact.

Ms. Yin claimed that the UTSU allowed the University of Toronto Mississauga to leave the organization in the past and divert fees to UTM. The CRO has investigated and found that this is false. This is in violation of VI.1.d.viii.3 and is a misrepresentation of fact.

Ms. Yin claimed that the UTSU is preventing autonomous organizations from "leaving" the UTSU by citing UTSU bylaws. The CRO has investigated and found that this is false. This is in violation of VI.1.d.viii.3 and is a misrepresentation of fact.

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Ms. Yin claimed that a Student Society Summit was created to investigate undemocratic UTSU bylaws. The CRO has investigated and found that this is false. This is in violation of VI.1.d.viii.3 and is a misrepresentation of fact.

There is a concern that this false information has been presented to multiple students multiple times, deceiving potential voters to secure votes.

Ms. Yin has engaged in:

Misrepresentation of facts (maximum demerit points: 3)

Intentional misrepresentation of facts (maximum demerit points: 10)

Gross misrepresentation of facts (maximum demerit points: 20)

Malicious or intentional violation of Elections Procedure Code or Policy (maximum demerit points: 20)

Failure to comply with the spirit and purpose of the elections (maximum demerit points: 35)

The following demerit points are issued for this complaint:

Chenchen Anna Yin:

3 demerit points for misrepresentation of facts

10 demerit points for intentional misrepresentation of facts

15 demerit points for gross misrepresentation of facts

15 demerit points for malicious or intentional violation of the Elections Procedure Code or Policy

15 demerit points for failure to comply with the spirit and purpose of the elections

Total demerit points: 63

### *CRO Ruling 029*

Date: March 14, 2014

Time: 14:45

On March 13, 2014 at 12:34, the Chief Returning Officer (CRO) was contacted by Vice-President Equity candidate Baliqis Olaitan Hashiru to approve a statement to be used as campaign material. The CRO then discovered that the statement was already being used as campaign material as of 12:09.

Article VI.3.c "Committee Initiative" of the Elections Procedure Code states "Where the CRO or a member of the ERC [Elections and Referenda Committee] finds evidence of a violation, the ERC or CRO may charge a candidate with a violation of campaign rules."

The CRO has determined that Baliqis Olaitan Hashiru has violated the Elections Procedure Code.

Article VI.3.k.i states that the use of unapproved material is a violation for which demerit points may be issued.

By using the material before sending it to the CRO for approval, Ms. Olaitan Hashiru has violated Article VI.3.k.i and engaged in:

Unapproved material (maximum demerit points: 15)

The CRO is issuing the following demerit points:

Baliqis Olaitan Hashiru

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5 demerit point for unapproved material

Total demerit points: 8

### *CRO Ruling 030*

Date: March 14, 2014

Time: 14:55

On March 13:53pm, the Chief Returning Officer (CRO) received a complaint that Faculty of Engineering candidate Abhi Amalsadia had violated the Elections Procedure Code. The complainant alleged that the candidate Abhi Amalsadia had violated the Code by posting posters lacking stamps indicating CRO approval.

Article VI.1.f "Adherence to Existing Policy" of the Elections Procedure Code states "All campaign tactics, material and advertisements need approval by the CRO in advance of posting or distribution."

The CRO has investigated and determined that there is sufficient evidence to find a violation of Article VI.1.f. There were multiple posters missing the stamps indicating CRO approval for physical materials, indicating that it was not an oversight during stamping.

By posting a poster lacking the stamp indicating CRO approval, Mr. Amalsadia has engaged in:

Unapproved material (maximum demerit points: 15)

In light of the fact that the CRO ruled on this issue previously and had requested that the candidate's posters be taken down, the CRO is issuing further demerit points.

Abhi Amalsadia:

10 demerit points for unapproved material

Total demerit points: 13

### *CRO Ruling 031*

Date: March 14, 2014

Time: 15:20

On March 12, 2014 at 15:30, the Chief Returning Officer (CRO) discovered evidence that New College Director candidate Silviu Kondan had violated the Elections Procedure Code. One of the candidate's posters was found to be posted in Robarts Library, violating Article VI.1.s.iii "Campaigning During Voting Period", and VI.1.s.i "Campaigning During Voting Period" of the Elections Procedure Code.

Article VI.1.s.iii "Campaigning During Voting Period" of the Elections Procedure Code states "Campaigning and campaign materials are not allowed within six (6) metres of a Library."

By posting a candidate poster within six metres of a library, Mr. Kondan engaged in:

Campaigning in an unauthorized area (maximum demerit points: 10)

The CRO is issuing the following demerit points:

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Silviu Kondan:

3 demerit points for unapproved material

Total demerit points: 3

### *CRO Ruling 032*

Date: March 15, 2014

Time: 18:00

On March 14, 2014 at 16:31, the Chief Returning Officer (CRO) received a complaint Team Unite had violated the Elections Procedure Code (EPC) . The complainant alleged that a volunteer from Team Unite had campaigned to voters within six (6) metres of a polling station, violating Article VI.1.n.i "Campaigning Restrictions on Polling Stations". The complainant attached photographic evidence of the alleged violation.

Article VI.1.n.i states "Candidates are not allowed within six (6) metres of a designated polling station, except to vote."

Upon investigation, the CRO has determined that there is insufficient evidence to find a violation of Article VI.1.n.i of the Elections Procedure Code.

No demerit points will be awarded for this complaint.

### *CRO Ruling 033*

Date: March 15, 2014

Time: 18:30

On March 13, 2014 at 16:37, the Chief Returning Officer (CRO) received a complaint that Engineering candidate Ryan Gomes had violated the Elections Procedure Code. The complainant alleged that the candidate campaigned to voters within six (6) metres of a polling station, violating Article VI.1.n.i "Campaigning Restrictions on Polling Stations". The complainant attached photographic evidence of the alleged violation.

Article VI.1.n.i states "Candidates are not allowed within six (6) metres of a designated polling station, except to vote."

Upon investigation, the CRO has determined that there is sufficient evidence to find a violation of Article VI.1.n.i of the Elections Procedure Code.

The CRO is issuing the following demerit points:

Ryan Gomes:

2 demerit points for campaigning in an unauthorized area.

Total demerit points: 2

### *CRO Ruling 034*

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Date: March 15, 2014

Time: 19:00

On March 15, 2014 at 17:41, the Chief Returning Officer (CRO) received a complaint that "UofT Voice" had violated Article VI.1.s.iii "Campaigning During Voting Period" of the Elections Procedure Code. The complainant provided photographic evidence of the alleged violations regarding posters located in Robarts Library.

Article VI.1.s.iii "Campaigning During Voting Period" of the Elections Procedure Code states "Campaigning and campaign materials are not allowed within six (6) metres of a Library."

Upon investigation, the CRO has determined that "UofT Voice" has not violated the Elections Procedure Code. While the CRO acknowledges the presence of "UofT Voice" campaign materials, there is no evidence to indicate that the materials were brought into and distributed in the library by members of "UofT Voice" or by a non-arms' length party.

No demerit points will be issued for this complaint.

### *CRO Ruling 035*

Date: March 16, 2014

Time: 17:00

On March 15, 2014 at 17:09, the Chief Returning Officer (CRO) received a complaint that the operation of a polling station in the Davis Building at University of Toronto Mississauga on March 14, 2014 from 10am-3pm contravened the Elections Procedure Code. The complainant went on to allege that member of "UofTVoice" were aware of this information prior to the general public being made prior to this information, giving "UofTVoice" an advantage. The complainant contended that in respect of the above, all the votes from the Davis Building should be disposed of and not counted towards the results.

Article IV.1.j. "The Elections and Referenda Committee" of the Elections Procedure Code states "... To ensure a fair and equal distribution of polling stations, locations shall be ratified by the Elections and Referenda Committee on recommendation of the CRO in consultation with the ERC Chair. In allocating polling stations, the ERC will consider factors including, but not limited to, cost, logistics, proximity to other polling stations, accessibility, traffic, and poll locations in previous elections.

Article IV.1.j. "The Elections and Referenda Committee" of the Elections Procedure Code states "Polling locations shall be publicized at the start of the campaign period."

Upon investigation, the CRO has determined that there has been no violation of the Elections Procedure Code. The CRO acknowledges that the original polling stations for University of Toronto Mississauga did not include the Davis Building. However, the Davis Building had been ratified as a polling location by the ERC on January 8, 2014, and was not used on March 11-13, 2014 due to a prior booking. Additionally, it was at the request of UTM students the polling station was moved to the Davis Building on the morning of the final day of voting. Finally, due to the scheduling of an ancillary day of voting to accommodate for the closure of University of Toronto Mississauga on March 12, 2014 as a result of weather conditions, it was deemed necessary to accommodate the students' needs in this respect.

Upon investigation, the CRO has determined that members of "UofTVoice" were not informed of the polling station in Davis prior to the general public. Members of "UofTVoice" were at the University of

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Toronto Mississauga campus well in advance of the polls opening at 10:00 and saw the polling stations being set up at the same time as the general public.

The CRO has decided that the above issues are not sufficient reason to dispose of the votes from the Davis Building, in that to do so would disenfranchise University of Toronto Mississauga voters and would not contribute to a fair election for the entire constituency of the University of Toronto Students' Union.

### *CRO Ruling 036*

Date: March 18, 2014

Time: 14:00

On March 16, 2014 at 14:21, the Chief Returning Officer (CRO) received a complaint that "UofT Voice" had violated the Elections Procedure Code. The complaint alleged that "UofT Voice" still had a picture up on their website claiming Candi Chin-Sang was their University College Board of Director Candidate, and that by not removing the poster in 2 weeks, "UofT Voice" was committing a misrepresentation of the composition of their team. Further the complainant alleged that by keeping the picture & platform of Ms. Chin-Sang, "UofT Voice" was further misrepresenting that Ms. Chin-Sang's platform points were still a part of the goals of "UofT Voice" in violation of Article VI.1.d.v "Fair Play" of the Elections Procedure Code.

Article VI.1.d.v "Fair Play" of the Elections Procedure Code states that "Candidates shall campaign in accordance with the rules of Fair Play. Breaking the rules of fair play include, but are not limited to: ...misrepresentation of facts."

Upon investigation, the CRO has determined that there is insufficient evidence that "UofT Voice" has violated Article VI.1.d.v. Ms. Chin-Sang did not officially give notice to the CRO of the withdrawal of her candidacy until Monday, March 11, 2014, and additionally did not inform "UofT Voice" or make any contact with "UofT Voice" in regards to this matter. While the CRO acknowledges that Ms. Chin-Sang's picture remained on the website, this material had been approved well in advance of her withdrawal, and it stands that it would be Ms. Chin-Sang's responsibility to contact "UofT Voice" in regards to removing social media material displaying her as a candidate. Additionally, there is insufficient evidence to rule that Ms. Chin-Sang's platform was no longer a part of "UofT Voice"'s goals though Ms. Chin-Sang was no longer a part of "UofT Voice".

No demerit points will be issued for this complaint.

### *CRO Ruling 037*

Date: March 19, 2014

Time: 8:00

On March 16, 2014 at 14:13, the Chief Returning Officer (CRO) received a complaint that Team Unite had violated the Elections Procedure Code. The complaint alleged that Team Unite, particularly the Executive candidates, had misrepresented that the Professional Faculty At-Large Candidate, Andi Musa, was a part of Team Unite, in violation of Article VI.1.d.v "Fair Play" of the Elections Procedure Code. The complainant alleged that this misled some members from the Engineering constituency to vote for Team Unite.

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Article VI.1.d.v "Fair Play" of the Elections Procedure Code states that "Candidates shall campaign in accordance with the rules of Fair Play. Breaking the rules of fair play include, but are not limited to: ...misrepresentation of facts."

Upon investigation, the CRO has determined that there is insufficient evidence to find that Team Unite has violated Article VI.1.d.v. While the CRO acknowledges that Team Unite promoted Mr. Musa as an independent candidate, there is insufficient evidence to demonstrate that Team Unite attempted to capitalize on Mr. Musa's independent status to garner more votes.

No demerit points will be issued for this complaint

### *CRO Ruling 038*

Date: March 19, 2014

Time: 12:00

On March 17, 2014 at 16:42, the Chief Returning Officer (CRO) received a complaint that Professional Faculty At-Large candidates Andi Musa and Thomas Boyang Huang, and Faculty of Engineering candidate Abhi Amalsadia had violated the Elections Procedure Code. The complainant alleged the candidates had left their posters up in the Bahen Building past the forty-eight hour deadline to remove print materials, in violation of Article VI.1.i.ix "Candidate Posters and Campaign Materials" of the Elections Procedure Code. The complainant attached photographic evidence.

Article VI.1.i.ix "Candidate Posters and Campaign Materials" of the Elections Procedure Code states that "All print campaign materials must be removed within forty-eight (48) hours after the close of the voting period."

Upon investigation, the CRO has determined there is sufficient evidence to indicate that Mr. Musa, Mr. Huang and Mr. Amalsadia have violated the Elections Procedure Code.

By leaving print materials up beyond the forty-eight hour deadline for removal, the candidates have engaged in:

Post-Campaign Materials (Maximum demerit points: 5)

The CRO is issuing the following demerit points:

Andi Musa:

1 demerit points for post-campaign materials

Total demerit points: 1

Thomas Boyang Huang:

1 demerit points for post-campaign materials

Total demerit points: 1

Abhi Amalsadia:

1 demerit points for post-campaign materials

Total demerit points: 14

### *CRO Ruling 039*



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Submitted by: Alex Flor, Chief Returning Officer

Monday, March 24, 2014

Date: March 19, 2014

Time: 12:10

On March 17, 2014 at 17:18, the Chief Returning Officer (CRO) received a complaint that Vice President External candidate Grayce Slobodian and Vice President Equity candidate Najiba Ali Sardar had violated the Elections Procedure Code. The complainant alleged the candidates had left their posters up in the Faculty of Rotman Commerce in Woodsworth Residence past the forty-eight hour deadline to remove print materials, in violation of Article VI.1.i.ix "Candidate Posters and Campaign Materials" of the Elections Procedure Code. The complainant attached photographic evidence.

Article VI.1.i.ix "Candidate Posters and Campaign Materials" of the Elections Procedure Code states that "All print campaign materials must be removed within forty-eight (48) hours after the close of the voting period."

Upon investigation, the CRO has determined there is sufficient evidence to indicate that Ms Slobodian and Ms Ali Sardar have violated the Elections Procedure Code.

By leaving print materials up beyond the forty-eight hour deadline for removal, the candidates have engaged in:

Post-Campaign Materials (Maximum demerit points: 5)

The CRO is issuing the following demerit points:

Grayce Slobodian:

1 demerit points for post-campaign materials

Total demerit points: 1

Najiba Ali Sardar:

1 demerit points for post-campaign materials

Total demerit points: 1

### *CRO Ruling 040*

Date: March 19, 2014

Time: 12:20

On March 17, 2014 at 17:18, the Chief Returning Officer (CRO) received a complaint that Yolen Bollo-Kamara, Cameron Wathey, Grayce Slobodian, Zijian Yang, Andi Musa, Thomas Boyang Huang, Abhi Amalsadia, and Niki Fimalino had violated the Elections Procedure Code. The complainant alleged the candidates had left their posters up in the Faculty of Rotman Commerce in Woodsworth Residence past the forty-eight hour deadline to remove print materials, in violation of Article VI.1.i.ix "Candidate Posters and Campaign Materials" of the Elections Procedure Code. The complainant attached photographic evidence.

Article VI.1.i.ix "Candidate Posters and Campaign Materials" of the Elections Procedure Code states that "All print campaign materials must be removed within forty-eight (48) hours after the close of the voting period."

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Upon investigation, the CRO has determined there is sufficient evidence to indicate that Ms Slobodian and Ms Ali Sardar have violated the Elections Procedure Code.

By leaving print materials up beyond the forty-eight hour deadline for removal, the candidates have engaged in:

Post-Campaign Materials (Maximum demerit points: 5)

The CRO is issuing the following demerit points, in light of the number of print materials remaining posted per candidate:

Yolen Bollo-Kamara:

1 demerit points for post-campaign materials

Total demerit points: 1

Cameron Wathey:

2 demerit points for post-campaign materials

Total demerit points: 2

Grayce Slobodian:

2 demerit points for post-campaign materials

Total demerit points: 2

Zijian Yang:

2 demerit points for post-campaign materials

Total demerit points: 3

Andi Musa:

2 demerit points for post-campaign materials

Total demerit points: 3

Thomas Huang:

2 demerit points for post-campaign materials

Total demerit points: 3

Abhi Amalsadia:

2 demerit points for post-campaign materials

Total demerit points: 16

Niki Fimalino:

1 demerit points for post-campaign materials

Total demerit points: 1

*CRO Ruling 041*

Date: March 20, 2014

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Submitted by: Alex Flor, Chief Returning Officer

Monday, March 24, 2014

Time: 23:45

On March 19, 2014 at 00:04, the Chief Returning Officer (CRO) received a complaint that "UofT Voice" had violated the Elections Procedure Code. The complainant alleges that Corey Scott, as a non-arm's-length party of "UofT Voice", committed a misrepresentation of fact in violation of Article VI.1.d.v "Fair Play" of the Elections Procedure Code. The complainant referenced an online article which quoted Mr. Scott and alleged that they included the following misrepresentations by Mr. Scott:

- 1) That all scrutineers were given the same instructions and access to scrutineer the online and paper ballots.
- 2) That the count included scrutineers for all candidates.
- 3) That the count included scrutineers, elections staff, as well as the CRO and DROs.

The complainant alleged that the above were misrepresentations on the basis that:

- 1) That the scrutineers had not had access to scrutineer the online ballots.
- 2) That the count did not include scrutineers for all candidates, and further that only five scrutineers from each 'team' were allowed in the room.
- 3) That the room included other people beyond the elections staff, CROs and DROs.

Article VI.1.d.v "Fair Play" of the Elections Procedure Code states that "Candidates shall campaign in accordance with the rules of Fair Play. Breaking the rules of fair play include, but are not limited to: ...misrepresentation of facts."

Upon investigation, the CRO has determined that Mr. Scott as a non-arm's-length party of "UofT Voice" has not violated the Elections Procedure Code. The statement that all scrutineers were given the same access to scrutinize the online ballot is correct. The statement of the count, rather than the room, including scrutineers, elections staff as well as the CROs and DROs is correct as it was only these people who participated in the counting process. The statement in regards to the count including scrutineers for all candidates is not correct, but whether this can be attributed to Mr. Scott or the article's parsing is unclear. Further, the allegation by complainant that only five scrutineers from each 'team' were allowed in the room is incorrect as one of the 'teams' elected to send some scrutineers home prior to the count beginning.

No demerit points will be awarded for this complaint.

### *CRO Ruling 042*

Date: March 21, 2014

Time: 00:30

On March 19, 2014 at 01:03, the Chief Returning Officer (CRO) received a complaint that Vice President External candidate Grayce Slobodian and Trinity College Director candidate Joanne Zhang had violated the Elections Procedure Code. The complainant alleged the candidates had left their posters up in the Gerald Larkin Building past the forty-eight hour deadline to remove print materials, in violation of Article VI.1.i.ix "Candidate Posters and Campaign Materials" of the Elections Procedure Code. The complainant attached photographic evidence.

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Article VI.1.i.ix "Candidate Posters and Campaign Materials" of the Elections Procedure Code states that "All print campaign materials must be removed within forty-eight (48) hours after the close of the voting period."

Upon investigation, the CRO has determined there is insufficient evidence to indicate that Ms. Slobodian and Ms. Zhang have violated the Elections Procedure Code.

No demerit points will be issued for this complaint

### *CRO Ruling 043*

Date: March 21, 2014

Time: 20:00

On March 19, 2014 at 13:30, the Chief Returning Officer (CRO) discovered posters of Vice President University Affairs candidate Pierre Harfouche, Professional Faculties At-Large candidate Tolu Alabi, and New College Director candidate Xinwei Li in the Bahen Centre.

Article VI.3.c "Committee Initiative" of the Elections Procedure Code states "Where the CRO or a member of the ERC [Elections and Referenda Committee] finds evidence of a violation, the ERC or CRO may charge a candidate with a violation of campaign rules."

The CRO has determined that Pierre Harfouche, Tolu Alabi and Xinwei Li have violated the Elections Procedure Code.

Article VI.1.i.ix "Candidate Posters and Campaign Materials" of the Elections Procedure Code states that "All print campaign materials must be removed within forty-eight (48) hours after the close of the voting period."

By leaving print materials up beyond the forty-eight hour deadline for removal, Mr. Harfouche, Mr. Alabi and Mr. Li have engaged in:

Post-Campaign Materials (Maximum demerit points: 5)

The CRO is issuing the following demerit points:

Pierre Harfouche:

1 demerit points for post-campaign materials

Total demerit points: 4

Tolu Alabi:

1 demerit points for post-campaign materials

Total demerit points: 1

Xinwei Li:

1 demerit points for post-campaign materials

Total demerit points: 1

### *CRO Ruling 044*

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Date: March 21, 2014

Time: 20:15

On March 21, 2014 at 16:45, the Chief Returning Officer (CRO) received a complaint that Vice President Internal & Services Candidate Anna Yin had violated the Elections Procedure Code. The complainant alleged the candidate had left their posters up in the Bahen Centre past the forty-eight hour deadline to remove print materials, in violation of Article VI.1.i.ix "Candidate Posters and Campaign Materials" of the Elections Procedure Code. The complainant attached photographic evidence.

Article VI.1.i.ix "Candidate Posters and Campaign Materials" of the Elections Procedure Code states that "All print campaign materials must be removed within forty-eight (48) hours after the close of the voting period."

Upon investigation, the CRO has determined there is sufficient evidence to find that Ms. Yin has violated the Elections Procedure Code.

By leaving print materials up beyond the forty-eight hour deadline for removal, the candidates have engaged in:

Post-Campaign Materials (Maximum demerit points: 5)

The CRO is issuing the following demerit points:

Anna Yin:

1 demerit points for post-campaign materials

Total demerit points: 35

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### **Appendix B – ERC Rulings 001-010**

#### *ERC Ruling 001*

Date: February 26, 2014

Time: 17:40

On February 20, 2014, the Chief Returning Officer notified Pierre Harfouche, an individual seeking to gain candidacy in the elections, that he would not be permitted to seek candidacy for more than one (1) position for nomination for the current election period.

On February 23, 2014, Mr. Harfouche submitted an appeal to the Elections & Referenda Committee on the grounds that there is no rule that prevents an individual from seeking candidacy or election to multiple positions on the Board of Directors.

The Elections & Referenda Committee has reviewed the appeal and has resolved to uphold the ruling of the Chief Returning Officer. The Elections & Referenda Committee relies on Article VI.3.a.iii, which states, "The Chief Returning Officer and the Elections & Referenda Committee both have the power to make decisions about issues and events not covered by this Code."

The Elections and Referenda Committee has denied the appeal. Mr. Harfouche will not be permitted to seek candidacy or election for more than one (1) position.

#### *ERC Ruling 002*

Date: March 3, 2014

Time: 22:53

On March 2, 2014 the Chief Returning Officer ruled that Wenjun Lu did not meet the requirements for candidacy in the election.

On March 2, 2014, Ms. Lu requested that the Elections and Referenda Committee review the decision.

As of March 3, 2014, the Elections and Referenda Committee has completed an extensive review of the decision.

The Committee has upheld the ruling of the Chief Returning Officer. Ms. Lu has not met the requirements for candidacy in the election.

#### *ERC Ruling 003*

Date: March 3, 2014

Time: 22:53

On March 2, 2014 the Chief Returning Officer ruled that Billi Wun did not meet the requirements for candidacy in the election.

On March 2, 2014, Mr. Wun requested that the Elections and Referenda Committee review the decision.

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As of March 3, 2014, the Elections and Referenda Committee has completed an extensive review of the decision.

The Committee has upheld the ruling of the Chief Returning Officer. Mr. Wun has not met the requirements for candidacy in the election.

### *ERC Ruling 004*

Date: March 3, 2014

Time: 22:53

On March 2, 2014 the Chief Returning Officer ruled that Matthew Lee did not meet the requirements for candidacy in the election.

On March 2, 2014, Mr. Lee requested that the Elections and Referenda Committee review the decision.

As of March 3, 2014, the Elections and Referenda Committee has completed an extensive review of the decision.

The Committee has upheld the ruling of the Chief Returning Officer. Mr. Lee has not met the requirements for candidacy in the election.

### *ERC Ruling 005*

Date: March 5, 2014

Time: 22:46

On March 5 at 17:36, Vice-President Vice-President University Affairs Candidate Zijian Yang appealed CRO Ruling 002 to the Elections and Referenda Committee (ERC). Mr. Yang was assigned 3 demerit points in the ruling for violating Articles VI.1.d.viii "Fair Play" and VI.1.f "Approval of Campaign material" of the Elections Procedure Code.

The ERC allowed Mr. Yang's representative to make an appeal on his behalf. The appellant requested that the demerit points assigned be reduced to 0 based on the following argument:

- The appellant produced an email wherein a poster for Mr. Yang that contained the platform point "Advocate for the elimination of winter" was approved by the Chief Returning Officer (CRO).
- The appellant produced a subsequent email wherein an updated poster for Mr. Yang containing the platform point "Advocate for the elimination of winter residence fees" was approved by the CRO. In this email, it was clarified that Mr. Yang's platform did not include an intention to advocate for the elimination of winter and that the original poster was the result of a typographical error.
- That Mr. Yang had no intention of misleading students and had unintentionally posted the poster with the typographical error on a social media platform. Mr. Yang corrected the error as soon as he was aware it had occurred, within a matter of hours.

On the matter of unapproved material, the Committee resolved to affirm the appeal. There will be no demerit points assigned for unapproved material.

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On the matter of misrepresentation of fact, the Committee resolved to uphold the ruling of the CRO. Though the misrepresentation was minor and in error, the fact remains that Mr. Yang's platform does not contain an intention to advocate for the elimination of winter.

In summary,

The Committee upheld the ruling of the CRO with respect to "misrepresentation of facts".

The Committee affirmed the appeal with respect to "unapproved material". All demerit points previously assigned by the CRO were expunged by the ERC.

Zijian Yang:

1 demerit point for misrepresentation of fact

0 demerit points for unapproved material

Total demerit points: 1

### *ERC Ruling 006*

Date: March 5, 2014

Time: 23:17

On March 5 at 18:14, Vice-President External Candidate Nicky Bhatti appealed CRO Ruling 001 to the Elections and Referenda Committee (ERC). Mr. Bhatti was assigned 10 demerit points in the ruling for violating Articles VI.1.d.vii & viii "Fair Play" and VI.1.f "Approval of Campaign material" of the Elections Procedure Code (EPC).

The ERC allowed Mr. Bhatti and Mr. Bhatti's representative to make an appeal on his behalf. The appellant requested that the demerit points assigned for "intentional misrepresentation of fact" to be reduced to one (1) and for the demerit points assigned for "failure to follow the grievance procedure outlined in the Elections Procedure Code or Policy" based on the following argument:

- The appellant stated that his campaign manager had erroneously assumed that his poster was approved when most of "Team Unite's" campaign materials were sent approvals by 10:00 on March 3.
- The appellant stated that he then put his campaign poster online between 10:00 – 10:30.
- The appellant stated that he was then contacted by the Chief Returning Officer, who informed him he had received a conditional approval, and that the conditions had not been met. He stated that he was informed that his platform point to: "reallocate the millions spent on advertisements by the government to better fund jobs for youth" was misleading as it was beyond the powers of an Executive Committee member of the University of Toronto Students' Union.
- The appellant stated that he agreed with the CRO and changed the phrasing to make clear that he would lobby for the reallocation of millions spent on advertisements by the government to better fund jobs for youth.
- The appellant stated that he had no part in contacting The Varsity about the misphrasing on his poster.
- The appellant stated that he had no part in communicating to The Varsity that his team was unable to campaign.



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- The appellant stated that some of his teammates were frustrated that they had to wait for responses from the CRO and decided to inform The Varsity.
- The appellant stated that an individual representing him and his team contacted The Varsity on behalf of his team.
- The appellant stated that this individual overstepped his boundaries.
- The appellant stated that he was not quoted in The Varsity.

On the matter of “intentional misrepresentation of fact”, the Committee resolved to uphold the ruling of the CRO, but to reduce the assigned demerit points from three (3) to two (2). Mr. Bhatti's testimony further corroborated that The Varsity was provided with false information. The Committee recognizes that Bhatti himself did not make these claims. However, he is still responsible for them, as they were made on his behalf. The Article VI.1.c of the EPC states that candidates are responsible for the actions and violations of any non-arm's-length parties.

On the matter of “failure to follow the grievance procedure outlined in the Elections Procedure Code or Policy”, the Committee resolved to uphold the ruling of the CRO, but to reduce the assigned demerit points from five (5) to three (3). Mr. Bhatti's testimony further corroborated that a representative acting on his behalf had a grievance for which he contacted The Varsity instead of following the prescribed procedures. The Committee recognizes that Bhatti himself did not take this action. However, he is still responsible for them, as they were taken on his behalf. The Article VI.1.c of the EPC states that candidates are responsible for the actions and violations of any non-arm's-length parties.

In summary,

The Committee upheld the ruling of the CRO with respect to “intentional misrepresentation of facts”. Demerit points previously assigned were reduced to two (2).

The Committee upheld the ruling of the CRO with respect to “failure to follow the grievance procedure outlined in the Elections Procedure Code or Policy”. Demerit points previously assigned were reduced to three (3).

Nicky Bhatti:

3 demerit points for failure to follow the grievance procedures outlined in the Elections Procedure Code or Policy

2 demerit points for intentional misrepresentation of fact

1 demerit point for unapproved material

1 demerit point for misrepresentation of fact

Total demerit points: 7

*ERC Ruling 007*

Date: March 16, 2014

Time: 21:27

On March 16 at 18:00, Vice-President Internal & Services Candidate Anna Chenchen Yin appealed CRO Ruling 028 to the Elections and Referenda Committee (ERC). Ms. Yin was assigned 58 demerit points in the ruling for violating Articles VI.1.d.vi & viii “Fair Play” of the Elections Procedure Code (EPC).

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The ERC allowed Ms. Yin and Ms. Yin's representative to make an appeal on her behalf. The appellant requested that the demerit points assigned for "Fair Play" to be reduced based on the following argument:

- That she did not receive evidence of her violation within 24 hours.
- That she told a student that students pay a "fee" of \$345 to the UTSU, but did not refer to this as a membership fee.
- That while she said that there is "no report indicating where fees are spent", that she later stated that there is an audit report released on an annual basis.
- That while she said that Executive Committee salaries are the largest expense of the UTSU, she later corrected herself, and stated that Executive and staff salaries are the largest expense.
- That she did not claim that UTM students "left" the UTSU, but said that UTM fees were "diverted" or remitted.
- That the claim that the UTSU was preventing autonomous groups from leaving is true, and corroborated by a letter written by former UTSU President Shaun Shepherd, dated February 27, 2013.
- That the claim that the Student Societies Summit was created to investigate undemocratic bylaws was an opinion, not a fact.

The Committee reviewed the audio evidence and decided the following:

Ms. Yin misrepresented the membership fee.

Ms. Yin misrepresented the fact that the UTSU provides reports of where membership fees are spent.

Ms. Yin misrepresented the largest expense of the UTSU.

Ms. Yin claimed that UTM students "left" the UTSU.

Ms. Yin's claim that the UTSU was preventing autonomous groups from leaving is untrue, and Mr. Shepherd's letter referred to the process to alter membership fees only.

That the claim that the Student Societies Summit was created to investigate undemocratic bylaws was stated as fact, but could be an opinion understood by the membership.

On the matter of "misrepresentation of facts", the Committee resolved to uphold the ruling of the CRO. On the other matters, the Committee agreed with the CRO that there was intentional misrepresentation and gross misrepresentation of facts. The Committee did not agree that her violations were sufficient to warrant disqualification.

In summary,

The Committee reduced the amount of demerit points issued for this violation to 29.

Total Demerit Points

Anna Chenchen Yin: 34

*ERC Ruling 008*

Date: March 16, 2014

Time: 16:10

On March 16 at 13:59, Presidential candidate Yolen Bollo-Kamara and Vice-President Internal & Services candidate Cameron Wathey appealed CRO Ruling 027 to the Elections and Referenda Committee

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(ERC). Ms. Bollo-Kamara and Mr. Wathey were assigned two (2) demerit points each in the ruling for violating Article VI.1.d.v "Fair Play" of the Elections Procedure Code (EPC).

The ERC consulted with the Chief Returning Officer who stated that she agrees with the appellants that the ruling should be expunged. She stated that she misread the complaint that led to this ruling and that it was not a violation of Article VI.1.d.v "Fair Play".

The Committee affirmed the appeal with respect to "Fair Play". All demerit points previously assigned by the CRO on this matter were expunged by the ERC.

Yolen Bollo-Kamara:

0 demerit points for fair play

Total demerit points: 1

Cameron Wathey:

0 demerit points for fair play

Total demerit points: 2

### *ERC Ruling 009*

Date: March 20, 2014

Time: 18:30

On March 16 at 14:24, Faculty of Engineering candidate Abhi Amalsadia appealed CRO Ruling 030 to the Elections and Referenda Committee (ERC). Mr. Amalsadia was assigned 10 demerit points in the ruling for violating Article VI.1.f "Adherence to Existing Policy" of the Elections Procedure Code (EPC).

The ERC allowed Mr. Amalsadia's representative to make an appeal on his behalf. The appellant requested that the demerit points assigned for "Adherence to Existing Policy" to be reduced based on the following argument:

- That the Mr. Amalsadia proactively contacted the Chief Returning Officer upon learning that he had accidentally posted unstamped posters.
- That the custodial staff informed Mr. Amalsadia that all posters lacking a stamp had been removed.
- That the candidate and his volunteers removed any remaining posters they could find after contacting the Chief Returning Officer.
- That opponents of Mr. Amalsadia may have attempted to sabotage the candidate by submitting photographic evidence of unstamped posters that had been taken on the same day multiple times.
- That Mr. Amalsadia may have missed some posters because other posters had been placed on top of them.

The Committee reviewed the evidence and decided the following:

- There was no attempt to sabotage Mr. Amalsadia by submitting photos that had been taken on the same day multiple times.
- That Mr. Amalsadia should have responded to the CRO's earlier request for information regarding this matter.
- That Mr. Amalsadia's good faith action of contacting the CRO about his error should be recognized.

On the matter of "Adherence to Existing Policy", the Committee resolved to uphold the ruling of the CRO, but reduce the amount of demerit points issued.

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In summary,

The Committee reduced the amount of demerit points issued for this violation to 5.

Total Demerit Points

Abhi Amalsadia: 11

### *ERC Ruling 010*

Date: March 23, 2014

Time: 17:00

On March 18, 2014 at 11:13, the Elections and Referenda Committee received a request for the appeal of the unofficial results of the election of the Vice President External, pending a full recount. The appellant requested one of the following changes to be made:

1. That all ballots cast for the Vice-President External position at polling station that did not feature a sign informing voters that Luis Moreno had withdrawn be discarded.
2. That all ballots cast for Luis Moreno be assigned to Nicky Bhatti in the recount, as opposed to be counted as "spoiled".

The appellant drew attention to Mr. Moreno's withdrawal of his candidacy for the Vice President External position, and his endorsement of Mr. Bhatti on March 6, 2014 during the Executive Candidate Forum. While the appellant acknowledged that the ballots for the Vice President External position had been printed at the time of Mr. Moreno's withdrawal, the appellant suggested that instructions could and should have been given to poll clerks to cross Mr. Moreno's name off every ballot prior to handing the ballots to voters. The appellant further referenced a newspaper article stating that some polling stations were not initially equipped with these notices, so that voters were unaware that Mr. Moreno had withdrawn. The appellant suggested that due to the above, voters could not have made an informed decision. The appellant further suggested that as Mr. Moreno had endorsed Mr. Bhatti personally during the Executive Candidate Forum, all ballots mistakenly cast for him should be assigned to Mr. Bhatti. The appellant indicated Mr. Moreno would like all votes cast for him to be transferred to Mr. Bhatti and would have preferred that his supporters had voted for Mr. Bhatti initially.

Article IX "Appeal Process" states:

#### Appeals of Election Results

- a. Any candidate may challenge the validity of their election result in a written submission containing their reasons to the CRO within forty-eight (48) hours of the close of the voting period.
- b. The CRO, on behalf of the ERC, shall investigate any appeal and make a recommendation to the Board on the appropriate action.
- c. Upon the recommendation of the ERC, the Board may refuse to ratify any single Director election. The Board may not amend rulings of the CRO or ERC.

The Chief Returning Officer, on behalf of the Elections and Referenda Committee has investigated and the Committee makes the following statement:

1. This appeal was submitted past the forty-eight (48) hour deadline as per Article IX "Appeal Process", ss.(a) and cannot be considered. However, the Committee felt it necessary to address some of the concerns articulated by the candidate, which are found below.

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2. Due to Mr. Moreno's late withdrawal, the Elections and Referenda Committee could not to reprint the Vice President External ballots to due to both expense and lack of time. Mr. Moreno's name was removed from the online ballot and the Elections and Referenda Committee resolved that notices should be placed at poll stations, and checked by the Deputy Returning Officers each day.

Each poll had a voting screen with a notice affixed inside of it. This was double-checked by elections staff each voting day. Even so, to discard ballots would deprive voters of their democratic rights.

In regards to the withdrawal of candidacy, the standard Canadian electoral procedure dictates that any votes cast for said candidate are void.

The request that all ballots indicating voter intent for Mr. Moreno be transferred to Mr. Bhatti, rather than be considered "spoiled" would additionally disenfranchise voters. There is no way to determine a voter's intent on a ballot beyond what is superficially on the ballot. A voter may have selected Mr. Moreno on the ballot for any number of reasons, including to purposefully spoil their ballot. Additionally, though Mr. Moreno endorsed Mr. Bhatti, to extrapolate that this would mean that any vote for Mr. Moreno automatically means a vote for Mr. Bhatti would also disenfranchise voters. To do so makes the assumption that all voters had notice of Mr. Moreno's endorsement and would automatically follow this endorsement rather than exercise their own decision when voting. This is an assumption that elections staff cannot make for the electorate.

In conclusion, to perform of the above requests would disenfranchise UTSU voters. Regardless of whether a voter had notice of Mr. Moreno's withdrawal, the voter has the right that their ballot and therefore their choice of candidate will not be interfered with. To change a voter's choice of candidate to another would infringe on their democratic rights.

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### **Appendix C – Election Notices**

#### *Notice 001*

##### February 14, 2014: Nomination Packages Unavailable at UTM During Reading Week

Nomination packages will be unavailable for pick up at the University of Toronto Mississauga campus during Reading Week (February 17 – 21, 2014) due to the closure of the Student Centre.

Nomination packages will be available for pick up from at UTM until 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 14, and starting from 9:00 a.m. on Monday, February 24.

Nomination packages will be available throughout reading week from the UTSU office at the St. George Campus.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

#### *Notice 002*

##### MARCH 13, 2014: EXTENDED VOTING HOURS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO MISSISSAUGA CAMPUS

Dear members of the University of Toronto Students' Union:

On Wednesday, March 12, the Mississauga campus closed at 13:00 due to weather conditions. As a result, polls were closed at 13:15 at the Instructional Building and CCIT. There have been some concerns that students on the Mississauga campus did not have the same opportunity to vote as their peers because of the early closure.

As a result, paper ballot polling has been extended on the Mississauga campus. Polls will be open from 10:00 to 15:00 on Friday, March 14. Polling will not be open on the St. George campus or online.

As a result of this extension, ballots will not be counted on Thursday, March 13 as originally planned. Ballot boxes will remain in their secure locations until Friday, March 14.

Finally, ballots will be counted starting at 17:00 on Friday, March 14. As a result, the University of Toronto Students' Union office will be closed as of 16:00.

Apologies to all affected students for the inconvenience.

#### *Notice 003*

##### Notice in Regards to Unofficial Elections Results

Date: March 15, 2014

The UTSU Spring Elections unofficial results will be announced on Monday, March 17th, 2014.

The delay is in respect to awaiting further information from the online voting company used for these elections.

Apologies to the candidates and volunteers, all of whom have worked very hard during these elections and deserve a great deal of respect and congratulations for their efforts.

# EXECUTIVE REPORT 2013/2014

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# EXECUTIVE REPORT

## Letter from the Executive Committee

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Happy March!

The UTSU executive has been hard at work since the last board meeting, and was able to host numerous campaigns and events, despite the busy month of elections.

February was a month of celebration, as we travelled to Montreal with a record amount of students in attendance, hosted the annual Unity Ball Awards to highlight our clubs' achievements, and were also able to attend many formals hosted by college and faculty student societies.

We saw a huge turnout for our screening of the film Fruitvale Station in recognition of Black History Month, in collaboration with the Black Students' Association and the Association of Part-Time Students.

We also worked hard to support the Transitional Year Programme Preservation Alliance in the fight for adequate space and other support for the program, and participated in a rally with Students Against Unpaid Internships Scams to push back against the exploitation of young workers.

Congratulations to all those who were successfully elected and wish them the best for 2014-2015. We have had an extremely successful year and hope to see much of that work continued.

As this year comes to a close we would also like to wish everyone the best on their final assignments and exams.

All the best,

The 2013-2014 Executive Committee





# UPCOMING EVENTS

## INCOME TAX CLINIC

Need help filing your taxes? Register for our free Income Tax Clinics, held from April 1st-May 7th at our office at 12 Hart House Circle.

Appointments available Monday to Friday from 10am-3pm. Book appointments online at [utsu.ca/tax](http://utsu.ca/tax)

## A FOODBANK FUNDRAISER!

Join us for our \$10 lunch, prizes & entertainment! \$5 from each ticket goes to UTSU Food Bank

March 26 - Hart House Great Hall

11:45am - 2:00pm

Tickets: at the door

Come any time between 11:45am - 2:00pm, food will be served until it runs out so there's no such thing as being late!

## DIL SE! 2014:

Dil Se is the Indian Students' Society's largest, most successful event! Every year we bring together South Asian students from University campuses around the GTA to celebrate desi talent, before ending the night with a bang with a fantastic headline act!

March 24: Art Ki Raat @7-9pm

March 26: Gyaan Night @Bahen 1230 @7:45pm-11pm

March 28: Dil Se @JJR Macleod Auditorium @8pm-11pm; doors open @7:30pm

## RANG DE - HOLI 2014

April 4th @4-7pm

From the creative minds that brought you the hugely successful Diwali and Garba events, HSC's back with the most colourful event of the year - Rang De - Holi 2014!

So come out and celebrate the joy of Holi with us as they get ready to say goodbye to winter, and hello to spring along with the dreaded final exams!

## THE CRISIS IN BALOCHISTAN: FROM THE VERY BEGINNING

Pakistani Development Fund

Wednesday, March 26, 2014

at 5:00pm - 8:00pm

South Sitting Room - Hart House

The conflict in Balochistan is only worsening. But what do we really know about the crisis and what exactly are we doing to help? Come by this donate-what-you-can speaker series event. Refreshments will be provided.

## SBA MINDFULNESS WORKSHOP

Monday, March 31st 2014

Time: 1pm-4pm

Location: OISE Room 4420 (252 Bloor Street West)

Discover methods of overcoming feelings of depression, anxiety, OCD, learn Self-Hypnosis, and breathing techniques and more.

Please register below

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1igfLGN6qNP-BIiptBD\\_KlZKLDsu29pf2S\\_fFKGYBonK8/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1igfLGN6qNP-BIiptBD_KlZKLDsu29pf2S_fFKGYBonK8/viewform)

\*Please contact SBA for any accommodation or access needs\* at [sba@utoronto.ca](mailto:sba@utoronto.ca) or call 416-967-7322

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO SUSTAINABLE FOOD CONFERENCE

Saturday, March 29 at 8:30am

Bahen Lecture Room 1130

Come out for a day of awesome speakers, food, and networking.

## UTMSU PRESENTS: LAST PUB GET GROOVY!! FT. DJ DANNY D & DJ MALLON

Date: Thursday, April 3, 2014

Location: Blind Duck Pub

Time: 10pm - 2am

Tickets are \$10 in advance from the infobooth and \$15 at the door.

\*Sale date will be released shortly so stay tuned for that\*

\*Tickets are Limited\*

## UTSU'S GOT YOU-EXAM DE-STRESSORS

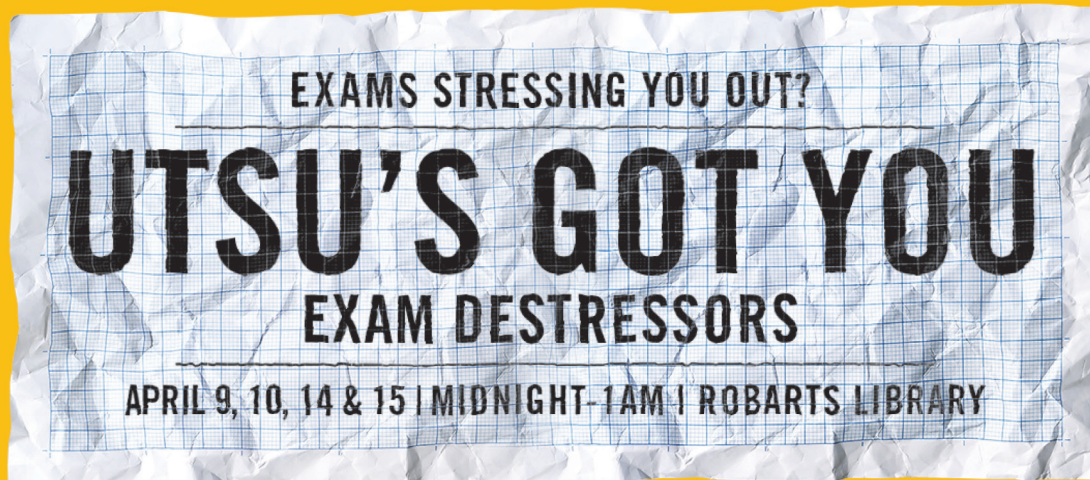
April 8th: April Exam De-stressor Kick-Off: Ben & Jerry's @Willcocks Commons

April 9th: Kelly Library @9pm | Robarts @12am

April 10th: Gerstein @9pm | Robarts @12am

April 14th: Sanford Fleming @9pm | Robarts @12am

April 15th: University of Toronto Mississauga



# EXECUTIVE REPORT

## Campaigns, Advocacy & Meetings

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### CO-CURRICULAR RECORD CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS WORKING GROUP MEETING

On Friday, February 21, Vice-President University Affairs Agnes So attended a Co-Curricular Record (CCR) Clubs and Organizations working group meeting at Sussex Clubhouse. Participants reviewed the findings of a consultation and discussed how to capture the work of students involved in clubs and other student organizations on the Co-Curricular Record. A rough plan of action for clubs was also discussed. For more information, please contact Vice-President University Affairs Agnes So at [vpua@utsu.ca](mailto:vpua@utsu.ca).

### INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS TOWN HALL

On Wednesday, March 5, Vice-President University Affairs Agnes So hosted an International Students Town Hall organized by the Canadian Federation of Students-Ontario (CFS-ON). At the town hall, the CFS-ON launched the “Fairness for International Students” campaign to advocate for international students around tuition fees, health care and immigration policies. There was also a discussion facilitated by an immigration lawyer on recent immigration changes that would affect international students and their options when applying for permanent residence status. In addition, the Town Hall included a workshop on filing taxes online for free through Ufile software. The UTSU will continue to support and participate in the “Fairness for International Students” and “OHIP4ALL” campaigns to advocate for the rights of international students. For more information, please contact Vice-President University Affairs Agnes So at [vpua@utsu.ca](mailto:vpua@utsu.ca).

### STUDENT SOCIETIES SUMMIT

On Monday, February 10, Vice-President University Affairs Agnes So and Vice-President Equity Yolen Bollo-Kamara attended the eighth meeting of the Student Societies Summit. At this meeting, UTMSU representative Melissa Theodore announced that the UTMSU would cease participation in the Summit, and presented a letter to Summit participants. The letter detailed various concerns, including that the Summit process represents a breach of student union autonomy and unfairly excludes numerous stakeholders and general membership. The letter also stated that the UTMSU was in receipt of hundreds of petitions from its members, demanding that the UTMSU and the UTSU withdraw from the Summit.

At the February 12 meeting of the Board of Directors, there was an extensive discussion about the implications of UTMSU’s withdrawal, and how the UTSU should proceed. Many Board members expressed concerns with the Summit process, and the consensus was that the UTSU should consult its membership before taking action. Vice-President University Affairs Agnes So then undertook a survey of the membership. The overwhelming response was that the UTSU should cease participation in the Summit and create a more democratic process that is autonomous from the University administration. At the Student Societies Summit meeting on Friday, March 7, Vice-President University Affairs Agnes So announced that the UTSU would no longer participate, presenting a letter that referenced the results of the survey and expressed the UTSU’s concerns that the process is unbalanced, undemocratic and lacks transparency. For more information, please contact Vice-President University Affairs Agnes So at [vpua@utsu.ca](mailto:vpua@utsu.ca) or Vice-President Equity Yolen Bollo-Kamara at [vpequity@utsu.ca](mailto:vpequity@utsu.ca).

# EXECUTIVE REPORT

## Campaigns, Advocacy & Meetings

### FOOD ADVISORY COMMITTEE

On Thursday, March 6, Vice-President University Affairs Agnes So and Policy & Student Rights Coordinator Doly Begum attended a meeting of the Food Advisory Committee. So and Begum had the opportunity to present the findings of the Canadian Federation of Students-Ontario's findings from its Taskforce on Campus Food Services, sharing student concerns with the Committee. Food Services Director Jaco Lokker also provided some updates to the committee. For more information, please contact Vice-President University Affairs Agnes So at [vpua@utsu.ca](mailto:vpua@utsu.ca).

### YOUTH UN (DER) EMPLOYMENT FORUM

On Thursday, February 27, Vice-President University Affairs Agnes So attended the Youth Un (der) employment Forum, which was organized by the Ontario Federation of Labour, the Canadian Federation of Students-Ontario and a number of other organizations. This forum focused on solutions around the crisis of youth unemployment in the province. Breakout groups were formed to discuss potential concrete policy ideas and to examine the roles and work that each organization could do locally to tackle youth unemployment and underemployment in Ontario. For more information, please contact Agnes So, Vice-President University Affairs at [vpua@utsu.ca](mailto:vpua@utsu.ca).

### TRANSITIONAL YEAR PROGRAMME UPDATE

On Thursday, February 27, Vice-President University Affairs Agnes So and

Vice-President Equity attended a meeting of the Governing Council to address concerns related to the forced relocation of the Transitional Year Programme (TYP) to make way for a new building, the Centre for Engineering Innovation and Entrepreneurship. Susan Froom, President of the Association of Part-Time Undergraduate Students (APUS), and several alumni and current students of TYP also spoke to this item, addressing the lack of consultation by the University and emphasizing the need to ensure adequate and accessible space for the program.

There was a rally of students, alumni, faculty and community members held outside the meeting, organized by the Transitional Year Programme Preservation Alliance and supported by the UTSU and APUS. The UTSU and APUS were present. Despite the peaceful nature of the rally, there was a heavy police presence, and many students and community members were barred from attending the public Governing Council meeting. The UTSU will continue to support TYP to ensure the program is housed in an adequate and accessible space and receives sufficient support from the University for its continued success. For more information, please contact Vice-President University Affairs Agnes So at [vpua@utsu.ca](mailto:vpua@utsu.ca) or Vice-President Equity Yolen Bollo-Kamara at [vpequity@utsu.ca](mailto:vpequity@utsu.ca).

# EXECUTIVE REPORT

## Campaigns, Advocacy & Meetings

### ACADEMIC APPEALS GUIDE

On Friday, March 7, the Academic Appeals Guides were completed and available for distribution to the membership. The Academic Appeals Guide is a project that seeks to provide members with information and resources on various academic appeals and petitions processes at the University of Toronto. It covers each faculty, and includes information about the steps to take when facing difficulties with course assignments, exams or final grades. This guide will also be useful for reviewing the academic appeals policies and processes across the University in future. Vice-President University Affairs Agnes So would like to thank Policy & Student Rights Coordinator Doly Begum, Graphic Designer Justin Raj and Executive Director Sandy Hudson for their dedication and hard work in assisting to produce this guide. For more information, please contact Vice-President University Affairs Agnes So at [vpua@utsu.ca](mailto:vpua@utsu.ca).



### UNPAID INTERNSHIPS RALLY

On February 26, the UTSU participated in a rally for action on unpaid internships, hosted by Students Against Unpaid Internship Scams. The rally was held outside St. Paul's Church on Bloor, before a pre-budget consultation held by Ontario Minister of Finance Charles Sousa. There was a great turnout, despite the frigid weather. Vice-President Equity Yolen Bollo-Kamara and President Munib Sajjad were invited to speak on behalf of the Canadian Federation of Students-Ontario, and the UTSU, respectively.

Over the past year, the UTSU has worked with Students Against Unpaid Internship Scams and other groups to exert pressure on the provincial government to proactively address the proliferation of illegal and exploitative unpaid internships. Recently, Minister of Labour Yasir Naqvi, announced that unpaid interns will now be covered under the Occupational Health and Safety Act, which includes the right to refuse unsafe work. This is an important step, but the UTSU continues to advocate for changes to the Employment Standards Act that would prohibit all forms of unpaid labour, for a proactive enforcement strategy that targets employers who exploit unpaid labour, and for data collection that would trace the extent and effects of unpaid labour which targets students and youth.

On March 27, Yolen Bollo-Kamara will be making presentation for the Federal Finance Committee on Youth Employment, focusing on unpaid internships. For more information, please contact Vice-President Equity Yolen Bollo-Kamara at [vpequity@utsu.ca](mailto:vpequity@utsu.ca) or President Munib Sajjad at [president@utsu.ca](mailto:president@utsu.ca).



# EXECUTIVE REPORT

## Campaigns, Advocacy & Meetings

### SATURDAY PROGRAM SPONSORSHIP


The UTSU recently agreed to sponsor the Faculty of Medicine's Saturday Program, in partnership with the Medical Society. The program works with over 200 volunteers, largely from the Faculty of Medicine to provide tutoring and mentorship to Toronto District School Board students in grades 8 through 12. The UTSU is pleased to have been able to support this important program through in-kind sponsorship, by printing workshop booklets for hundreds of students. For more information, please contact Vice-President Equity Yolen Bollo-Kamara. For more information, please contact Vice-President Equity Yolen Bollo-Kamara at [vpequity@utsu.ca](mailto:vpequity@utsu.ca).

### INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY EVENT

On Wednesday, March 5, the Social Justice and Equity Commission co-hosted an event with the Equity Studies Students' Union (ESSU), in recognition of International Women's Day. The event was held in New College Wetmore Hall, and featured a self-defense workshop, guided meditation session, and an engaging discussion about community safety at the University of Toronto. Attendees also enjoyed free refreshments. This was a great collaborative event, and the Social Justice and Equity Commission looks forward to further partnerships with ESSU and other campus organizations. For more information, please contact Vice-President Equity Yolen Bollo-Kamara at [vpequity@utsu.ca](mailto:vpequity@utsu.ca).

### NIGHT OF EXPRESSION

On Wednesday, February 12, the UTSU hosted a Night of Expression, a performance night focusing on the experiences of immigrant and refugee students. Attendees had the opportunity to share, hear and learn from each other's personal stories. This event was held in collaboration with the other World University Service of Canada (WUSC) local committees at the University of Toronto, through which UTSU sponsors a refugee student every year. Nights of Expression have become a tradition for the Social Justice and Equity Commission, with many being hosted over the past several years to provide space for students to engage with a diversity of issues through spoken word, dance, visual art, and other mediums. For more information, please contact Vice-President Equity Yolen Bollo-Kamara at [vpequity@utsu.ca](mailto:vpequity@utsu.ca).



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THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO STUDENTS' UNION AND WUSC PRESENT:

## NIGHT OF EXPRESSION

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CELEBRATING  
THE LIVES  
OF  
IMMIGRANT  
AND  
REFUGEE  
STUDENTS

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FREE COFFEE HOUSE NIGHT! FOOD WILL BE PROVIDED.  
INTERESTED IN PERFORMING? EMAIL [JESSE@UTSU.CA](mailto:jesse@utsu.ca)

**CAT'S EYE LOUNGE IN THE GOLDRING CENTRE  
WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 5 | 7-11PM**

\*Expression Against Oppression is a series of events that focus on social justice and equity issues on our campus and in our communities. XAO takes place from February 3-7 this semester. For accessibility concerns, or to become involved with the Social Justice and Equity Commission, email [vpequity@utsu.ca](mailto:vpequity@utsu.ca).

# EXECUTIVE REPORT

## Events & Services

### SKATE DATE

On February 14 for Valentine's Day, the Union co-hosted an ice skating event with the Faculty of Kinesiology & Physical Education and MoveU. The event featured free hot chocolate and ice-skating for all University of Toronto students. Students were also provided information about the Union's services & upcoming events as well as information about MoveU. This year, the UTSU has been able to work with the Faculty of Kinesiology and Physical Education and MoveU on several occasions, including the UTSUfest Street Festival, the Winter Week of Welcome Clubs and Career Fair, and a similar skating event during the fall semester. The UTSU looks forward to continued successful collaborations with these organizations in future. For more information, please contact Vice-President Internal & Services Cameron Wathey at [vpinternal@utsu.ca](mailto:vpinternal@utsu.ca).

### UNITY BALL

The Fifth Annual Unity Ball was held on Friday, February 28, 2014. The red carpet-themed formal broke records, with over 27 tables of attendees representing clubs, sister student unions and other campus organizations. Attendees enjoyed a night of awards, dinner, and live performances by UTSU clubs. Photos from the event can be found on the UTSU Facebook Page. The evening ended with live music and dancing. Congratulations to all outstanding club executive and individual award recipients! The UTSU looks forward to an even bigger Unity Ball next year. For more information, please contact Vice-President Campus Life Yasmeen Emadi.

### FRUITVALE STATION SCREENING

On Thursday, February 13, the UTSU, the Association of Part-Time Undergraduate Students, and the Black Students' Association co-hosted a screening of the film Fruitvale Station, in recognition of Black History Month. The film tells the story of Oscar Grant, who was murdered by the police at Fruitvale subway station in Oakland, California. Attendees were also able to pose questions to writer-director Ryan Coogler, who was in attendance. Overall, the event was very successful; there was a great turnout and many attendees expressed that they really appreciated the opportunity to engage in discussions about racism and police brutality on campus, and to share their personal experiences. For more information, please contact Vice-President Equity Yolen Bollo-Kamara at [vpequity@utsu.ca](mailto:vpequity@utsu.ca).



# EXECUTIVE REPORT

## Events & Services

### HEALTH AND DENTAL PLAN

The Union group insurance plans continue to be used frequently with increases in paramedical services (massage therapy and physiotherapy) and high utilization of dental benefits. The high use of the members' health and dental plans is a continuing trend from last year and requires that the Union request an increase in the fee for the current year. Claims for antidepressants lead the list for prescription drug claims; the addition of counseling/psychology benefits is being reviewed but would also require an increase in the fee. If there are any questions about the members' health and dental plans, please contact Vice-President Internal & Services Cameron Wathey at [vpinternal@utsu.ca](mailto:vpinternal@utsu.ca)

### FOOD BANK FUNDRAISER

The Food Bank Fundraiser event will take place on Wednesday March 26, 2014 at Hart House, Great Hall from 11:45 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Working in partnership with Hart House, the Hart House Social Justice Committee and Nutritional Sciences at the University of Toronto, this event hopes to highlight food insecurity issues in an interactive and interesting way with music, prizes and performances from U of T students. Five dollars from every ticket sale goes towards supporting the campus food bank. The cost of the event is \$10.00 and we are asking students, staff and faculty to bring a non-perishable food item for donation. For more information, please contact Vice-President Internal & Services Cameron Wathey at [vpinternal@utsu.ca](mailto:vpinternal@utsu.ca).

### MONTREAL READING WEEK TRIP

This year's Montreal Reading Week Trip was held from February 19 to 22. Over 180 UTSU members from the St. George Campus attended the trip, in addition to hundreds of students from the Mississauga and Scarborough campuses and from Ryerson University. Attendees stayed at the Hotel Espresso and at Hotel Gouverneur. Free daily tours were provided of the beautiful and historic city of Montreal. Members also partook in additional events, including snowboarding and skiing, skating at Le Parc Fontaine, and a tour of Quebec City. For more information, please contact Vice-President Campus Life Yasmeen Emadi.

**Eat with a fork,  
lend with a hand**



### A foodbank fundraiser

Join us for our \$10 lunch & Bring a non-perishable food item

**Hart House Great Hall | March 26, 2014 | 11:45am-2:00pm**

visit [www.ustu.ca/lunch](http://www.ustu.ca/lunch)



# EXECUTIVE REPORT

## Events & Services

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### FREE TAX CLINICS

The UTSU tax clinics run from April 1 – May 7, 2014, held in the basement of the UTSU building at 12 Hart House Circle. Appointments are available weekdays from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and range from 30 minutes to one hour in length. To book an appointment, members can go to [www.utsu.ca](http://www.utsu.ca) to use the self-scheduling software. A listing of documentation is found on our site as well to help prepare you for your appointment. The deadline to file taxes without penalty is April 30, 2014. Appointments are available to single students earning no more than \$32,000 and couples earning no more than \$40,000. For more information, please contact Vice-President Internal & Services Cameron Wathey at [vpinternal@utsu.ca](mailto:vpinternal@utsu.ca).

### FEBRUARY + MARCH SERVICES REPORT

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TTC Token: 438

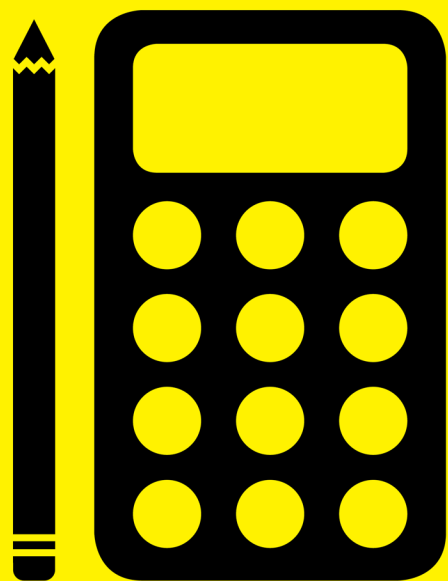
TTC Student Pass: 445

Photocopies/Printing: 45,532

Ripley's Aquarium Tickets: 253

Long Distance Phone Calls: 20

Cineplex Tickets: 546



## TAX CLINIC

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APRIL 1 - MAY 7, 2014

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**Book Appointments on-line.**

**Appointments available Monday-Friday 10:00-3:00 pm**

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# **MINUTES**

**University of Toronto  
Students' Union**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**February 12, 2014**

## MINUTES

Board of Directors Meeting of the University of Toronto Students' Union  
Friday, January 24, 2014 | 16:00 | OISE 2214

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### IN ATTENDANCE:

Nabil Arif, University of Toronto Mississauga  
Frishta Bastan, University of Toronto Mississauga  
Joseph Bodley, Ontario Institute for Studies & Education  
Yolen Bollo-Kamara, Vice-President Equity  
Ben Coleman, Arts & Science At-Large  
Benjamin Crase, Trinity College  
Yasmeen Emadi, Vice-President Campus Life  
Nzube Ekpunobi, Arts & Science At-Large  
Shak Gobert, Victoria College  
Pierre Harfouche, Faculty of Engineering  
Khalid Khan, New College  
Silviu Kondan, New College  
Mateusz Krawczyk, Professional Faculty At-Large  
Tonia Roman, Faculty of Nursing  
Munib Sajjad, President  
Muhammed Bilal Sandeela, University of Toronto Mississauga  
Agnes So, Vice-President University Affairs  
Melissa Theodore, UTMSU Representative  
Htay Tint, Transitional Year Program  
Will Warnica, Innis College  
Cameron Wathey, Vice-President Internal & Services  
Billi Wun, Faculty of Law  
ZiJian Yang, Woodsworth College  
Ming Zang, University of Toronto Mississauga  
Susan Froom, President, Association of Part-time Undergraduate Students

### BY PROXY:

Nia-Imara Barberousse, Faculty of Music to Cameron Wathey, Vice-President Internal & Services  
Cullen Brown, St. Michael's College to Benjamin Coleman Arts & Science At-Large  
Fatima Zahra Hamaimou, University of Toronto Mississauga to Melissa Theodore, UTMSU Representative  
Vere-Marie Khan, St. Michael's College, to Yasmeen Emadi, Vice-President Campus Life  
Katrina Lorn, Faculty of Architecture, Landscape and Design to Agnes So, Vice-President University Affairs  
Maaham Malik, University of Toronto Mississauga to Melissa Theodore, UTMSU Representative  
Catherine Nguyen, Faculty of Dentistry to Agnes So, Vice-President University Affairs  
Helen Phan, Professional Faculty At-Large to Cameron Wathey, Vice President Internal & Services  
Tannishtha Pramanick, Woodsworth College to Munib Sajjad, President  
Aimee Quenneville, University College to Ben Coleman, Arts & Science At-Large

### GUESTS:

Andrew Brown, National Society of Black Engineers  
Alexander Cohen, Varsity Newspaper  
Danielle Sandhu, Association of Part-time Undergraduate Students Executive Director  
Umair Qadeer, Vice-President Internal Associate  
Vivian Xie, Varsity Newspaper

## Minutes

Meeting of the Board of Directors of the University of Toronto Students' Union  
Wednesday, February 12, 2014 | 16:00 | Anthropology Building, Room 120

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting is called to order at 16:18.

### 2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

#### MOTION

Moved: Wathey

Seconded: Sajjad

Be it resolved that the agenda be approved as presented.

#### CARRIED

*Nabil Arif enters at 16:30.*

### 3. EXECUTIVE REPORT

#### MOTION

Moved: Wathey

Seconded: Coleman

Be it resolved that the Executive Report be approved as presented (p. 7).

#### DISCUSSION

Executives present the executive report.

Emadi states that the Unity Ball is coming up.

Sajjad states that there was a meeting with University of Toronto President Meric Gertler. He states that the executives raised the issue of OHIP for international students and Gertler is showing interest in advocating OHIP for international students. He talks about Gertler's inaugural address. He states that next set of meetings is about student account services.

Bollo-Kamara talks about the Transitional Year Program (TYP), and how they are being forced to relocate. She states the concerns of structural changes to the program that will surface if this goes through. APUS and the UTSU are doing what they can to make sure the program continues.

Sajjad states that the next meeting with Cheryl Regehr. He thanks her for helping remove the access copyright agreement that resulted in students saving money. He states that students were refunded \$13 each this year.

So states that the UTSU has not heard back from the Provost regarding Turnitin.com.

Wathey states that the new UTSU website has been launched. He states that this project started in the summer of 2013. He states that the website is compatible, comprehensive, more accessible and easily allows users to find all sorts of documents.

The chair asks if there are any questions.

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Coleman mentions the Council on Student Services (COSS) proposal, stating that he didn't realize that the fee increase votes for student services were happening so soon. He asks what happened with respect to the Transitional Year Program motion.

Bollo-Kamara states that there was long discussion whether a motion to support the Transitional Year Program to be in order. She states that it was eventually amended to be in order.

Froom states that this motion was drafted to address issues about providing space for services for Transitional Year Program students. She states that Government Council should be able to ensure that this is done. She states that the recommendation will be forwarded to Governing Council.

Bollo-Kamara states that UofT is requesting increases to student services fees through COSS.

Sajjad states that the university doesn't do much to help student services.

So states that the university has not increased their contribution to the Athletics fee since 1979.

Froom states that in the past, the administration contributed to Hart House services, but it no longer does. She states that if the students' unions were to vote against budget increases that does not mean there will be no budget increases. Fees can increase by the Consumer Price Index or the University Price Index.

Hudson states that the university provides zero (0) dollars to Hart House. She states that it is run through student fees and donations. She states that the athletics fee has been frozen at the amount of \$235,000 since 1979.

Krawczyk asks where the university finds money to fund these services.

Hudson states that students pay ancillary fees, which are funding the services. She states that the university is not providing as much as they should.

### **CARRIED**

## **4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

### **MOTION**

Moved: Wathey

Seconded: Arif

Be it resolved that the February 12, 2014 minutes package including the following documents be approved by the UTSU Board of Directors:

- i. Board of Directors, January 24*
- ii. Bursary & Grants Committee, February 7*
- iii. Elections and Referenda Committee, January 22*
- iv. Policy & Procedures Committee, February 6*

### **CARRIED**

## Minutes

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*Nzube Ekpunobi enters at 17:05*

*Muhammed Bilal Sandeela enters at 17:05*

*Will Warnica enters at 17:07*

*Pierre Harfouche enters at 17:20*

### 5. STUDENT UNION AUTONOMY

Theodore states that she presented a letter to the Student Societies Summit. She reads the letter. She states that the decision was based on a members' petition to leave the summit.

Coleman states that the most important question is whether the UTSU will leave the student society summit, and if so, what the decision will be based on?

Froom states that from APUS's point of view, there have been concerns around the Summit. She states that the discussion could have a significant impact on APUS membership. She states that APUS is a tri-campus student union and has been around for over 50 years. She states that there are concerns that the solution might involve policy changes that can affect the way APUS governs itself. She states that APUS was permitted to write submissions to the student society meeting. She states that APUS was initially allowed to have oral presentation at the summit but the Chair has subsequently denied that. She states that as rightly noted by Theodore, there are student clubs that are receiving major funding that could have major impact. She states that the number of groups that are not at the table is troubling, certainly to APUS and to its members. She states that APUS wants to know why it has been excluded from the table. She states that she can understand the concerns raised by Theodore and thank her again for opening the floor for discussion on how this should be treated.

Sandeela states that he thinks it's important that students come together to discuss things. He states that in these meetings there will be group polarization. He states that people from various groups should be able to participate. He states this should not be a discussion facilitated by the UofT administration because the UTMSU and the UTSU are separate entities.

Sajjad states that the letter is well written. He states that the UTSU should consider this step. He states that he thinks the UTSU should consult its membership on the matter. He states that throughout the process, the lack of presence of clubs and other students' unions at the Summit has been a concern.

Bollo-Kamara states that the reason why this discussion is taking place is to decide what the next steps for the UTSU should be. She states that the Board should provide direction to the Executive Committee. Bollo-Kamara also states that she and So have brought up these concerns about the summit throughout the year. She states that when concerns were raised, some Summit participants offensively suggested that So and Bollo-Kamara were unable to understand the issues. She states that all membership from various student groups should be able to participate in the conversation.

Harfouche states that the UTMSU has withdrawn from the summit, but that UTSU can continue to represent UTMSU members. He states that UTSU should make comments on behalf of the UTMSU. He states that UTMSU pulled out, but not its members students.

Froom states that she hopes the UTSU will raise about the impact the Summit will have on APUS. She states that the Summit may change how APUS is governed though APUS

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has been denied a voice. She states that it is worth considering the legal aspect, as corporate law that governs both the UTSU and APUS is changing in the fall. She states that she hopes any recommendations would not put APUS in breach of federal law. She states that there is a diversity of legal entities at the table. She states that if fee diversion is recommended, fees that are required to have a level of oversight as mandated by the government will be shifted to organizations that do not have the same financial obligations to their membership. She objects to having anybody handling student fees that do not have legal requirements for financial oversight.

Ekpunobi states that the board should discuss whether the student summit functions to facilitate discussion or exclusion. He states that at the moment it is destructive in nature. He states that the Summit is creating a very negative environment. He states that the Board is composed of adults all involved in student governance. He states that as adults and as student union members, student leaders should be able to have a discussion that's civilized and intelligent without having the University act as babysitter. He states that he agrees that the union and student societies should meet and talk about issues, but he does not like the way it is currently conducted and he believes some things need to change. He states that there should be more focus on how to include more voices.

Coleman states that the other student societies are required to conduct audits. They are not publicly available, but they exist. He asks what the course of action for the Board would be. He asks what specific action should be taken. He states that a Special General Meeting or a referendum may generate adequate input.

Harfouche states that the Summit exists to facilitate discussion. He states that the Summit is discussing the formation of the Student Commons. Harfouche states that a referendum is a good idea, even though it would mean a lot of extra work.

Bollo-Kamara states that the UTSU cannot speak for the UTMSU at the Summit. She states that the UTMSU was very clear that they do not want to speak at the Summit. She adds that it will be difficult to hold a referendum this late in the current election cycle. She states that the outcome of the Summit will be announced in a couple of months. She states that holding the referendum would be too time consuming, as the last Summit meeting is quickly approaching. Bollo-Kamara adds that the board should think about what should be done in order to consult the members in a timely fashion. She suggested holding a poll or survey.

Hudson states that the Summit does not exist because of the Student Commons. She states that a meeting between the Provost and Sajjad resulted in a unanimous decision to pause the process until December in order for cooler heads to prevail.

Bodley suggests having further discussion regarding the consultation.

Sajjad states that the Summit was started because some students believed that the UTSU would not implement online voting. He states that this was obviously false. He states that some students are being excluded from the conversation. He states that regular students who are paying tuition fees and trying to make ends meet are being left out. He states that the students' unions are being attacked. He states that this has been a very successful year. He states that the Summit endangers student autonomy.

Sandeela states that any action that is taken must be democratic. He states that the status quo is not necessarily democratic. He states that the Summit is not representative

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of the entire population. Sandeela asks whether it can be said with confidence that the Summit supports democracy?

Froom states that even though she has not been at the table, she can sense from what she has heard that the Summit decision is moving beyond the scope of what was originally intended and considered appropriate. She states that the issue regarding the Student Commons should be resolved separately. She states that the Student Commons will benefit everyone at UofT. She states that there is no need of administration intervention, because any bylaw changes are the jurisdiction of the membership, by law.

Sajjad states that the administration stands to gain from this Summit. He states that they are not pleased with the government's decision on Flat Fees due to the work of the UTSU.

Sandhu introduces herself as Director of APUS. She states that she spoke personally with David Naylor about the Student Commons. She states that the administration did not want to have negative press with the Student Commons. She states that this is not the first time the university has tried to hold a Summit of this kind. She states in the past, each students' union pulled out due to the attack on their autonomy.

Bollo-Kamara states that she thinks that the university has made it clear that they believe that the UTMSU and UTSU relationship should change, regardless of the fact that UTM students have never voiced this as a request. She recognizes that the students' union must be autonomous to the students' union. She states that she is concerned that our individual members and levy groups can't participate in the conversation.

## 6. FYI – NEXT BOARD MEETINGS

Wathey states that he will contact Board members to schedule the next meeting.

*Shak Gobert exits at 17:38.*

*Susan Froom exits at 17:45.*

*Ben Coleman exits 17:50.*

## 7. OTHER BUSINESS

So states that the Summit discussion was excellent. She states that she believes that she should undertake a consultation via a survey. She asks whether she should make a motion. She states that action should come from the discussion.

The chair states that a motion is unnecessary as it is the duty of the Executive to consult the membership and enact the day-to-day wishes of the Board. He states that it was fairly clear that a consultation was supported.

Harfouche states that he likes the website but states that there was a motion passed at the General Meeting that there would be a feedback form and he hasn't seen it anywhere.

Hudson states that the form is on the homepage and on the contact page on the UTSU website.

*Ben Crase exits at 17:59.*

*Danielle Sandhu exits at 17:59.*



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### 8. ADJOURNMENT

#### **MOTION**

Moved: Sandeela

Seconded: Theodore

Be it resolved that the meeting is adjourned.

#### **CARRIED**

The meeting is adjourned at 18:01.

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**University of Toronto  
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**BURSARY & GRANTS  
COMMITTEE**

**March 24, 2014**

# MINUTES

Bursary and Grants Committee of the University of Toronto Students' Union  
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## IN ATTENDANCE:

Katrina Lorn, Faculty of Architecture Director  
Htay Tint, Transitional Year Program Director  
Cameron Wathey Vice-President Internal & Services

## BY PROXY:

Munib Sajjad, President to Cameron Wathey  
Vice-President Internal & Services

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting is called to order at 14:03.

### 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

#### MOTION

Moved: Wathey

Seconded: Lorn

Be it resolved that the agenda be approved as presented.

#### CARRIED

### 3. INDIVIDUAL ACADEMIC ENDEAVOUR GRANT FINANCES

Wathey states that the committee has allocated \$181.16 thus far. He states that the committee has \$2818.84 left in the budget for allocations. He states that the deadline for grant applications to be submitted has passed. He explains that three grants were given out at the previous meeting and one was tabled. He states that he emailed the recipient for the remaining documents. He further states that the policies state that each application can be allocated a maximum amount of \$100. He states that three applications have been received and he was expecting another application, which was not received at this time. He suggests going through each of them one by one similar to how they were looked into in previous meetings.

Lorn states that she will be looking for any discrepancies in the applications.

### 4. INDIVIDUAL ACADEMIC ENDEAVOUR GRANT – YIH TANG YEO

#### MOTION

Moved: Wathey

Seconded: Lorn

Be it resolved that Yih Tang Yeo be allocated \$100.00 in Individual Academic Endeavour Grants.

#### DISCUSSION

Wathey states that that this application actually has six individual ones grouped into it. He explains that the applications are from the University of Toronto Aeronautics Team applications is requesting for an academic endeavor at the end of this month, March, and are requesting funds for attending an aero design west competition 2014 in Texas in April. He states that all six individuals are requesting for the same conference and have a combined application. He states that each individual has included the expenses and revenues for building their competition item. He states that the revenue falls short and that the students are eligible for funding.

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Lorn asks about funding to clubs in regards to events.

Wathey states that individuals from clubs can apply for this grant if it is not part of their budget if they are a recognized UTSU club.

Lorn states that she believes that there seems to be no problem in the application and she believes that the individuals can gain a lot of relevant experience. She agrees that the committee should reimburse their registration fee for the group.

### CARRIED

#### 5. INDIVIDUAL ACADEMIC ENDEAVOUR GRANT – RICKY DUIVENVOORDEN

##### MOTION

Moved: Wathey

Seconded: Lorn

Be it resolved that Ricky Duivenvoorden be allocated \$100.00 in Individual Academic Endeavour Grants.

##### DISCUSSION

Wathey states that Duivenvoorden's application is apart of the bundle presented by the University of Toronto Aeronautics Team to attend the SAE Aero Design competition. He states that this applicant should receive the same amount as the previous applicant.

### CARRIED

#### 6. INDIVIDUAL ACADEMIC ENDEAVOUR GRANT – PANKAJ SAINI

##### MOTION

Moved: Wathey

Seconded: Lorn

Be it resolved that Pankaj Saini be allocated \$100.00 in Individual Academic Endeavour Grants.

##### DISCUSSION

Wathey states that Saini's application is apart of the bundle presented by the University of Toronto Aeronautics Team to attend the SAE Aero Design competition. He states that this applicant should receive the same amount as the previous applicant.

### CARRIED

#### 7. INDIVIDUAL ACADEMIC ENDEAVOUR GRANT – GUANCHU LIU

##### MOTION

Moved: Wathey

Seconded: Lorn

Be it resolved that Guanchu Liu be allocated \$100.00 in Individual Academic Endeavour Grants.

##### DISCUSSION

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Wathey states that Liu's application is apart of the bundle presented by the University of Toronto Aeronautics Team to attend the SAE Aero Design competition. He states that this applicant should receive the same amount as the previous applicant.

### CARRIED

#### 8. INDIVIDUAL ACADEMIC ENDEAVOUR GRANT – TIMOTHY NG HISEN LIANG

##### MOTION

Moved: Wathey

Seconded: Lorn

Be it resolved that Timothy Ng Hisen Liang be allocated \$100.00 in Individual Academic Endeavour Grants.

### DISCUSSION

Wathey states that Hisen's application is apart of the bundle presented by the University of Toronto Aeronautics Team to attend the SAE Aero Design competition. He states that this applicant should receive the same amount as the previous applicant.

### CARRIED

#### 9. INDIVIDUAL ACADEMIC ENDEAVOUR GRANT – YUQING TANG

##### MOTION

Moved: Wathey

Seconded: Lorn

Be it resolved that Yuqing Tang allocated \$100.00 in Individual Academic Endeavour Grants.

### DISCUSSION

Wathey states that Tang's application is apart of the bundle presented by the University of Toronto Aeronautics Team to attend the SAE Aero Design competition. He states that this applicant should receive the same amount as the previous applicant.

### CARRIED

#### 10. INDIVIDUAL ACADEMIC ENDEAVOUR GRANT – DANIELLA SELTZER

##### MOTION

Moved: Wathey

Seconded: Tint

Be it resolved that Daniella Seltzer be allocated \$100.00 in Individual Academic Endeavour Grants.

### DISCUSSION

Wathey states that Seltzer is applying for a grant to participate in an internship program in Namibia. He states that the application includes thorough details regarding the program and the student's expectations from the internship. He states that the student

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has high costs and intends to contribute a substantial personal investment to the program.

Lorn asks whether this is a paid internship or if Seltzer is simply doing it for her interest and experiences.

Wathey states that it appears to be an unpaid internship and she is applying for a number of grants on campus. He also explains that the letter confirms that she has been selected. He says that according to him there is no issue with the application.

Tint states that if there is capacity in our budget we should allow more funding.

Wathey states that he will check previous records whether the previous years have allowed for higher funding. He confirms from earlier records that \$100 is the maximum that can be allocated per application.

### CARRIED

#### 11. INDIVIDUAL ACADEMIC ENDEAVOUR GRANT – SUMAN BUNDHWANI

##### MOTION

Moved: Wathey

Seconded: Tint

Be it resolved that Suman Bundhwani be denied Individual Academic Endeavour Grants for the Canadian Association of Health Services and Policy Research Conference.

##### DISCUSSION

Lorn states the applicant is a PhD student and asks whether the UTSU caters to such applicants.

Wathey states that PhD students are members of the Graduate Student Union (GSU) and explains that even though the application is complete, the committee cannot approve her request.

Lorn states that this was probably a mistake from the applicant and the application should be forwarded to the GSU and the applicant should be contacted to let her know about the situation

Wathey states that he will contact Bundhwani and let her know to contact the GSU.

### CARRIED

#### 12. INDIVIDUAL ACADEMIC ENDEAVOUR GRANT – JUSTIN KWAN

##### MOTION

Moved: Wathey

Seconded: Lorn

Be it resolved that Justin Kwan be allocated \$100.00 in Individual Academic Endeavour Grants.

##### DISCUSSION

Lorn states that Kwan is applying for a grant to attend the inDePth Conference at the

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University of Toronto. He states that the application includes details regarding the conference and how there is a focus on Korea around the theme titled, "Reimagining the Korean Peninsula: Global Forces, social Change, and Conflict Resolution". He further states how the applicant details why this conference is beneficial to his program as a Political Science and Asia Pacific Studies student.

Lorn states that the cost for the conference is slightly under \$100 and should be allocated the maximum amount.

### CARRIED

### 13. INDIVIDUAL ACADEMIC ENDEAVOUR GRANT PROCESS REVIEW

Wathey states that the majority of the funds for the Individual Academic Endeavour grant have been allocated. He states that he would like committee members to review the process and experience sitting on the committee. He states that the committee should investigate how the Union can expand the grant and ways to improve it.

Lorn asks if there will be another committee meeting.

Wathey states that he hopes to have one more to solicit feedback to send to the Policy and Procedures Committee.

### 14. ADJOURNMENT

#### MOTION

Moved: Wathey

Seconded: Tint

### CARRIED

The meeting adjourns at 14:39.

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**BUDGET COMMITTEE**

**March 21, 2014**



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Budget Committee of the University of Toronto Students' Union  
Friday, March 21, 2014 | 17:30 | UTSU

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### IN ATTENDANCE:

Khalid Khan, New College Director  
Munib Sajjad, President  
Cameron Wathey, Vice-President Internal & Services

### BY PROXY:

Alex Wasserman to Munib Sajjad

### NON-VOTING:

Sandra Hudson (Executive Director)

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting is called to order at 17:35.

### 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

#### MOTION

Moved: Wathey

Seconded: Khan

Be it resolved that the March 21, 2014 Budget Committee agenda be approved as presented.

#### CARRIED

### 3. BUDGET UPDATE

Wathey reminds the members of the Union's eight-step budgeting process. He states that a budget is a living document that should change to reflect the current financial situation. Wathey explains that the revised budget is to report on the financial situation based on actual expenditures. He states that the budget must be provided this month. He states that we are at the final stage of the budgeting process. Wathey states that there are still some final numbers to be inputted for the final month of the fiscal year.

Wathey states that some of the lines are low. He states that Elections and Referenda should be higher once all the expenses for the Spring Elections are accounted for. He states that Orientation was under budget due to sponsorship. He states that there are some numbers that are under budget for campaigns and equity and will be adjusted once final items are added. He further states that Social Justice & Equity was high due to the Fruitvale Station screening. He states that we are expecting some income from the Association for Part-time Undergraduate Students to assist in the funding of this.

#### MOTION

Moved: Wathey

Seconded: Sajjad

Be it resolved that the discussion continue *in camera*.

#### CARRIED

The meeting continued *in camera* at 17:45.  
The meeting continued *ex camera* at 17:48.

Wathey states that the repairs line item will likely go up due to structural issues with the UTSU

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building. He further states that the salaries line item has increased because we increased our student staff who work on poster, the front desk and the food bank.

Khan asked why metro passes have increased.

Wathey states that we have purchased more due to demand. He further states that these funds also come right back to the UTSU through revenue. Wathey states that academic endeavor grants will be allocated on Monday.

Khan asks why there is an increase in the Clubs Directories. Wathey states that due to demand, they ordered more than expected. Wathey states that he will recommend cheaper printing options for next year.

Hudson states that we are still waiting on one more installation of membership fees.

### 6. MOTION TO ACCEPT REVISED 2013/14 OPERATING BUDGET

#### MOTION

Moved: Wathey

Seconded: Khan

Be it resolved that the 2013/14 Revised Budget be approved as presented.

#### CARRIED

### 7. ADJOURNMENT

#### MOTION

Moved: Wathey

Seconded: Sajjad

#### CARRIED

The meeting adjourns at 16:15.

# **MINUTES**

**University of Toronto  
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## **CLUBS COMMITTEE**

**February 10, 12, 14 & March  
19, 2014**

## MINUTES

Clubs Committee Meeting 13 of the University of Toronto Students' Union  
Monday February 10, 2014 • 12:30 • University of Toronto Students' Union Office

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### IN ATTENDANCE:

Nia Barberousse, Faculty of Music Director (exits at 12:52, proxies to Yasmeen)  
Vita Carlino (non-voting), Clubs and Service Groups Coordinator  
Yasmeen Emadi, Vice-President Campus Life  
Lyvell Gomes, Clubs Community Member (proxy to Yasmeen Emadi)  
Peter Shao, Clubs Community Member  
Zijian Yang, Woodsworth College Director (arrives at 12:58)

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting is called to order at 12:33.

### 2. START UP FUNDING

#### 2.1 InvisAbilities

#### MOTION

Moved: Barberousse

Seconded: Shao

Be it resolved that InvisAbilities receive \$325 in Start Up Funding

#### DISCUSSION

Emadi states the mandate of the group, and that the committee originally liked the application when we first reviewed it.

Carlino confirms that the group did in fact attend training, and we are able to make an allocation.

Barberousse states that she is comfortable with allocating the group the amount there are eligible for.

#### CARRIED

### 3. LONG TERM FUNDING – TABLED APPLICATIONS

#### 3.1 UofT Immigration Support and Awareness (UTISA)

#### MOTION

Moved: Emadi

Seconded: Barberousse

Be it resolved that the UTISA application be defeated.

#### DISCUSSION

Carlino states that originally this group was showing a surplus in their budget, and that the Clubs Committee tabled the application to follow-up with them. She further states that the club submitted a revised budget for the committee to review.

Emadi states the groups eligibility based on the new budget.

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Barberousse is concerned because the new budget still shows a surplus.

Carlino is concerned that the club does not understand the UTSU funding process.

### **CARRIED**

### **3.2 Students for a Free Tibet**

#### **MOTION**

Moved: Emadi

Seconded: Shao

Be it resolved that Students for a Free Tibet receive \$250 in Long Term funding.

#### **DISCUSSION**

Emadi states that the group is eligible for \$2500. She then goes over the minutes from the meeting where the application was originally reviewed.

Carlino states that she remembers this application, and that committee members were concerned with a bulk of their programming and expenses taking place off campus.

Emadi states that she'd like to see this group grow, and in particular develop more sources of revenue.

### **CARRIED**

Abstention: Yang

### **3.3 For my Friends**

#### **MOTION**

Moved: Yang

Seconded: Shao

Be it resolved that For My Friends receive \$300 in Long Term funding.

#### **DISCUSSION**

Emadi states that this group didn't account for their fundraising revenue properly, but otherwise she really liked the application.

Carlino reads through the details of the revised budget that the group submitted.

Yang suggests that we allocate enough to cover their revised deficit.

### **CARRIED**

### **3.4 Students Offering Support (SOS)**

#### **MOTION**

Moved: Yang

Seconded: Emadi

Be it resolved that the SOS Long term funding application be defeated.

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### **DISCUSSION**

Emadi explains the committees concerns from the first reviewing of the application.

Carlino reads the email justifying the budget from the club. She states that it still does not justify a large allocation from the committee.

Yang is concerned that this group is not showing any revenue sources.

### **CARRIED**

#### **3.5 Juxtaposition**

##### **MOTION**

Moved: Emadi

Seconded: Yang

Be it resolved that Juxtaposition receive \$500 in Long Term funding.

##### **DISCUSSION**

Carlino states that the committee liked this application the first time around, and recommended an allocation of \$500, but did not allocate as the group was not recognized. Carlino further states that she followed up with the group and they were able to produce proof of recognition, and that there was an error with the online recognition database, which has since been remedied.

Emadi states that given they have since met funding requirements, she would be comfortable with the original funding allocation that the clubs committee recommended.

### **CARRIED**

#### **3.6 UofT International Environmental Studio**

##### **MOTION**

Moved: Emadi

Seconded: Yang

Be it resolved that UofT International Environmental Studio receive \$200.

##### **DISCUSSION**

Carlino states that this group only applied for recognition at the end of January.

Yang states that we could support this club, but not to the extent that they are requesting. He states the initiative is good, but that there is not enough work put in to the application.

### **CARRIED**

#### **3.7 Toronto University Biotechnology Students (TUBS)**

##### **MOTION**

Moved: Emadi

Seconded: Yang

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Be it resolved that the TUBS application be defeated.

### **DISCUSSION**

Emadi states that she has followed up with this group regarding their tabled funding application, and they did not respond with further information for the committee.

### **3.8 Nspire Innovation Network**

#### **MOTION**

Moved: Emadi

Seconded: Yang

Be it resolved that the Nspire Innovation Network application be defeated.

### **DISCUSSION**

Emadi states that she has followed up with this group regarding their tabled funding application, and they did not respond with further information for the committee.

### **CARRIED**

### **3.9 Chinese Engineering Students Association (CESA)**

#### **MOTION**

Moved: Emadi

Seconded: Yang

Be it resolved that the CESA application be defeated.

### **DISCUSSION**

Emadi states that she has followed up with this group regarding their tabled funding application, and they did not respond with further information for the committee.

### **CARRIED**

## **4. ADJOURNMENT**

#### **MOTION**

Moved: Yang

Seconded: Shao

Be it resolved that the meeting is adjourned.

### **CARRIED**

The meeting is adjourned at 14:10.

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### IN ATTENDANCE:

Nia Barberousse (Proxy to Yasmeen Emadi), Faculty of Music Director  
Vita Carlino (Non-voting), Clubs and Service Groups Coordinator  
Yasmeen Emadi, Vice-President Campus Life  
Lyvell Gomes, Clubs Community member  
Lydia To (Proxy to Yasmeen Emadi), Clubs Community Member  
Zijian Yang (exits at 13:50), Woodsworth College Director

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting is called to order at 13:33.

### 2. SHORT TERM FUNDING

#### 2.1 Heart and Stroke Foundation

##### MOTION

Moved: Emadi

Seconded: Gomes

Be it resolved that the Heart and Stroke Foundation Short Term funding application be tabled.

##### DISCUSSION

Emadi states that this is a pretty good application, and details the clubs mandate, as well as their donation structure. She states they are requesting funding for their "Heart Café" event.

Carlino is slightly concerned that upon recognition the group stated they have over 100 members, but the membership list included with the funding application only includes 18 members.

Gomes is concerned that this group does not fully understand the UTSU funding procedure.

Emadi agrees that the group is not clear on the policy in place.

##### CARRIED

#### 2.2 UofT Asians' Union

##### MOTION

Moved: Emadi

Seconded: Yang

Be it resolved that the UofT Asians' Union application be defeated.

##### DISCUSSION

Emadi states that she is familiar with this group, and that they have good purpose.

Carlino is concerned about this group's mandate and organizational capacity.



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Gomes states that he has met with this group informally, and that their intentions are good, but that we need to be strict to the UTSU clubs policy. He highlights the fact that the group has not attended training.

Carlino states that their recognition is pending, and that she only received the recognition application recently.

### **CARRIED**

#### **2.3 Trek for Teens**

##### **MOTION**

Moved: Yang

Seconded: Emadi

Be it resolved that UofT Trek for Teens receive \$500 in short term funding.

##### **DISCUSSION**

Yang states that this group is requesting funding for an event happening at Nathan Philips Square. He details the other revenue sources the group is seeking.

Gomes appreciates that the group is seeking outside sponsorship for this event, showing a desire to grow and improve.

Emadi states that this is a short, but good application.

Carlino states that we should follow up with the group to let them know how to account for charitable donations in their budget.

### **CARRIED**

#### **2.4 New Silk Road**

##### **MOTION**

Moved: Emadi

Seconded: Gomes

Be it resolved that the New Silk Road application be defeated.

##### **DISCUSSION**

Yang states that this is a simple application, and that the group runs a cultural exchange. He states that the funding would be used towards refreshments for their event.

Carlino states that she has not received a recognition application for this group yet.

### **CARRIED**

Abstention: Yang

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### **2.5 UofT Jungian Society**

#### **MOTION**

Moved: Yang

Seconded: Gomes

Be it resolved that the UofT Jungian Society receive \$500 in Short Term funding.

#### **DISCUSSION**

Yang states that this group holds a number of keynote speakers throughout the year, and that they are requesting funding for the "Mind Matters" event. He states that the majority of their costs are for catering and honouraria.

Carlino states that she has seen this group grow over the years she has been at UTSU, and is impressed with their capacity now.

Gomes states he would appreciate a more detailed breakdown of the catering expenses listed.

#### **CARRIED**

### **2.6 Immunology Students' Association**

#### **MOTION**

Moved: Gomes

Seconded: Yang

Be it resolved that the Immunology Students Association receive \$500 in Short Term funding.

#### **DISCUSSION**

Emadi states that this is a course union that would like funding for an Immunology conference, taking place at the Bahen centre. She states that she has met with the group for a budget consultation.

Gomes asks whether the "pub beverages" refers to alcohol?

Emadi states that in their budget consultation the group clarified that it would include non-alcoholic beverages.

#### **CARRIED**

### **2.7 UofT ViewFinder Camera Club**

#### **MOTION**

Moved: Yang

Seconded: Gomes

Be it resolved that the UofT View Finder Camera Club application be defeated.

#### **DISCUSSION**

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Yang states that this group is not recognized, and has not attended a training session. He further states that he is familiar with the group, and that they do good work, so it is unfortunate that they are not familiar with the UTSU funding procedure.

Gomes states that he would recommend that the group familiarize themselves with the UTSU clubs policy, and to apply for Start-Up funding next year. He further recommends that a budget consultation would benefit them greatly.

### **CARRIED**

#### **2.8 Students for International Development**

##### **MOTION**

Moved: Yang

Seconded: Gomes

Be it resolved that Students for International Development receive \$300 in Short Term funding.

##### **DISCUSSION**

Gomes states that this application is very thorough. He then goes over the mandate of the group. He states that the overall budget is very accurate, and is likely based on actuals.

Carlino asks if they received the Student Initiative Fund?

Gomes states that they have listed \$2250 from SIF.

### **CARRIED**

#### **2.9 Destination Imagination**

##### **MOTION**

Moved: Gomes

Seconded: Emadi

Be it resolved that Destination Imagination receive \$400 in short term funding.

##### **DISCUSSION**

Gomes states the purpose of this group and details their past funding.

Carlino asks what the event is.

Gomes states that it is a building competition.

Emadi states that we can increase their funding from last year to encourage the team in their competition.

### **CARRIED**

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### **2.10 MSE Club**

#### **MOTION**

Moved: Gomes

Seconded: Emadi

Be it resolved that MSE Club receive \$300 in short term funding.

#### **DISCUSSION**

Gomes states the groups purpose, and that they are requesting funding for the "Iron Ring" celebration. He states that the group received \$500 in Short Term funding previously from UTSU. Gomes further states that he is a bit confused by the budget.

Carlino states that after looking over the budget that this group has included one budget for the event subsidy request, and their overall budget for the year.

Gomes states that looking at their budget, it is clear that the group is fiscally responsible.

#### **CARRIED**

### **2.11 Health Studies Students Union**

#### **MOTION**

Moved: Emadi

Seconded: Gomes

Be it resolved that Health Studies Students Union receive \$350 in Short term funding.

#### **DISCUSSION**

Emadi states that this is a course union that also collaborates with other campus clubs. She states that she is concerned about the amount of money included in the budget for alcohol for their charity social event.

Carlino states she is concerned with the raffle ticket expense, stating it should also be listed as a revenue item.

Gomes states that this budget does not fully articulate the expenses.

#### **CARRIED**

### **2.12 IEEE Uoft Student Branch**

#### **MOTION**

Moved: Gomes

Seconded: Emadi

Be it resolved that IEEE UofT Student Branch receive \$400 in Short Term funding.

#### **DISCUSSION**

Emadi states that this group receives funding from the IEEE department, and are requesting \$500 from UTSU.

Carlino asks for more information about the event.

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Emadi states that it's for a Design Certificate Program that takes place in March over a few weeks.

### **CARRIED**

### **3. ADJOURNMENT**

#### **MOTION**

Moved: Gomes

Seconded: Emadi

Be it resolved that the meeting is adjourned.

### **CARRIED**

The meeting is adjourned at 14:52.

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### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

Nia Barberousse proxy to Yasmeen  
Vita Carlino (non-voting), Clubs and Service Groups Coordinator  
Yasmeen Emadi, Vice-President campus Life  
Lyvell Gomes, Clubs Community Member  
Zijian Yang, Woodsworth College Director

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting is called to order at 13:00.

### **2. SHORT TERM FUNDING**

#### **2.1 International Justice Mission UofT**

##### **MOTION**

Moved: Yang

Seconded: Gomes

Be it resolved that International Justice Mission UofT receive \$200 in Short Term funding.

##### **DISCUSSION**

Yang states the mandate of the group that is requesting funding for a film screening. He further states the expenses associated with the event, and that it is a fundraising event.

Carlino and Emadi state that they remember this group from this year's clubs training. Emadi states the group contributed well to the discussion at the session.

Yang appreciates that the group is requesting what is needed for the event, and don't seem to be inflating their costs.

##### **CARRIED**

#### **2.2 UofT Educating Chinese Children-Hope Offered (UofT ECCHO)**

##### **MOTION**

Moved: Emadi

Seconded: Yang

Be it resolved that UofT ECCHO receive \$200 in short Term funding.

##### **DISCUSSION**

Emadi states that the group works to educate under-privileged children in China. She then describes their events.

Carlino asks what event they are requesting funding for.

Emadi states that they are requesting funding for a talent show, the proceeds of which will go towards a summer camp in China.

##### **CARRIED**

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### **2.3 Peace by Peace**

#### **MOTION**

Moved: Gomes

Seconded: Emadi

Be it resolved that Peace by Peace receive \$350 in Short Term funding.

#### **DISCUSSION**

Emadi states that this group teaches students about peaceful conflict resolution. She further states they are requesting funding for their Peace Festival, but that there is not a lot of details about the event.

Gomes asks if this is part of a larger organization.

Carlino states that their website includes chapters from York University Keele and Glendon campus.

Emadi states that this application could use a lot more detail.

#### **CARRIED**

### **2.4 Italian Undergraduate Students' Cultural Association (IUSCA)**

#### **MOTION**

Moved: Emadi

Seconded: Gomes

Be it resolved that IUSCA receive \$400 in Short Term funding.

#### **DISCUSSION**

Gomes states the groups mandate, and that they are requesting funding for an Italian cooking class in March.

Carlino states that this is a new club, and that they have received \$250 in Summer funding already this year.

Emadi states that she likes this application, but wishes the event included more than 30 people.

#### **CARRIED**

### **2.5 International Relations Society**

#### **MOTION**

Moved: Yang

Seconded: Gomes

Be it resolved that the International Relations Society receive \$350 in Short Term funding.

#### **DISCUSSION**

Yang states the sources of revenue the group has listed for their annual conference,

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which includes funding from ASSU, and the U.S. State Department. He states that most of the expenses are for flights and hotels for guest speakers.

Carlino asks if Yang can provide more information on the event?

Yang states that it is an academic conference, "Fueling the Future, deconstructing the role of energy in Contemporary International Relations". He states that the event will be taking place at the conference facility in the Munk Centre.

## **CARRIED**

### **3. ADJOURNMENT**

#### **MOTION**

Moved: Yang

Seconded: Gomes

Be it resolved that the meeting is adjourned.

## **CARRIED**

The meeting is adjourned 13:29.



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### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

Vita Carlino (non-voting), Clubs and Service Groups Coordinator  
Yasmeen Emadi, Vice-President campus Life  
Lyvell Gomes, Clubs Community Member  
Munib Sajjad (proxy to Cameron Wathey), President  
Peter Shao (proxy to Yasmeen Emadi ), Clubs Community Member  
Cameron Wathey, Vice-President Internal and Services

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting is called to order at 13:35.

### **2. SHORT TERM FUNDING**

#### **2.1 Heart and Stroke Foundation UofT Chapter**

##### **MOTION**

Moved: Gomes

Seconded: Emadi

Be it resolved that the Heart and Stroke Foundation UofT Chapter receive \$200 in Short Term funding.

##### **DISCUSSION**

Emadi states that the group only listed executives on their membership list instead of their full membership list. She received a full list with over 100 members after following up with the group.

Gomes asks what the mandate of the group is.

Emadi states the mandate and describes the type of programming they do to raise money for the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

Gomes states that they will only be eligible for half of their expenses, which would be \$200.

##### **CARRIED**

#### **2.2 Duke of Edinburgh Award Club**

##### **MOTION**

Moved: Wathey

Seconded: Emadi

Be it resolved that the Duke of Edinburgh Award Club receive \$325 in Short Term funding.

##### **DISCUSSION**

Wathey states they are requesting funding for their camping retreat in May. He states their previous funding and eligibility. Wathey points out that there is a \$100 stipend for drivers.

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Carlino states that it wouldn't be in the committee's prevue to fund personal stipends. She then asks how much they're eligible for.

Wathey states that they are eligible for over \$1400, but that the application is not that detailed.

### **CARRIED**

#### **2.3 Skule Arts Festival**

##### **MOTION**

Moved: Emadi

Seconded: Wathey

Be it resolved that the Skule Arts Festival receive \$500 in Short Term funding.

##### **DISCUSSION**

Gomes states the mandate of the club, and that they are expecting over 2000 attendees at the annual festival. He then details the groups' revenue and expenses. Gomes points out that the revenue sources show a \$400 carry-over from the previous year.

Carlino asks what the eligibility of the group is.

Gomes states \$876.

### **CARRIED**

#### **3. Reconsideration Funding**

Carlino states how reconsideration funding is allocated.

Wathey reads from the Clubs Policy some more details, as it is new to most committee members.

#### **3.1 UofT Touching Lives Overseas**

##### **MOTION**

Moved: Emadi

Seconded: Gomes

Be it resolved that UofT Touching Lives Overseas receive \$600 in Reconsideration Funding.

##### **DISCUSSION**

Gomes states that this group is showing a difference of \$1266.26. He is concerned that there are no receipts showing need, but a photocopy of a cheque.

Emadi states that she met with the group after their first long term allocation of \$100 was made. She explains that she asked them to provide proof of a donation, in this case the photocopied cheque.

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Carlino states that she is hoping for this group to grow and gain a better understanding of how UTSU funding works.

### **CARRIED**

#### **3.2 Ironsports Club**

##### **MOTION**

Moved: Emadi

Seconded: Wathey

Be it resolved that the Ironsports Club receive \$240 in Reconsideration funding.

##### **DISCUSSION**

Emadi states that this is a very good application which is extremely organized. She states that they are requesting \$240.

Carlino agrees that this is a strong application that meets all of the criteria for Reconsideration Funding.

### **CARRIED**

#### **3.3 Pre-Medical Society**

##### **MOTION**

Moved: Wathey

Seconded: Gomes

Be it resolved that the Pre-Medical Society receive \$105.60 in Reconsideration Funding.

##### **DISCUSSION**

Wathey states they are requesting \$105 in additional funding for their semi-formal event.

Carlino states that she has received all pertinent receipts for their initial funding allocation.

### **CARRIED**

#### **3.4 African Students Association**

##### **MOTION**

Moved: Emadi

Seconded: Gomes

Be it resolved that the African Students Association application for Reconsideration Funding be defeated.

##### **DISCUSSION**

Emadi states the funding history for the ASA this year.

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Carlino states that she has only received 85 per cent of the receipts for their total allocation.

Gomes states that according to UTSU Clubs Policy, a group must prove 100 per cent of their original allocation in the form of receipts.

Emadi states that reconsideration funding cannot be allocated without submission of sufficient receipts.

### **CARRIED**

### **3.5 UT Chinese Magazine**

#### **MOTION**

Moved: Wathey

Seconded: Gomes

Be it resolved that UT Chinese Magazine receive \$800 in Reconsideration Funding.

#### **DISCUSSION**

Wathey states that they are requesting \$1684 based on the deficit showing in their revised actuals budget.

Carlino states that this group was originally allocated \$1000, but they were eligible for more.

Wathey states that the application is quite extensive.

Emadi recommends the committee go through their expenses to decide on an amount.

Carlino agrees.

### **CARRIED**

### **3.6 UofT Taekwondo Organization**

#### **MOTION**

Moved: Wathey

Seconded: Gomes

Be it resolved that the UofT Taekwondo Organization receive \$250 in Reconsideration Funding.

#### **DISCUSSION**

Emadi states that the group is requesting \$300 due to one of their events going over budget. She details the revised budget stating that the costs are reasonable.

Carlino states that the written application is a slightly confusing, but the committee should allocate based on the information as presented in the revised budget.

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### **3.7 Indian Students Society**

#### **MOTION**

Moved: Emadi

Seconded: Gomes

Be it resolved that the Indian Students Society application for Reconsideration Funding be defeated.

#### **DISCUSSION**

Carlino states that this group has not submitted receipts for their original allocation yet.

Gomes states that their requesting funding, including one event that is costing about \$500 more than projected.

Emadi states that given the policy, she is not allocating the funding without submission of sufficient receipts.

#### **CARRIED**

### **3.8 Table Tennis Club**

#### **MOTION**

Moved: Wathey

Seconded: Emadi

Be it resolved that the Table Tennis Club receive \$1000 in Reconsideration Funding.

#### **DISCUSSION**

Wathey states that the group is showing a difference of \$1559. He states that the group is requesting funding to cover an upcoming national table tennis tournament.

Carlino states that she has received additional receipts to justify a reconsideration request.

Emadi states that we should allocate based more on the amount shown in receipts.

#### **CARRIED**

### **3.9 Black Students Association**

#### **MOTION**

Moved: Gomes

Seconded: Emadi

Be it resolved that the Black Students Association receive \$2000 in Reconsideration Funding.

#### **DISCUSSION**

Carlino states that this group had submitted receipts for their total allocation prior to the submission of reconsideration funding application.

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Gomes states that there is approximately \$2000 provided in additional receipts. He states that due to lack of SIF funding the club is showing a larger deficit.

Emadi states she is comfortable allocating what is presented in receipts.

Gomes states that he agrees.

### **CARRIED**

## **4. ADJOURNMENT**

### **MOTION**

Moved: Emadi

Seconded: Gomes

Be it resolved that the meeting is adjourned.

### **CARRIED**

The meeting is adjourned 16:00.

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## **University of Toronto Students' Union**

### **ELECTIONS & REFERENDA COMMITTEE**

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### ATTENDANCE:

Joseph Bodley, Ontario Institute for Studies & Education Director  
Munib Sajjad, President  
William Warnica, Innis College Director

### NON-VOTING:

Alex Flor (Chief Returning Officer)  
Sandra Hudson (Executive Director)

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 17:28.

### 2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

#### MOTION

Moved: Sajjad

Seconded: Bodley

Be it resolved that the Wednesday, February 26, 2014 Elections and Referenda Committee agenda be approved as presented.

#### CARRIED

### 3. APPEAL – ERC 001

#### DISCUSSION

Flor summarizes an appeal submitted by an individual seeking nomination to the Board of Directors named Pierre Harfouche. Flor states that she ruled that a candidate could not seek nomination in multiple positions. She states that candidates should decide their position before signing out a nomination package so that members are able to make informed nominations. She states that an individual running for multiple positions can be confusing. She states that running for more than one position would allow one individual to have access to more funds and would represent an unfair advantage. She states that it is established practice in Canadian elections that an individual runs for only one position. She states that it would be difficult for electoral staff to administer an election where candidates would be permitted to run for multiple positions.

#### MOTION

Moved: Sajjad

Seconded: Warnica

Be it resolved that the decision of the Chief Returning Officer referred to in appeal ERC 001 be upheld.

#### DISCUSSION

Sajjad states that the individual seeking nomination has argued that there is no written rule preventing him from seeking election in multiple positions.



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Flor states that Article VI.3.a.iii of the Elections Procedure Code empowers the Chief Returning Officer and the Elections and Referenda Committee to make decisions about issues not covered by the Code.

Sajjad states that he further argued that he did not have enough time to decide which position he wanted to seek nomination for, so wanted to seek nomination for each of them. Sajjad states that the notice period exceeded one month prior to the close of nominations. Sajjad states that the appellant is a current Director of the Board and has had more notice than the average student as a result.

Bodley states that he has never seen an individual seek nomination or election for more than one position and that the individual should decide.

Warnica asks if there is any precedent to rely upon for this issue.

Sajjad states that he is unsure.

Flor states that she read the Chief Returning Officer Reports for the past several years and had not come across this issue.

Bodley asks what would happen if an individual were elected to two positions.

Hudson states that it would be problematic. She states that she is unsure if that individual would be entitled to two salaries or be required to work double the number of hours.

Bodley states that this would be unfair to other candidates.

Warnica asks if the Elections Procedure Code could be changed to rectify the issue.

Flor states that perhaps that should be considered for the next election period.

## CARRIED

### 4. VOTING LOCATIONS

#### MOTION

Moved: Sajjad

Seconded: Warnica

Be it resolved that the OISE poll be removed.

#### DISCUSSION

Sajjad states that undergraduate OISE students will be on March Break during voting. He also states that OISE building management refused to provide a location on a floor where undergraduate students had lounges or class. He states that if the Committee was to go through with the poll location secured, it would be near graduate students and that there would likely be low voter turnout.

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### **5. ALL CANDIDATES MEETING**

#### **MOTION**

Moved: Sajjad

Seconded: Bodley

Be it resolved that the All Candidates Meeting be kept in closed session.

Be it further resolved that an offer be made to *The Varsity* that a statement can be made on their behalf.

#### **DISCUSSION**

Flor states that she received a request from an editor from the Varsity to make a statement.

Sajjad suggests that the Varsity wait outside until the meeting is done. He states that he could make a statement on their behalf. He states that this is an official meeting about the rules, and that the Committee cannot be held responsible for anything that the Varsity states to the candidates. He also states that candidates' attention should be on the rules for the meeting to meet its purpose.

Bodley states that candidates should not feel pressured at the Meeting.

#### **CARRIED**

### **6. EXECUTIVE CANDIDATE FORUM**

#### **DISCUSSION**

Sajjad states that promotion for the forum has been happening for one week.

Flor states that she is investigating live-streaming the forum. She states that the room she chose should maximize decorum.

Sajjad states that he has confirmed Association of Part-time Undergraduate Students President Susan Froom as moderator. He further states that Ms. Froom has extensive experience with rules of procedure and debate moderation.

### **7. CRO RELIANCE ON PREVIOUS ELECTORAL REPORTS**

#### **DISCUSSION**

Flor states that she has noticed that there are multiple references to specific problematic individuals who have acted improperly during elections in past Chief Returning Officer Reports. She asks if she should treat these individuals as though they have a clean slate, or rely on the fact that they have been reprimanded for breaking rules in the past.

Bodley states that if an individual commits a similar offense to what they have been reprimanded for in the past, this should be taken into account in the distribution of demerit points.

Flor states that she is particularly concerned about offences concerning a breach of the rules of Fair Play.

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Warnica states that it should be left discretionary. He states that a poster violation may not warrant this type of consideration, but harassment of poll clerks may.

Flor states that she will not tolerate harassment of elections staff or candidates. She states that she can be discretionary, and alert the Elections and Referenda Committee whenever the issue occurs.

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

### **MOTION**

Moved: Bodley

Seconded: Warnica

The meeting was adjourned at 18:21.

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### **ATTENDANCE:**

Joseph Bodley, Ontario Institute for Studies & Education Director  
Munib Sajjad, President  
William Warnica, Innis College Director  
Maaham Malik, University of Toronto Mississauga Director (telephone)

### **NON-VOTING:**

Alex Flor (Chief Returning Officer)  
Sandra Hudson (Executive Director)

### **GUESTS:**

Kevin Lunianga (representative to appellant Nicky Bhatti)  
Danielle Sandhu (representative to appellant Zijian Yang)  
Nicky Bhatti (appellant)

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting is called to order at 17:27.

### **2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

#### **MOTION**

Moved: Bodley

Seconded: Warnica

Be it resolved that the Wednesday, March 5, 2014 Elections and Referenda Committee agenda be approved as presented.

#### **CARRIED**

### **3. APPEAL – ERC 005**

#### **DISCUSSION**

Flor states that she received a complaint that Vice-President University Affairs candidate Zijian Yang had promoted that he would advocate to “eliminate winter”. Flor states that she was provided photographic evidence. She states that the unapproved material was changed to the previously approved poster rapidly. She states that the approved platform point was to “advocate for the elimination of winter residence fees.” Flor states that though it may have been a typographical error, it was a misrepresentation of fact.

Flor states that the unapproved material was up from 9:00 on March 3 until approximately 14:00.

Bodley asks if there was recognition of the typographical error by the candidate.

Flor states that she was notified on February 25 that there was a typographical error in the original material that Mr. Yang sent for approval. She states that on that date, the candidate clarified that the item “eliminate winter” was not on their platform and it was a typographical error. Flor states that it was still, in her view, a misrepresentation of the platform.

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Flor exits the room at 17:35.

Mr. Yang's representative, Danielle Sandhu enters the room at 17:36.

Sajjad states that Ms. Sandhu should make the case for Mr. Yang's appeal.

Sandhu states that the issue was whether or not there were unapproved materials on the Facebook page. She states that each poster was approved by the CRO. She states that posters were submitted for approval. She states that after receiving an approval, the candidate noticed an error on their poster. She states that the poster was amended with the proper poster. She then stated that the candidate received a new approval. She states that unfortunately the incorrect poster was uploaded to the Facebook page. She states that the poster was noticed very quickly and switched to reflect the true platform point. She states that Mr. Yang did not have any intention of communicating incorrect information. She states that the error was discovered and corrected on March 3. She provides email correspondence as evidence.

Ms. Sandhu exits the room at 17:50.

Warnica states that he fails to see how the material was unapproved. He states that the provided emails seem to clarify that the materials were approved.

Bodley states that he could understand removing the points for unapproved materials but keeping one demerit point for misrepresentation of fact. He states that it was an unfortunate, insignificant mistake, but a nominal amount of demerit points makes sense.

Sajjad states that he agrees. He states that it was technically misrepresentation of fact, even though it was unlikely to be intentional.

Malik states that she agrees.

## MOTION

Moved: Warnica

Seconded: Bodley

Be it resolved that the demerit points issued for ruling CRO-002 with respect to "misrepresentation of fact" be upheld.

Be it further resolved that the demerit points issued for ruling CRO-002 with respect to "unapproved material" be expunged.

## CARRIED

### 4. APPEAL – ERC 006

Flor states that she received multiple requests for approvals for Team Unite from March 2 at 20:02 and the requests continued until March 3. She states that she read and addressed requests in the order that she received them. She said that fact-checking produced minor delays. She states that she sent approvals on March 2 and continued to send approvals on March 3 prior to 9:00.

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Flor states that an individual named Vipulan Vigneswaran became hostile throughout the day because he was waiting for approvals. She states that he sent multiple emails and made calls demanding to know why certain points had not been approved.

Flor states that she noticed that parts of the Team Unite platform implied that the UTSU membership fee is \$350, and further implied that the union oversees this money. She requested that the claim be adjusted to reflect that UTSU does not have control over most of this money. She states that she informed the candidates that the rest of their platform was approved. She states that she did not suggest phrasing, but requested that they amend the phrasing to make it clear that the amount was not all the jurisdiction of the UTSU.

Flor states that at 15:30, she was in a meeting with her Deputy Returning Officer and then went to the Mississauga campus to patrol. She states that during this time, Mr. Vigneswaran requested the personal telephone number of Flor from Executive Director Sandra Hudson. Hudson declined to provide the information. She states that when she arrived at home, she saw several requests from *The Varsity* and requested a statement in an extremely short time period. She states that she took a break from work at 19:00 when arriving at home. She states that when she started to work again at 21:00.

Flor states that she saw an article that suggested that she had rejected the entire platform and that she was unable to do her job. She states that she asked the reporter who provided him with the incorrect information, and he stated that "Team Unite" informed him. She states that seeing the article made her concerned about the elections. She states that she believes the article undermined her authority and the integrity of the elections. She states that the ruling was made on this basis. She states that the reason for the differential demerit points were due to the fact that three of the candidates' on Team Unite's materials were approved in their entirety. She states that they received demerit points because the reporter stated that "Team Unite" provided the erroneous information to *The Varsity*. She states that the other candidates received more demerit points because instead of dealing with their grievances through the process outlined in the Elections Procedure Code, they went to *The Varsity* in order to stir up controversy. She states that the demerit points for intentional misrepresentation of fact was for the misinformation that was promoted through *The Varsity*. She states that telling *The Varsity* that they were unable to promote their platform was false, as she had approved a majority of the materials that had been delivered to her for approval to that point.

Flor states that after she issued the demerit points, members of Team Unite apologized. An individual named Sarah Qidwai also contacted her to apologize, and stated that she would be taking over communications for the team. She informed them that *The Varsity* informed her that the misinformation was attributable to them. She states that Ye Huang stated that he was the only candidate who spoke to *The Varsity* and that he did not make any comments to undermine the CRO.

Bodley asks if they had an option to appeal her decision with respect to their platform points.

Flor states that they could have contacted Sajjad or the Elections and Referenda Committee. She states that one of the Executive Candidate's on Team Unite currently sits on the Board of Directors and should be aware of this information. She states that it is candidates' responsibility to read the Elections Procedure Code and act accordingly.

Flor states that other candidates who were not members of Team Unite also received requests to amend the language in their platform to make it more clear for the electorate, and to correct misrepresentations of fact. She states that other candidate's simply corrected the language as requested.

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Sajjad asks Flor to whether or not the candidates attempted to mislead the Deputy Returning Officers by stating that all the posters were approved.

Flor states that Mr. Vigneswaran and two other individuals came to the office and insisted to the Deputy Returning Officers that the posters were approved. She states that the unapproved posters were also posted online. She states that the posters were removed as soon as she contacted the candidates to inform them that unapproved materials were posted online.

Flor exits the room at 18:10.

Nicky Bhatti's representative, Kevin Lunianga, enters the room at 18:14.

Sajjad states that Mr. Lunianga should make the case for Mr. Bhatti's appeal.

Lunianga states that Mr. Bhatti posted his poster online and then received notification that something was inaccurate on it and that he could not post it. He states that Mr. Bhatti understands that he should be issued demerit points for this infraction. Lunianga further states that Mr. Bhatti did not discuss anything with the Varsity so he should not have been allocated any demerit points for failure to follow the grievance procedures or for intentional misrepresentation of fact.

Sajjad asks when the poster was sent to the CRO for approval. He asks what process the candidate went through to seek approval.

Lunianga states that he is unsure.

Bodley asks which demerit points Bhatti is disputing.

Lunianga states that he is unsure and cannot speak to the questions being asked. He states that he will attempt to contact Mr. Bhatti to replace him.

Lunianga exits the room at 18:20.

Bhatti enters the room at 18:23.

Sajjad states that Mr. Bhatti should make the case for his appeal.

Bhatti states that he was confused as to why he received demerit points for failure to follow grievance procedures or intentional misrepresentation of fact. He states that the CRO stated that the phrasing on his poster was inappropriate. He states that he had no part in *The Varsity* interview or article. He asked that the reasons for his demerit points be clarified and justified.

Hudson states that the ERC did not issue the points and could not provide justification. She states that he should make his state for a reduction or elimination of demerit points.

Bhatti states that the CRO encouraged him to appeal when he requested justification for the demerit points he received.

Sajjad asks Bhatti to provide a timeline of events.

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Bhatty states that on March 3 at approximately 10:30, Presidential candidate Ye Huang and himself posted unapproved posters online. Bhatty states that the majority of Team Unite's materials were approved by that point and that he assumed that his posters were included in the approvals that he received. He states that the CRO contacted him to let him know that his poster and Mr. Huang's posters were not approved. He states that he and Mr. Huang removed their posters as soon as they were notified to do so by the Chief Returning Officer.

Sajjad asks who his campaign manager is.

Bhatty states that Mr. Vigneswaran is his campaign manager.

Sajjad asks who went to *The Varsity* on behalf of Team Unite. He asks when Mr. Bhatty found out about *The Varsity* article.

Bhatty states that he does not remember what time he found out. He states likely around 17:00 or 18:00. He states that Mr. Vigneswaran told him that Team Unite had approached *The Varsity*. Bhatty states that the candidates were frustrated that the CRO was not responding quickly enough.

Sajjad asks if Mr. Vigneswaran acted on Mr. Bhatty's behalf by going to *The Varsity*.

Bhatty states that Mr. Vigneswaran was acting on Team Unite's behalf.

Sajjad asks if Vigneswaran was acting on Mr. Bhatty's behalf with respect to material approvals.

Bhatty states that Mr. Vigneswaran was acting on his behalf but that he remains unsure as to why he was provided with demerit points.

Bodley asks if Mr. Vigneswaran acts on Mr. Bhatty's behalf.

Bhatty states that Mr. Vigneswaran was acting on his behalf with respect to administrative items.

Bodley asks whether or not Mr. Vigneswaran was overstepping his boundaries.

Bhatty states that Mr. Vigneswaran was overstepping his boundaries.

Sajjad states that Mr. Huang and Bhatty had posters that had unapproved statements on them. He states that from 10:00 to 19:00, when *The Varsity* came out, there was a lot of communication with the CRO.

Bhatty states that Yang was also provided with demerit points but the rest of Team Unite was provided much less than himself and Mr. Yang.

Sajjad states that the claims of *The Varsity* are part of the issue and the fact that he did not dispute the request of the CRO through the appropriate channels were part of the issue.

Bhatty states that he was not involved with the situation involving *The Varsity* and that none of the candidates except Mr. Huang discussed the issue with *The Varsity*. He states that Mr. Vigneswaran was the only other member of Team Unite who discussed the issue with *The Varsity*.



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Sajjad thanks Bhatti for attending the meeting.

Bhatti exits the meeting at 18:39.

Bodley states that Bhatti is not quoted in the article. He also states that it was his materials and Mr. Huang's materials that required amending.

Warnica states that Mr. Vignesewaran acts on Team Unite's behalf and so Bhatti is responsible for Vignesewaran's actions.

Malik states that she agrees.

Bodley states that the CRO was right to issue more than three demerit points because his poster was not approved and because *The Varsity* made false statements. He states that because he was not quoted, he would be in favour of reducing the amount of points he received.

Sajjad states that candidates should be responsible and ensure that their representatives are representing them well. But that he agrees that his demerit points should be reduced.

Bodley states that ignorance is not a defense.

Warnica states that he would be in favour of reducing the amount of points he received.

## MOTION

Moved: Warnica

Seconded: Bodley

Be it resolved that the demerit points issued to Nicky Bhatti for ruling CRO-001 with respect to intentional misrepresentation of fact be reduced from 3 to 2.

Be it further resolved that the demerit points issued to Nicky Bhatti for ruling CRO-001 with respect to failure to follow grievance procedures be reduced from 5 to 3.

## DISCUSSION

Bodley states that Bhatti didn't have an understanding that this article was going through. He states that for this reason, a bit of leeway should be provided, but that he should still receive points.

## CARRIED

## 5. VANDALISM

## DISCUSSION

Sajjad states that *The Varsity* called the UTSU asking what action would be taken with respect to vandalized posters found at the George Ignatieff Theatre. Sajjad states that no one in the office had knowledge of the issue. Sajjad states that he went to investigate and took photos of the issue. He states that he called the CRO who requested that he remove the posters.

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Flor states that she expects that one person appears to have defaced 16 posters belonging to UofT Voice. She states that the handwriting is consistent. She states that she suspects that the person who vandalized the posters tipped off *The Varsity*, given how *The Varsity* has been intimately involved with scandals in the campaign. She states that seven of the posters have amended campaign points in offensive ways. She states that all of the materials have mustaches drawn onto the candidates' faces. She states that she alerted UofT Voice candidates that the posters were defaced and that she removed the posters. She states that she is aware that removing the posters affects their visibility, but she states that it was important to make clear that this type of vandalism is unacceptable. She asks for suggestions as how to address the issue.

Bodley suggests that a notification be posted on the website encouraging students who see posters being defaced to notify the Chief Returning Officer.

Sajjad states that there was evidence of one poster was clearly ripped down.

Warnica asks how many posters remain in the Buttery from UofT Voice.

Sajjad states that no posters remain.

Warnica asks if UofT Voice could be permitted to print more posters or increase their budget to print more posters to make up for the loss.

Flor states that this is not provided for in the Elections Procedure Code and that it may be difficult to replace so few posters. She states that printing costs increase with small quantities.

Malik asks whether or not Voice will replace the posters.

Sajjad states that it is unknown. Sajjad asks whether or not Voice has responded to the notification from the CRO.

The CRO states that they have not replied.

Malik asks whether any of the posters that were vandalized were for University College Director candidate Candi Chin-Sang.

Flor states that none of the posters belonged to Ms. Chin-Sang.

Malik asks if Flor has responded to *The Varsity*.

Flor states that she has not responded to *The Varsity*. Flor suggests that a statement be posted online to the membership stating that this vandalism has occurred and that it is not in the spirit of the election. She states that she will encourage the reporting of these types of incidents.

Hudson suggests that no specifics be mentioned with respect to which slate was affected. She further suggests that members be requested to respect all candidates.

Sajjad suggests that members be encouraged to engage positively with the election.

Bodley suggests that the location of the violations be kept confidential.

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### 6. **THE VARSITY**

Sajjad states he is concerned about how *The Varsity* has been reporting over the course of the last few days. He asks what should be done. He states that Flor has been dealing with over 40 candidates in addition to attempting to organize events and procedures related to the election. He states that *The Varsity* is adding another level of difficulty that she is not expected to deal with.

Flor states that she has been contacted by at least five different people including the News Editor and the Editor-in-Chief. She states that she has been asked about her decisions and for inappropriate commentary. She states that she has been given very short deadlines to respond to requests. She states that she was given a deadline of one hour for a request. She states that this is unreasonable. She states that she is not a public relations staff person and that must engage in administrative work.

Flor states that after her first correspondence with *The Varsity* was misrepresented to serve a particular agenda, she contacted *The Varsity* for a correction. She states that *The Varsity* contacted her and that she was chastised for her public statement and request for correction.

Flor states that she was asked why a poll location was removed. She informed the inquirer that she was not responsible for deciding poll locations. She states that she was chastised about this. She states that she has no obligation to respond to *The Varsity* and that she is concerned about doing so in the future because it would negatively affect the elections, herself and her ability to complete her work.

She states that she was asked to provide a more personal interview. She states that she was nervous about responding and that she may decline. She states that she has a life outside of this job that is not the concern of the membership or related to the elections in any way.

Sajjad states that he has seen the requests. He states that the deadlines are short and the questions are unreasonable. He states that he is unsure what type of action can be taken. He states that it might be helpful to request that *The Varsity* reduce the amount of people requesting comment.

Flor states that she may no longer respond to *The Varsity* at all.

Bodley states that Flor's job is to run an election. He states that he supports her decision to refuse to respond further. He states that the initial article was dishonest and indicative of how *The Varsity* intends to carry itself throughout the election. He suggests that *The Varsity* should only receive comment from members of the Elections and Referenda Committee.

Flor states that every request that she has gotten has been forwarded to Sajjad.

Sajjad states that he would be in favour of meeting with *The Varsity* and discussing their role in the election. He states that their deadlines need to be discussed. He states that a sit-down discussion may be necessary.

Flor states that she is not expecting action and is merely providing an update.

Bodley states that he is in favour of a meeting. He states that no response should contain individual names in future. He states that all statements to *The Varsity* should be signed off as coming from the Elections and Referenda Committee.

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Warnica states that he will not be available for every news request.

Sajjad asks whether or not we should sit with them once.

Bodley states yes.

Malik states that there should be a cap on how late candidates should expect a response from Flor.

Flor states that she agrees with that in theory, but that she expects that she would be publicly criticized for stating this. She states that this may not be necessary at this point, as most materials are approved. She suggests that in future, an auto-response should be implemented on the Chief Returning Officer email for the first two days.

Malik states that candidates should not expect a same-day response, especially if requests are sent late.

Sajjad states that he will put together guidelines to circulate to the Elections and Referenda Committee in advance of any meeting with *The Varsity*.

## 6. EXECUTIVE CANDIDATE FORUM

Sajjad explains the timeline for the Forum. He states that Association of Part-time Undergraduate Students President Susan Froom has agreed to moderate the forum. He states that Ms. Froom is well-versed in moderation and facilitation. He states that Committee members should try to attend the forum. He states that the Forum will be streamed, if possible.

## 7. ADJOURNMENT

### MOTION

Moved: Sajjad

Seconded: Malik

The meeting is adjourned at 20:10.

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### **ATTENDANCE:**

Joseph Bodley, Ontario Institute for Studies & Education Director  
Munib Sajjad, President  
William Warnica, Innis College Director  
Maaham Malik, University of Toronto Mississauga Director (telephone)

### **NON-VOTING:**

Alex Flor (Chief Returning Officer)  
Sandra Hudson (Executive Director)

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting is called to order at 17:17.

### **2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

#### **MOTION**

Moved: Bodley

Seconded: Warnica

Be it resolved that the Wednesday, March 12, 2014 Elections and Referenda Committee agenda be approved as presented.

#### **CARRIED**

### **3. UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO MISSISSAUGA CLOSURE**

#### **DISCUSSION**

Sajjad states that the University of Toronto Mississauga closed at 13:00 on March 12 due to inclement weather. He states that the UTSU was required to close the polls at 13:15 as a result. Sajjad states that Flor has approached him concerned that accommodations should be made for UTM students.

Flor states that while there is still online voting available, some students vote due to the visibility of polling stations and the opportunity to approach and ask questions of students who are campaigning. She states that she is concerned that Mississauga students will be disenfranchised due to the early closure. She states that while this force of nature is out of the hands of the Committee, that she recommends that the Committee seriously consider making accommodations for these students.

Warnica states that he agrees.

Bodley states that the polls should be open on Friday, March 14 at the University of Toronto Mississauga for the same amount of hours as they were closed on Wednesday March, 12.

Flor states that the logistics may be very difficult and that this decision may not even be possible.

Warnica asks if votes would still be counted on Thursday, March 13 if polls were open until March 14.

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Hudson states that she recommends against it. She states that it may change how people campaign or vote if there was knowledge of how the results.

Malik asks if there should be concerns about volume, given that St. George students may go to the Mississauga campus to vote en masse.

Sajjad states that this outcome is unlikely.

### **MOTION**

Moved: Warnica

Seconded: Bodley

Be it resolved that paper ballot polling be extended from 10:00 – 15:00 on the Mississauga campus on Friday, March 14.

### **CARRIED**

## **4. SCRUTINEERS**

### **DISCUSSION**

Flor states that she received a complaint from a scrutineer that ballots are transported using a vehicle that the scrutineer cannot travel in. She states that the system for picking up ballot boxes involves the use of a minivan and several poll clerks and elections staff for security. She states that the scrutineer suggested that all boxes be walked in a line, one by one. Flor states that this process would significantly extend the process. She states that the Ombudsman office stays open late so that elections staff can deliver the ballot boxes, but that the office needs to close as soon as possible, and that the Elections and Referenda Committee must be respectful and expedient.

Sajjad states that vehicles have always been used, given the size of the campus.

Warnica asks if scrutineers have concerns with the transport of Mississauga ballot boxes to the St. George campus for the count.

Flor states yes. She states that it may be difficult to accommodate scrutineers travelling from Mississauga to St. George.

Bodley states that there could be a principal scrutineer that represents all the candidates on a particular team who could accompany the boxes from Mississauga.

Flor states that this may be difficult and that there may be independents who want scrutineers.

Hudson states that in the past, scrutineers have been permitted to accompany the minivan taxis that transport the Mississauga boxes downtown. She states that there is typically more than one taxi required to transport all the boxes, which leaves room for scrutineers.

Warnica states that he cannot think of how to overcome the issue of a vehicle being used downtown besides permitting video surveillance.

Hudson states that this may work.

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Flor suggest that scrutineers can take photos of the boxes in the van.

### 5. **THE VARSITY**

#### DISCUSSION

Sajjad states that an article was written stating that a poll clerk complained that she wasn't hired based on her college affiliation.

Hudson reminds committee members that they should discuss issues with respect to hiring interviews *in camera* so as not to inadvertently contravene privacy or labour law.

#### MOTION

Moved: Sajjad

Seconded: Warnica

Be it resolved that the discussion continue *in camera*.

#### CARRIED

The discussion moved *in camera* at 17:46.

The discussion moved *ex camera* at 17:56.

### 6. **"ROBOTEXT" ALLEGATIONS**

Flor states that some students have complained that they received unsolicited text messages from UofT Voice. She states that she is not taking media requests on the matter, as *The Varsity* seems to have made up their mind on the situation without investigation.

Sajjad states that the complainants allege that UofT Voice is sending unsolicited text messages to students.

Flor states that UofT Voice has been able to provide evidence that the students who complained signed up for the service. She states that she was able to compare the handwriting on the evidence to documents in her office written by the complainants.

Flor expresses concern that *The Varsity* is writing articles before she has a chance to rule. She states that some candidates seem to have a direct connection with *The Varsity* and are using the publication to affect the perception of how events are occurring.

### 7. **ADJOURNMENT**

#### MOTION

Moved: Warnica

Seconded: Malik

Be it resolved that the meeting be adjourned.

#### CARRIED

The meeting is adjourned at 18:01.

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### **ATTENDANCE:**

Joseph Bodley, Ontario Institute for Studies & Education Director  
Munib Sajjad, President (telephone)  
William Warnica, Innis College Director (telephone)  
Maaham Malik, University of Toronto Mississauga Director (telephone)

### **NON-VOTING:**

Alex Flor (Chief Returning Officer)  
Sandra Hudson (Executive Director)

### **GUESTS:**

Ye Huang (representative to appellant Anna Chenchen Yin)  
Vipulan Vigneswaran (representative to appellant Anna Chenchen Yin)  
Anna Chenchen Yin (appellant)

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting is called to order at 15:52.

### **2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

#### **MOTION**

Moved: Bodley

Seconded: Warnica

Be it resolved that the Wednesday, March 15, 2014 Elections and Referenda Committee agenda be approved as presented.

#### **CARRIED**

### **3. APPEAL – CRO – 026**

#### **DISCUSSION**

Sajjad states that that he received an appeal from Arts & Science At-Large Director candidate Kevin Lunianga regarding ruling CRO – 026. He asks that Flor detail the issue.

Flor states that she received a complaint that Mr. Lunianga was campaigning within six metres of a polling station. She states that the 6-metre mark was clearly delineated with masking tape. She states that the complainant provided clear photographic evidence.

Warnica states that the evidence seems conclusive.

Bodley states that the two demerit points that the candidate was issued seems fair.

Malik states that she agrees.

Hudson asks if Mr. Lunianga was contacted about the date of the meeting and given an opportunity to attend and present his case.



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Sajjad states that he received the appeal very recently and did not have a chance to contact Mr. Lunianga prior to the meeting. He states that since the Committee seems to be in favour of upholding the ruling of the Chief Returning Officer, that the decision should be delayed until Mr. Lunianga has the ability to appear before the Committee to make the case for his appeal. He states that he will contact Mr. Lunianga to attend the next meeting.

### **4. APPEAL – CRO – 030**

#### **DISCUSSION**

Sajjad states that that he received an appeal from Faculty of Engineering Director candidate Abhi Amalsadia regarding ruling CRO – 030. He asks that Flor detail the issue.

Flor states that she received a complaint that Mr. Amalsadia had used posters that were unstamped. She states that this was the second time she was receiving this complaint. She states that she attempted to contact the candidate as part of the investigation. She states that she did not receive a reply. She states that she issued more demerit points than she had issued to him in a previous ruling because this was his second offence. She states that the complainant provided clear photographic evidence. She states that she also investigated the location of the violation and confirmed that the complainant's allegations could be corroborated.

Warnica asks for details about the first violation Mr. Amalsadia received for this issue.

Flor states that she was contacted by UofT Voice who told her that they had accidentally posted photos of Mr. Amalsadia that were unstamped. She said that they stated that approximately 20 posters were affected. She states that she also received a complaint about the matter on the same day. She states that she requested that UofT Voice remove the posters. She states that Abhinove was issued minimal demerit points.

Warnica asks how many demerit points Mr. Amalsadia has in total.

Flor states 13.

Warnica asks how many demerit points results in the disqualification of a Director candidate.

Flor states 20.

Sajjad asks what the nature of the appeal was.

Flor states that UofT Voice is arguing that they removed all of his posters when they found out about their error the first time. They are concerned that this ruling may be the result of an attempt to sabotage the candidate. She states that they suggested that the photos may have been taken on the same date as the original photos.

Hudson states that she checked the photographic EXIF data. She states that the photos were taken on different dates.

Flor states that she did not rely on the photographic evidence. She states that she conducted a further investigation and found that some of the unstamped posters were indeed still displayed.

Warnica states that there is insufficient evidence for their appeal.

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Malik states that the candidate should have replied to Flor's queries.

Bodley states that he agrees that the evidence is insufficient.

Hudson asks if Mr. Amalsadia was contacted about the date of the meeting and given an opportunity to attend and present his case.

Sajjad states that he received the appeal very recently and did not have a chance to contact Mr. Amalsadia prior to the meeting. He states that since the Committee seems to be in favour of upholding the ruling of the Chief Returning Officer, that the decision should be delayed until Mr. Amalsadia has the ability to appear before the Committee to make the case for his appeal. He states that he will contact Mr. Amalsadia to attend the next meeting.

### 5. APPEAL – CRO – 027

#### DISCUSSION

Sajjad states that that he received an appeal from Presidential candidate Yolen Bollo-Kamara and Vice-President Internal & Services candidate Cameron Wathey regarding ruling CRO – 027. He asks that Flor detail the issue.

Flor states that she received a complaint that Ms. Bollo-Kamara and Mr. Wathey may have met some of their volunteers as a result of their positions as Executive Committee members. She states that the complainant argued that this was an abuse of their position. She states that the complainants also argued that one of Ms. Bollo-Kamara and Mr. Wathey's volunteers misrepresented themselves as a student. She states that the appellants are arguing that she relied on *The Varsity* to make her ruling. She states that this is false. She states that she relied on personal testimony. She states that the demerit points should be expunged. She states that upon a second reading, she misunderstood the nature of the complaint. She states that it is not unreasonable to expect that candidates may make friends in their various capacities on and off-campus and ask their friends to volunteer for them.

Bodley states that he agrees with Flor's suggestion.

Sajjad states that though the candidates were not contacted to make their case, since the Committee seems in favour of appeal, a decision could be made immediately.

#### MOTION

Moved: Bodley

Seconded: Sajjad

Be it resolved that the demerit points issued to Presidential candidate Yolen Bollo-Kamara and Vice-President Internal & Services candidate Cameron Wathey in ruling CRO – 027 be expunged.

#### CARRIED

### 6. APPEAL – CRO – 028

Sajjad states that that he received an appeal from Vice-President Internal & Services candidate Anna Chenchen Yin regarding ruling CRO – 028. He asks that Flor detail the issue.

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Flor states that she received a complaint alleging serious violations of the Elections Procedure Code by Ms. Yin. She states that the complainant provided conclusive audio recording as evidence. She states that she investigated the legal admissibility of audio recording if Ms. Yin was unaware that she was being recorded. She states that the audio is admissible. She states that the complainant was very concerned about their anonymity. She states that she is required to keep the identity of the complainant anonymous as per the Elections Procedure Code.

She states that the appellant is claiming that the ruling is inadmissible because the CRO did not provide evidence. She states that the appellant is citing Article VI.3.o "Evidence for Rulings" of the Elections Procedure Code (EPC). She states that Article VI.3.o.iii states, "Evidence that is used in making a ruling must be made available to any candidate that a ruling finds in violation of the code, within 24 hours of the ruling being made". She states that same section of the EPC requires her to keep the identity of the complainant secret. She states that "making evidence available" is not the same as actively providing it. She states that she has made evidence available upon request. She states that there have been no complaints about this process until this point. She states that Ms. Yin requested evidence 23 hours after receiving the ruling. She states that she received the message a few hours later. She stated that she informed Ms. Yin that she could not provide her with the evidence as she was requested to keep the complainant's identity anonymous. She states that she offered to transcribe the audio. She states that Ms. Yin refused the offer and stated that it was already past 24 hours and that she considered the ruling null and void. Ms. Flor states that the Elections Procedure Code clearly states that only the CRO and the ERC can interpret the code. She states that she did everything she could to satisfy contradicting sections in the Code.

Sajjad states that this section in the Code should be changed to be more clear.

Hudson states that clearer language would be a good idea.

Bodley states that he is unsure if the Ruling should stand due to the conflicting language.

Malik states that Flor could not have done anything different.

Warnica states that the request came in at the 23<sup>rd</sup> hour and that the CRO responded in a timely manner.

## MOTION

Moved: Sajjad

Seconded: Warnica

Be it resolved that Ruling CRO – 028 be clarified as admissible.

## CARRIED

Abstention: Bodley

Flor states that she suspects that the appellant will appeal the ruling's content as well. She states that the Committee should decide whether to provide the appellant with the audio recording. She provides the audio recording for the Committee.

Flor exits the room at 17:30.

Sajjad states that he would be okay with allowing Ms. Yin to hear the audio recording, as the complainant did not identify themselves.

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Bodley states that he agrees.

Warnica states that Yin should be provided with time to consider her appeal after listening to the audio.

Sajjad states that he agrees.

Malik states that she agrees.

Hudson suggests 15 minutes.

Warnica states that he agrees.

Sajjad states that he agrees.

Bodley states that he agrees.

Anna Chenchen Yin and her representatives, Vipulan Vigneswaran and Ye Huang enter the room at 17:35.

Sajjad states that Yin should make the case for her appeal.

Yin states that the Elections Procedure Code states that she should have received evidence within 24 hours of the ruling being made.

Sajjad states that the complainant wanted to remain anonymous and that the Chief Returning Officer was exercising caution in order to protect the identity of the complainant.

Yin states that the CRO did not respond to her within 24 hours.

Hudson asks whether the CRO did not respond to a request within 24 hours or if the CRO did not volunteer evidence within 24 hours.

Yin states that the CRO did not provide evidence within 24 hours. She states that due process was not followed and the ruling should be overturned immediately.

Sajjad asks if Yin forwarded her concerns to the CRO.

Yin states that she forwarded her concerns.

Hudson states that she will play the recording for Yin.

Yin states that she recognizes the voice and knows who the complainant is.

*The meeting recesses at 18:00.*

*The meeting reconvenes at 18:20.*

Yin states that she was given demerit points for stating that the UTSU fee was \$345. She states that this is the fee on ROSI. She states that she never claimed that it was the membership fee and never said the word membership.

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Sajjad asks why she did not adhere to the previous ruling of the CRO already addressing this issue.

Yin states that the ruling was about Mr. Ye Huang and that it was not appealed. She states that she never mentioned the word membership.

Vigneswaran states that \$345 includes all the fees collected through the UTSU.

Yin states that it does not matter where the fee is used afterward or if it is forwarded elsewhere. She states that it is fact that the fee itself is collected.

Vigneswaran states that the word "membership" was not used in the audio.

Yin states that while she said that there was no report indicating where fees were being spent, she later stated that there is an audit report released on an annual basis.

Sajjad states that the audit is on the website, and that her claim that there is no report is misleading.

Yin states that she mentioned the audit later in the audio.

Sajjad asks why she made the first claim.

Yin states that she thinks that she was caught off. She states that she meant to state that there was no report except the audited statements.

Yin states that in the recording, she claimed that UTSU's largest expense is Executive salaries, and then immediately corrected herself to state staff and Executive salaries combined were UTSU's largest expense.

Yin states that she did not say that UTM "left" the UTSU, but that she stated that they had their fees diverted or remitted to them.

Yin states that it is true that the UTSU is preventing groups from leaving the organization citing bylaws. She cites a letter written by the previous UTSU President that outlined how to change the membership fee.

Yin states that her claim that the Student Societies Summit was created to investigate undemocratic bylaws was an opinion, not fact. She states that she did not reference or refer to official documents or reasoning.

Bodley asks if Yin spoke to any Summit members about the purpose of the Summit.

Yin states that she discussed it with Summit member Zack Meadow.

Yin, Vigneswaran and Huang exit the room at 20:00.

Sajjad states that the original ruling CRO – 001 made clear that the way that Unite represented the fee was incorrect. He states that it is not a single fee. He states that most of the fees belong to other organizations. He states that she was stating that there is \$345 collected and members do not know where it was going.

Bodley asks what the breakdown says on ROSI.

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Warnica states how the fee is broken down. He states that it does not attribute \$345 in a lump sum for students.

Malik states that the breakdown for UTM students is different.

Sajjad asks how the Governing Council represents the fee.

Hudson provides Governing Council documentation stating the UTSU fee.

Warnica states that he believes that it is misrepresentation, but that she does not say specifically "membership fee". He states that there is an attempt to imply that it is a membership fee. He states that he disagrees with the severity of "gross misrepresentation of fact."

Malik states that all of Team Unite was aware that their phrasing of the fee was a misrepresentation. She states that because this has been addressed more than once that it is a problem and that the ruling should be taken seriously. She states that the first time it was in writing and that this time it is being vocalized. She states that this should be taken into account as well. She states that it seems as though Ms. Yin was trying to continue with this point, and that they were caught off guard.

Sajjad states that she was well aware that this was a violation given the first ruling and that this is clearly intentional.

Warnica states that he also believes that it is intentional at this point, though he doesn't think that it was originally intentional. He states that he does not believe that this is gross misrepresentation of fact or malicious violation of the Elections Policy.

Bodley also states that this is not gross misrepresentation.

Sajjad asks to play the recording again.

Hudson plays the recording.

Sajjad states that Yin was not cut off as she claimed when she made the claim that there was no report indicating where fees are spent. He states that she stated very clearly that there was no report on how the money was spent and continues to discuss other things. He states that she did not mention the audit in connection to the first statement.

Warnica states that he agreed that she misrepresented what she said in her appeal. He states that she did refer to the audit statement for another issue.

Malik agrees.

Bodley states that her claim that she was cut off is not substantiated by the recording.

Warnica asks if this is intentional and gross misrepresentation.

Hudson suggests that Flor be asked later.

Bodley asks if she was blatantly lying or made a poor statement.

Sajjad states that she is a commerce student. He states that she should know that this document shows where the money is being spent.

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Warnica states that demerit points should be awarded for either intentional or gross misrepresentation but not both.

Sajjad states that with respect to Executive salaries being the largest expense of the UTSU, that Ms. Yin may have not meant to say only Executive at the start.

Bodley states that she clearly corrects herself and states staff and executive. He states that it may be a misrepresentation.

Malik states that it was not intentional, but it was a misrepresentation.

Sajjad states that he agrees.

Warnica states that she corrects herself immediately afterward. He states that regardless, the biggest expense is actually the health and dental plan.

Hudson agrees that she corrected herself.

Malik states that she feels as though this is intentional because she must have known having looked at the statement.

Bodley states that her statement was clearly incorrect, but he wants to discuss whether or not this is a candidate who doesn't know what she was talking about or whether or not she was intentionally deceitful.

Warnica states that he feels uncomfortable given that this contradicts the first part of the ruling, which states that UTSU receives fees of \$345 because we are including that in our expenses.

Sajjad states that it is not contradictory, because UTSU collects health and dental information that is passed through. He states that on our audit it is indeed the largest expense. He also states that it is broken down on ROSI.

Malik states that she agrees with Sajjad. She states that Yin is being misleading because the salary is not the highest expense of the funds that go toward UTSU.

Warnica asks if this is intentional or not.

Bodley states that he believes that it was unintentional.

Malik states that regardless it is misleading.

Bodley asks if the UTMSU left the UTSU.

Hudson states that the organizations amalgamated in 2007.

Bodley asks what the relationship is with UTM.

Hudson explains the relationship.

Sajjad states that the recording states that UTSU let UTM leave. He states that this is intentional misrepresentation of fact.

Malik agrees.

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Warnica agrees that it is misrepresentation.

Bodley agrees.

Malik states that Ms. Yin's statement with respect to the Student Societies Summit wasn't based on fact, but on the testimony of Mr. Zack Medow, and she admitted that in her appeal.

Sajjad asked if this was her opinion or the opinion of Mr. Zack Medow.

Bodley states that her opinion was informed by consulting with certain people. He states that just because this opinion differs from what others' opinion of the Summit was, it shouldn't be disrespected.

Malik states that she wasn't exactly breaking the rules by stating her opinion.

Bodley states that bylaws have come up in the Summit. He states that there is a wide array of issues discussed. He asks whether she made it sound like a fact or opinion.

Warnica states that she says "potentially undemocratic" in the recording.

Sajjad states that the recording makes it seem as though the Student Societies Summit was created because the UTSU is undemocratic. He states that she does not make it sound like opinion. He states that the administration has a whole different reason for how the Summit was created.

Bodley states that he is not sure whether she was completely incorrect. Bodley states that the question is whether she made this seem like fact or opinion.

Warnica states that this is simply misrepresentation of fact, in which only three demerit points were awarded, so the Committee should not belabor this point.

Malik states that it would be a big jump to reduce it to 29 points, which is what would be required to overturn her disqualification.

Bodley states that he suggests three (3) for misrepresentation of fact, ten (10) for intentional misrepresentation of fact, and for malicious intent 10. He states that he believes that she should be awarded less than 29 points. He states that she never denounces the other candidates. He states that she seemed genuine and respectful. He states that she wasn't being derogatory or oppressive and she was upholding UofT values. He states that she made a lot of inaccurate statements.

Warnica states that he agrees that the points should be reduced. He states that she should not receive gross misrepresentation for \$345. He does believe that she should receive gross misrepresentation for the report.

Malik states that the gross can be reduced. She also states that most of her statements may have been mistakes and that she was potentially coached by her team. She states that 29 points is fair because it wasn't malicious or intentional for the most part.

Sajjad states that he does not want to touch the demerits but the issue itself. He states that any candidate should know what the issues are and what they are discussing. He states that it doesn't matter who is telling the candidate the wrong information, the candidate is responsible for what they say. Sajjad further states that she should be given demerit points for gross misrepresentation because she claimed things that the CRO already corrected. Sajjad states that it is difficult for him to suggest that this should be reduced to 29 points.



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Warnica states that no one is in disagreement for misrepresentation of fact. He states that the Committee must discuss intentional misrepresentation of fact, gross misrepresentation of fact, intentional violation of the Elections Procedure Code or Policy and failure to comply with the spirit and purpose of the elections.

Sajjad states that gross misrepresentation of fact should be more than 10.

Bodley suggests keeping misrepresentation of facts at three (3), keeping intentional representation of facts at 10, reducing gross to 10, malicious or intentional violation to five (5) and failure to comply with the spirit and purpose of the elections to one (1).

Malik states that we are unsure if this is the only person who was told this information. She states that we do not know if she is the only person from this team is saying these things as well. She states that this is an election, and she should know what is being discussed.

Sajjad states that some of these issues have been discussed by the CRO and the ERC before. He states that to him, this is malicious. He states that this is more than one point for failure to comply with the spirit and purpose of the elections.

Malik states that dropping 15 points to five (5) for malicious violation of the Elections Procedure Code is too much.

Warnica states that disqualification is way too harsh of a punishment because there are some issues that have been ruled as more than one violation.

Bodley agrees. He states that she was respectful, but made some mistakes. He states that it is clearly misrepresentation and in some cases intentional, but he does not think that these issues should be too high.

Sajjad states that with all of these issues combined that this is failure to comply with the spirit. He states that he agrees on some level that she was intentionally trying to negatively campaign against some candidates. He states that he said in her statement that she was running against "incumbents" to and attributed her incorrect statements to them. He states that this is not positive or fair.

Bodley asks if UofT Voice talked about themselves as the incumbents. He states that if that is the case, then Unite should have been able to discuss them as incumbents as well.

Warnica states that failure to comply with the spirit and purpose of the elections should not be there at all.

Sajjad agrees.

Malik agrees.

Bodley agrees. He states that this brings her down to a total of 43 points for this complaint. He suggests reducing the other points that she was awarded to be reduced to 28.

Malik states that malicious should be higher because it was addressed in another complaint.

Warnica states if that he firmly believes that Yin should not be disqualified.

## MOTION

Moved: Bodley

Seconded: Warnica

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Be it resolved Anna Chenchen Yin's total demerit point count be reduced to 34.

### CARRIED

Sajjad is against the motion.

## 6. ONLINE VOTING

### MOTION

Moved: Bodley

Seconded: Sajjad

Be it resolved that the discussion continue *in camera*.

### CARRIED

The discussion moved *in camera* at 21:16.

The discussion moved *ex camera* at 21:26.

## 7. APPEAL OF EXTENDED VOTING HOURS

### DISCUSSION

Flor states that she received an appeal of the Committee decision to extend voting hours by Vice-President University Affairs candidate Pierre Harfouche. She states that Harfouche's appeal is based on the idea that there must be eight polling stations open at the St. George campus and three polling located at the Mississauga campus during polling. She states that given that logic, she should have discarded all of the votes at St. George when the Mississauga polls were closed. She states that Committee members should consider the cost and fairness to the electorate. She stresses that the purpose of the Elections Procedure Code is to facilitate a fair process for the membership. She states that the Code allows herself and the Committee to make changes when there are unforeseen circumstances. She states that she believes the actions of the Committee on her recommendation were justified.

Bodley states that it would be unfair to disenfranchise the hundreds of students who voted in person on March 14.

Sajjad states that a decision was made to deal with a strange, rare situation. He states that the decision was fair.

Bodley states that throwing out ballot boxes would be a huge violation of UTM students' rights.

Malik agrees.

Warnica agrees.

## 8. HARASSMENT OF ELECTIONS STAFF

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Flor states that a number of the poll clerks felt they had been harassed and videotaped by members of Team Unite. She states that while the ballot box collection was being undertaken, she spoke to Presidential candidate Ye Huang and told him that it was unacceptable to take photos and film the poll clerks, especially when poll clerks requested that he stop doing so. She requested that photos and videos be deleted. She states that he was amenable. She states that she told him that if this was not taken care of she would escalate the situation and inform the administration.

Flor states that after the ballot boxes were brought to the transport vehicle, she saw Mr. Huang filming Sajjad, poll clerks and the UTM CRO. She said that he attempted to hide this when he saw her. Sajjad states that he informed Mr. Huang he did not want to be filmed.

Bodley asked if there was eyewitness proof.

Flor states that she saw Mr. Huang filming.

Sajjad states that it was not just Mr. Huang, but that other volunteers for Mr. Huang also recorded elections staff. He stated that he was personally recorded twice.

Bodley states that he is uncomfortable with the fact that this happened.

Flor states that it's one thing to photograph the CRO. She states that it is another thing to photograph and film the poll clerks. She states that this amounted to workplace harassment.

Bodley states that he also feels as though it is unfair and upsetting because these individuals were at work and could not leave the polls if they were uncomfortable. Bodley states that this should be pursued further and should not go unchallenged.

## **7. ADJOURNMENT**

### **MOTION**

Moved: Warnica

Seconded: Bodley

Be it resolved that the meeting be adjourned.

### **CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 22:28.

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### **ATTENDANCE:**

Joseph Bodley, Ontario Institute for Studies & Education Director  
Munib Sajjad, President  
William Warnica, Innis College Director  
Maaham Malik, University of Toronto Mississauga Director (telephone)

### **NON-VOTING:**

Alex Flor (Chief Returning Officer)  
Sandra Hudson (Executive Director)

### **GUESTS:**

Danielle Sandhu (representative to appellant Abhi Amalsadia)

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 18:37.

### **2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

#### **MOTION**

Moved: Bodley

Seconded: Warnica

Be it resolved that the Wednesday, March 20, 2014 Elections and Referenda Committee agenda be approved as presented.

#### **CARRIED**

### **3. APPEAL – CRO – 026**

#### **DISCUSSION**

Sajjad states that this appeal was tabled from the last meeting. Sajjad states that he contacted the appellant and asked him to attend this meeting. He states that the appellant chose to withdraw the appeal.

### **4. APPEAL – CRO – 030**

#### **DISCUSSION**

Sajjad states that this appeal was tabled from the March 15 Elections and Referenda Committee meeting. Sajjad states that the appellant's representative is present.

Flor exits the room at 18:40.

Abhi Amalsadia's representative, Danielle Sandhu, enters the room at 18:43.

Sajjad states that Ms. Sandhu should make the case for Mr. Amalsadia's appeal. Sandhu states that Amalsadia's materials were approved by the CRO, but that he had accidentally put up posters that did not have a stamp on them. Sandhu states that Amalsadia

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contacted the CRO once they realized their mistake. She states that Amalsadia was proactive. She states that she wants to stress that the material was approved. She states that the custodial staff removed posters that were lacking stamps and approval and informed Amaldasias representative of this fact. She states that she is unsure how any posters could possibly remain. She states that multiple photos may have been taken and presented as complaints on different dates though they were taken at the same time. She further states that the posters may have been underneath other posters that were placed on top of them later. She states that she did not remove posters to check if his posters were underneath. She states that though he lost and the violation does not affect the outcome, that the violation adds insult to injury.

Sajjad asks if there was an attempt to remove posters in Bahen, Sanford Fleming and Galbraith.

Sandhu states that they did, and that they did not see any remaining posters when they took down their posters. She states that they would not have contacted the CRO had they had any intention of breaking the rules.

Sandhu exits the room at 18:50.

Sajjad states that he is in favour of reducing the demerit points issued for this violation.

Bodley states that points should be reduced, but there should be enough to reflect that the candidate did not respond to requests for more information from the CRO.

### MOTION

Moved: Warnica

Seconded: Bodley

Be it resolved that the amount of demerit points issued for ruling CRO – 030 be reduced from 10 to five (5).

### CARRIED

## 5. APPEAL – MARCH 14 VOTING DAY

Sajjad reminds the Committee that Harfouche appealed the additional voting hours on March 14 to make up for the early closure of UTM polls on Wednesday. He states that we need to decide how to communicate the ERC decision.

Bodley states that Sajjad should respond to him directly. He states that the ERC should reiterate that the UTM campus was closed on Wednesday. He states that he believes that some students may be forgetting that fact. Bodley also states that online voting complements paper ballots and does not supercede it. He states that he voted via ballot. He states that there are many people who do not want to vote online. He states that if online voting had crashed, the same concern would be addressed. He states that we cannot disenfranchise all the students that voted on Friday.

Warnica states that he agrees that Sajjad should respond to Mr. Harfouche with the ERC decision.

## 6. APPEAL OF RESULTS – VICE-PRESIDENT EXTERNAL

Flor states that Vice-President External candidate Nicky Bhatti has appealed the results of the Vice-President External position. He states that all the ballots that had been submitted for former Vice-President External candidate Luis Moreno should be reassigned to him. She states that she was asked why the poll clerks had not scratched out his name. She states that this could have led to a high margin of error and that a notice was placed at each polling location indicating that Mr.

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Moreno forfeit as per the decision of the ERC. She states that people could have picked him purposefully to spoil. She states that there is no guarantee that supporters of Mr. Moreno would have voted for Mr. Bhatti.

Sajjad asks what the logic is behind the request that all the ballots are reassigned to him.

Warnica states that there is no way to know what the intention of the voters would have been if Moreno was not on the ballot.

Flor states that to assign all the votes from Mr. Moreno to Mr. Bhatti makes assumptions that she simply cannot accept. She also states that the appeal was too late to be considered.

Warnica states that the committee should communicate that the appeal was late and discuss the substantive issues with the appeal.

## **7. ADJOURNMENT**

### **MOTION**

Moved: Warnica

Seconded: Sajjad

Be it resolved that the meeting be adjourned.

### **CARRIED**

The meeting was adjourned at 19:49.

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## **ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT & SERVICES COMMITTEE**

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### **ATTENDANCE:**

Cullen Brown, St. Michaels College Director  
Josephine Petrolo, Woodsworth College Director  
Cameron Wathey, Vice President Internal & Services  
Munib Sajjad (proxy to Cameron Wathey), President  
Sandra Hudson (non-voting), Executive Director

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 15:30.

### **2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

#### **MOTION**

Moved: Wathey

Seconded: Petrolo

Be it resolved that the March 18, 2014 Organizational Development and Services agenda be approved as presented.

#### **CARRIED**

### **3. HEALTH AND DENTAL PLAN**

#### **DISCUSSION**

Wathey states that Hudson will provide an overview about the Health and Dental Plan.

Hudson gives an overview of the Health and Dental Plan performance in 2013-14. She states that the number one reason why students use the plan is for prescription drugs, and particularly anti-depressants and oral contraceptives. She states that some students have suggested that counseling services be added to the coverage.

Hudson states that there are several options for renewal. She states that a renewal with the same coverage would result in a fee increase of just over five per cent. She states that a renewal that adds counseling services at coverage of \$30 per visit would result in a fee increase of just over six per cent. She states that a renewal that reduces the cap on the dispensing fee would result in a fee increase of just over six per cent. She states that combining all three options would result in a fee increase of just below seven per cent.

Petrolo states that students should be encouraged to make use of Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) at the University.

Wathey states that there are issues with CAPS. He states that students have a cap on how often they can use CAPS, that the wait list is very long and that the staff can sometimes be overworked. He states that we should encourage use of CAPS, but also recognize that some students may elect to use services external to the university because of these issues. He states that he would support changing the plan to cover these services.

Brown states that there are concerns with CAPS and that the service should be improved and supported. Brown states that he would like to see if the committee could investigate a renewal



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that removed the least used services so that we could include these services without an increase at all.

Petrolo states that she would like to see this information as well.

Hudson states that she will try to get the information from the Health and Dental Plan Coordinator by the deadline.

Petrolo states that she would like to see a pamphlet made to help students understand the travel insurance. She states that students who are studying abroad may need to use the service and that it is difficult to understand. She states that the fact that it is provided by a company external to Greenshield complicates it.

Wathey states that this is a great idea.

Hudson states that she will pass this request on to the Health and Dental Plan Coordinator.

### **4. MOBILE KIOSK**

#### **DISCUSSION**

Wathey states that the Mobile Kiosk has now been shipped. He states that the Kiosk has been used a few times, before winter complicated its mobility. He states that he will be working to create a schedule for the Kiosk, and a system where UTSU services can be provided on-location. He states that he intends to prioritize East Campus and professional faculties.

Brown states that the Kiosk should prioritize Pharmacy and Dentistry because of their peripheral location to the campus.

Wathey responds in the affirmative. He states that the Kiosk will promote UTSU services. He states that he would like to provide the International Student Identity Card (ISIC) through the Kiosk, but states that this may be difficult. He states that he was able to sell out Raptors tickets this year through the use of the Kiosk.

Brown states that Health and Dental Plan information should also be distributed via the Kiosk. He asks if it would be feasible to accept claims via the Kiosk.

Wathey states that some information can be provided. He states that he is concerned about accepting official documentation with personal and private information via the Kiosk.

Brown asked how scheduling of the Kiosk worked when Wathey used it.

Wathey states that he made a schedule with his associate that prioritized East Campus and was based off of volunteers and Blue Crew availability.

### **5. TAX CLINICS**

#### **DISCUSSION**

Wathey states that Tax Clinics are currently being set up.

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Hudson states that she has been working with staff over the last two weeks to facilitate this. She states that training of Commerce student volunteers is underway. She states that there was some difficulty with the online appointment reservation system but that this has been resolved. She states that there is some difficulty connecting the Tax Clinic station to the Internet due to the way that the University's system is configured. She states that she expects these issues to be resolved on time.

Brown asks if the service is expanding, as the appointments were completely booked last year.

Hudson states that there is no space to do so in the office. She states that this was one of the goals of the Student Commons and expresses that the delay is a detriment to student services.

Wathey suggests collecting analytics to see how many students are attempting to book appointments but cannot.

Brown asks whether the Tax Clinic volunteers are trained on how to do taxes for international students.

Hudson states that she will ask the Services Coordinator. She states that the training is provided by Services Canada.

### 6. GOOD FOOD BOX

Wathey states that he has worked hard to expand the Good Food Box program this year. He states that the service has expanded pickup locations to Woodsworth College, the Transitional Year Program and the Athletic Centre. He states that there must be a minimum number of orders met in order for FoodShare, the company that runs the Good Food Box, to deliver to those locations.

Brown asks if the union can expand its food services.

Petrolo suggests setting up a farmer's market on campus in the summer.

Hudson states that she believes that there is a farmer's market at University College in the summer.

Wathey states that he intended to expand the hours of the Food Bank. He states that after analyzing the service, he thought that it would be unfeasible to expand the hours. Instead, he developed a system to expediate the experience for Food Bank users. There is now a number system that alleviates lineups and enables students to use the program faster. He states that there is still high demand.

Hudson states that the UofT is one of the only schools in the country to not have a food bank that runs at least five days a week. She states that students should have access to the bank more often. She states that this was one of the things that students wanted in a Student Commons.

### 7. ADJOURNMENT

#### MOTION

Moved: Brown

Seconded: Petrolo

Be it resolved that the meeting be adjourned.

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Organizational Development and Services Committee Meeting of the University of Toronto Students' Union  
Tuesday, March 18, 2014 • 15:00 • UTSU Office

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## **CARRIED**

The meeting was adjourned at 16:30.

## MINUTES

Organizational Development & Services Committee of the University of  
Toronto Students' Union March 24, 2014 | 20:00 | UTSU Office

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### IN ATTENDANCE:

Cameron Wathey, Vice-President Internal and  
Services  
Josephine Petrolo, Woodsworth College  
Director  
Cullen Brown, St. Michael's College Director  
Sandra Hudson (non-voting)

### BY PROXY:

Munib Sajjad, President to Cameron Wathey  
Vice-President Internal & Services

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

This meeting is called to order at 16:37.

## 2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

### MOTION

Moved: Wathey

Seconded: Petrolo

Be it resolved that the Monday, March 24, 2014 Organisational Development and  
Services Committee agenda be approved as presented.

### CARRIED

## 3. HEALTH AND DENTAL PLAN FEE INCREASE

Galvez states that she was unable to get information on zero per cent rate increases and  
the least used items of the health and dental plan in time for the meeting. She further  
states that she is unable to see the claims due to privacy restrictions.

Petrolo states that this information is necessary in order to make an informed decision.

Galvez states that the insurance provider has promised to provide this information by  
tomorrow.

Hudson states that the company is typically unable to provide this information until late  
March, which is very close to the deadline to submit fee increases for approval. She  
further states that the Committee should make a recommendation at this point in order to  
fulfill notice requirements for the Board of Directors meeting, but that this motion can be  
amended at the meeting based on any information received tomorrow.

Petrolo asks what the fee is currently.

Galvez states that the current health and dental plan fee is \$138 per year for health and  
\$124.34 for dental.

Petrolo asks if the fee increases every year.

Galvez states that the fee varies due to health plan inflation and claims experience. She  
states that the fee has both increased, decreased and stayed constant in previous years.

Petrolo asks what the projected increase is if the plan does not change.

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Galvez states that it is 5.25 per cent.

Petrolo asks if students can opt out of the plan if they have alternative coverage.

Galvez states that students can. She provides information as to how students were able to opt out.

Wathey asks what would happen if the fee was not increased.

Galvez states that the UTSU would no longer be able to afford the plan.

Hudson asks Galvez for her recommendation.

Galvez states that there should be no decrease to coverage. She further states that based on the claims experience and recommendations she has heard from plan users, she would recommend that there should be coverage for counseling as well as a removal of the copay for students who are claiming for prescription drugs.

Petrolo asks why prescription glasses are not covered.

Hudson states that this was too expensive to do in the past. She suggests trying again.

Galvez states that the Association of Part-Time Undergraduate Students and the Graduate Students' Union do provide partial coverage for prescription glasses, and that she will look into this.

Brown states that he prefers counselling services to prescription drugs when it comes to mental health services. He states that he would like to see the UTSU make recommendations to Counselling and Psychological Services.

Hudson states that recommendations have been made and a campus-wide investigation into mental health supports is ongoing. She encourages Committee members to contact Vice-President Equity Yolen Bollo-Kamara for more information.

Petrolo states that the UTSU should provide educational information to members about alternative options to anti-depressant drugs.

### **4. MOTION TO INCREASE OF HEALTH AND DENTAL PLAN FEE**

#### **MOTION**

Moved: Wathey

Seconded: Petrolo

Be it resolved that the Committee recommend an increase of the Health and Dental Plan fee of 6.6 per cent with the addition of counseling services and the elimination of the prescription copay.

### **7. ADJOURNMENT**

#### **MOTION**

Moved: Brown

Seconded: Petrolo

Be it resolved that the meeting is adjourned.

#### **CARRIED**

The meeting is adjourned at 17:12.

# **MINUTES**

**University of Toronto  
Students' Union**

**POLICY & PROCEDURES  
COMMITTEE**

**March 24, 2014**

## MINUTES

Policy and Procedures Committee of the University of Toronto Students' Union  
March 24, 2014 | 18:00 | UTSU Office

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### IN ATTENDANCE:

Silviu Kondan, New College Director  
Cameron Wathey Vice-President Internal & Services  
Grayce Slobodian, UTMSU designate  
Sandy Hudson, Executive Director (non-voting)

### GUESTS

Nzube Ekpunobi

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting is called to order at 18:18.

### 2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

#### MOTION

Moved: Wathey      Seconded: Slobodian

Be it resolved that the agenda be approved as presented.

### CARRIED

### 3. BOARD RESTRUCTURE PROPOSAL

Ekpunobi states that he conducted research about 10-12 different students' unions across the country and across the world to investigate how to better structure the University of Toronto Students' Union. He states that he investigated bylaws, policies and structures. He states that it is all current information as to this year. He states that he looked at the Woodsworth College Students' Association (WCSA), the Trinity College Meeting (TCM), the University College Literary and Athletics Society (UCLIT), the Innis College Student Society (ICSS), the New College Student Council (NCSC), the St. Michael's College Students' Union (SMCSU), the Victoria University Students' Administrative Council (VUSAC), the Ryerson Students' Union (RSU), the York University Students' Union (YUSU) (UK), the Students' Federation of the University of Ottawa (SFUO), the University of British Columbia Alma Mater Society (UBCAMS), the Dalhousie Students' Union (DSU) and the Harvard Undergraduate Council (HUC).

Ekpunobi states that there is much to be learned from WCSA with respect to adding a Community Services director and an Athletics Director. He states that the NCSC has an Education director and an e-communications director that could be useful to the UTSU as well.

Kondan asks what constituency would vote for these directors.

Ekpunobi states that he is unsure. He states that they could be appointed.

Hudson states that they could all be generally elected.

Wathey explains that at SMCSU, everyone is elected at large, and the duties are assigned after the election. He states that this could be considered as well.

Ekpunobi states that YUSU has part-time officers who deal with self-identified

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constituencies. He states that there is a Women's Officer and a Racialized Students' officer and he states that these would be good positions for the UTSU to consider.

Ekpunobi states that the SFUO also has an Accessibility Director. He states that the DSU also has an Aboriginal Student Representative and an International Student Representative. He states that the UTSU should consider adopting a Residence Representative. He states that students who are dedicated to an interresidence relationship would be useful. He also states that the DSU has a Sandbox Team, which is a group of students who are specifically tasked with seeking feedback from the membership. He states that this may also be a good idea.

Ekpunobi highlights his recommendations based off of his research.

Kondan states that he appreciates that the recommendations for self-identified constituency representation and that the recommendations specify that representatives should be experienced. He asks how these students could be elected.

Ekpunobi states that he is concerned that the elections would need to be limited to students who self-identified with the respective constituency. He states that these positions may need to be appointed as a result.

Hudson states that these positions could be elected from their respective Service Group. She states that they could also be elected out of a meeting of the self-identified groups at the beginning of the year, who identified what their goals should be. She states that there are several options.

Kondan states that he thinks there should be more Directors. He states that this system may eliminate college representation.

Hudson states that she has heard that some of the concern from colleges stems from the fact that they have representatives that are not elected from their Board. She states that perhaps they should be able to send their own representatives to observe and speak at our Board, and that perhaps another council that is an official part of our structure should be set up to provide direct input.

Kondan states that our board is too large currently. He states that 20 Directors may be too low. He suggests a number closer to 25.

Wathey states that the proposed at-large Arts & Science Directors could be responsible for communications with multiple college councils if there are concerns about representation.

Ekpunobi states that he agrees with Hudson.

Kondan states that there is a concern that we may lose connections with the student societies if there is not direct representation.

Wathey states that we may want to consider the athletics representative.

Kondan asks whether there should be additional international student director in order to represent how many international students there are.

Wathey states that there should likely be a first year student representative as well.



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Slobodian states that she is nervous about the lack of college-based representation.

Wathey states that he will consult each college President to discuss the various proposals to try to find a solution everyone can be happy with.

## **7. ADJOURNMENT**

### **MOTION**

Moved: Wathey

Seconded: Slobodian

The meeting adjourns at 19:47.

### **CARRIED**

# University of Toronto Students' Union 2013-2014 Operating Budget

	2012-2013	2013-2014	2013-2014	2013-2014
	Revised Budget	Preliminary Budget	Operating Budget	Revised Budget
<b>Revenue</b>				
Student Levied Membership Fees	1,350,000	1,340,000	1,340,000	1,269,055
Sundry Income	23,000	15,000	15,000	58,717
Administrative Income	315,000	315,000	315,000	315,000
	<u>1,688,000</u>	<u>1,670,000</u>	<u>1,670,000</u>	<u>1,642,772</u>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Audit & Accounting Fees	22,000	16,500	16,500	15,255
Communications (1)	28,000	47,500	44,500	44,500
Book Bursary	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,450
Book Exchange (2)	3,700	0	0	123
Executive Members' Stipends (3)	170,220	172,200	169,200	169,200
Programming (4)	33,500	59,500	59,500	52,715
Org. Governance & Meetings (5)	56,600	45,000	45,000	44,318
Campaigns and Equity (6)	107,700	96,500	96,500	102,906
Equipment, Printing and Supplies (7)	35,000	33,500	33,500	38,558
Members' Health & Dental Plan (8)	167,500	151,500	151,500	140,828
Legal Fees	41,000	60,000	60,000	80,146
Repairs and Maintenance	8,500	7,500	7,500	5,606
Insurance	51,500	50,000	50,000	44,503
Telephone	4,500	4,500	4,500	2,983
Sundry	5,000	5,000	5,000	-
Salaries and Wages (9)	165,000	160,000	160,000	205,936
Member Services (10)	219,000	225,500	225,500	261,028
Clubs Funding (11)	243,600	226,500	232,500	169,345
Postage	2,500	2,500	2,500	1,687
Elections and Referenda (12)	61,000	73,000	73,000	41,380
Depreciation	12,000	12,000	12,000	20,423
Professional Development	5,000	5,000	5,000	3,074
Benefits	40,000	40,000	40,000	39,289
RSP Exp	30,000	30,000	30,000	33,913
CPP Exp	60,000	40,000	40,000	33,573
EI Exp	27,000	21,000	21,000	19,498
EHT	11,000	13,000	13,000	23,243
WSIB	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,065
Bank Charges	6,000	6,000	6,000	8,948
Associate Honouraria	30,000	30,000	30,000	18,656
Accommodations Fund	5,000	5,000	5,000	-
Contingency Reserve	25,000	25,000	25,000	-
<b>Total</b>	<u>1,682,820</u>	<u>1,669,700</u>	<u>1,669,700</u>	<u>1,627,150</u>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	1,688,000	1,670,000	1,670,000	1,642,772
<b>Total Expenses</b>	1,682,820	1,669,700	1,669,700	1,627,150
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	5,180	<u>300</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>15,622</u>

	2012-2013 Revised Budget	2012-2013 Preliminary Budget	2013-2014 Operating Budget	2013-2014 Revised Budget
<b>Schedule 1 - Communications</b>				
Website	2,000	18,000	15,000	15,000
List-Serve Email Communications	1,000	1,000	1,000	777
Membership Mailout	15,500	15,500	15,500	20,181
Promotions	9,500	13,000	13,000	8,542
<b>Total</b>	<b>28,000</b>	<b>47,500</b>	<b>44,500</b>	<b>44,500</b>

<b>Schedule 2 - Book Exchange</b>				
Administrative Expenses	1,100	-	-	
Advertising & Promotion	2,600	-	-	
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,700</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>123</b>

<b>Schedule 3 - Executive Member Stipends</b>				
President	28,370	28,700	28,700	28,700
Vice President External	28,370	28,700	25,700	25,700
Vice President Equity	28,370	28,700	28,700	28,700
Vice President Internal & Services	28,370	28,700	28,700	28,700
Vice President Campus Life	28,370	28,700	28,700	28,700
Vice President University Affairs	28,370	28,700	28,700	28,700
<b>Total</b>	<b>170,220</b>	<b>172,200</b>	<b>169,200</b>	<b>169,200</b>

<b>Schedule 4 - Programming</b>				
Orientation Sponsorship Revenue	(106,000)	(90,000)	(90,000)	(95,545)
Orientation Levy	(40,500)	(40,500)	(40,500)	(37,529)
Clubs Fair Revenue	(25,000)	(20,000)	(20,000)	(29,509)
Orientation & Week of Welcome Week	205,000	210,000	210,000	215,297
<b>Total</b>	<b>33,500</b>	<b>59,500</b>	<b>59,500</b>	<b>52,715</b>

<b>Schedule 5 - Org. Governance &amp; Meetings</b>				
UTSU Meetings	11,000	11,000	11,000	9,436
General Meetings	14,000	6,000	6,000	8,310
Conferences & Other Meetings	23,000	18,000	18,000	16,251
Board Retreat	8,600	10,000	10,000	10,321
<b>Total</b>	<b>56,600</b>	<b>45,000</b>	<b>45,000</b>	<b>44,318</b>

<b>Schedule 6 - Campaigns and Equity</b>				
Academic & Student Rights Commission	7,500	9,000	9,000	3,678
Campus Life Commission	44,000	25,000	25,000	28,334
Community Action Commission	6,500	9,000	8,100	3,591
Social Justice & Equity Commission	11,000	9,000	10,900	26,485
Sustainability Commission	3,700	4,500	3,500	2,327
Executive Committee	-	5,000	5,000	3,491
Policy & Student Rights Coordinator	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>107,700</b>	<b>96,500</b>	<b>96,500</b>	<b>102,906</b>

<b>Schedule 7 - Equipment, Printing and Supplies</b>				
Equipment and Supplies	19,000	19,000	19,000	20,018
Photocopier (Lease and Printing)	16,000	14,500	14,500	18,540
<b>Total</b>	<b>35,000</b>	<b>33,500</b>	<b>33,500</b>	<b>38,558</b>

	2012-2013 Revised Budget	2012-2013 Preliminary Budget	2013-2014 Operating Budget	2013-2014 Revised Budget
<b>Schedule 8 - Members' Health &amp; Dental Plan</b>				
Advertising	8,000	8,000	8,000	3,379
Supplies	2,500	2,500	2,500	735
Opt-Outs	10,000	10,000	10,000	5,715
Bank Charges & Interest	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000
Health & Dental Plan Staff	140,000	124,000	124,000	124,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>167,500</b>	<b>151,500</b>	<b>151,500</b>	<b>140,828</b>

<b>Schedule 9- Salaries and Wages</b>				
Wages and Salaries - UTSU Office	165,000	160,000	160,000	205,936
<b>Total</b>	<b>165,000</b>	<b>160,000</b>	<b>160,000</b>	<b>205,936</b>

<b>Schedule 10 - Member Services</b>				
TTC Metropasses	700,000	700,000	700,000	996,678
TTC Tokens	45,000	35,000	35,000	42,947
AMC Tickets	10,500	-	-	-
Cineplex Tickets	85,000	100,000	100,000	51,229
Yuk Yuk Tickets	500	-	-	-
Wonderland Tickets	60,000	50,000	50,000	31,284
Copy/Print Service	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
Good Food Box	5,500	6,000	6,000	6,066
Miscellaneous Merchandise	4,000	3,500	3,500	4,913
Member Services Revenue	(920,000)	(898,500)	(898,500)	(1,099,255)
Tax Clinic	1,000	1,000	1,000	-
Advertising & Promotions	1,000	4,000	4,000	-
Members Handbook and Planner	35,500	36,500	36,500	37,231
Food Bank	12,000	12,000	12,000	13,935
Member Services Staff	175,000	172,000	172,000	172,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>219,000</b>	<b>225,500</b>	<b>225,500</b>	<b>261,028</b>

<b>Schedule 11 - Clubs Funding</b>				
Long Term Funding	145,000	140,000	146,000	96,811
Start Up Funding	7,000	12,000	12,000	5,579
Short Term Funding	10,000	10,000	10,000	2,565
Summer Funding	3,000	3,000	3,000	2,740
Academic Endeavour Grants	3,000	3,000	3,000	-
Clubs Directory	15,600	12,000	12,000	19,261
Unity Ball	24,000	10,000	10,000	5,890
Clubs Printing	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
Clubs and Events Coordinator	32,000	32,500	32,500	32,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>243,600</b>	<b>226,500</b>	<b>232,500</b>	<b>169,345</b>

<b>Schedule 12 - Elections &amp; Referenda</b>				
Operations	54,000	55,000	55,000	40,414
Candidate Reimbursements	7,000	18,000	18,000	966
<b>Total</b>	<b>61,000</b>	<b>73,000</b>	<b>73,000</b>	<b>41,380.14</b>