

University of Toronto Students' Union

**Local 98, Canadian Federation of
Students**

Board of Directors Package 4

Wednesday, August 21, 2013

16:00

OISE 4422

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

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AGENDA

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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 August 21, 2013 UTSU Board of Directors meeting be approved as presented.

3. EXECUTIVE REPORT

MOTION

Moved: Wathey

Seconded:

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

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION

Moved: Wathey

Seconded:

Be it resolved that the August 21, 2013 minutes package including the following documents be approved:

- a. Board of Directors, *July 26 (pp. 20)*
- b. Executive Committee, *July 25, July 29, August 12 (pp. 25, 29, 34)*
- c. Academic and Student Rights Commission, *August 9 (pp. 40)*
- d. Social Justice and Equity Commission, *July 30 (pp. 45)*
- e. Sustainability Commission, *July 25, August 12 (pp.51, 55)*
- f. Community Action Commission, *August 9 (pp.59)*
- g. Budget Committee, *August 12 (pp.61)*
- h. Elections and Referenda Committee, *August 13 (pp.64)*

5. APPROVAL OF BUDGET PRIORITIES

MOTION

Moved: Wathey

Seconded:

Be it resolved that the Budget Priorities (2013 - 2014) package including the following documents be approved as presented to the UTSU Board of Directors:

- a. Academic and Student Rights Commission Budget Priorities 2013 - 2014 (pp. 70)
- b. Community Action Commission Budget Priorities 2013 - 2014 (pp. 76)
- c. Social Justice and Equity Budget Priorities 2013 - 2014 (pp. 81)
- d. Sustainability Commission Budget Priorities 2013 - 2014 (pp. 85)

6. STRIKING OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Budget Committee

MOTION

Moved: Wathey

Seconded:

Whereas the Budget Committee is a standing committee of the University of Toronto Students' Union,

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Be it resolved that one additional director from either Division I, II or III be elected by and from the Board of Directors to serve on the 2013-2014 Budget Committee.

Executive Review Committee

MOTION

Moved: Wathey

Seconded:

Whereas the Executive Review Committee is a standing committee of the University of Toronto Students' Union,

Be it resolved that one director from Division II and two additional directors from either Division I, II or III be elected by and from the Board of Directors to serve on the 2013-2014 Executive Review Committee.

Bursary & Grants Committee

MOTION

Moved: Wathey

Seconded:

Whereas the Book Bursary Committee is a standing committee of the University of Toronto Students' Union,

Be it resolved that one additional director from either Division I or II be elected by and from the Board of Directors to serve on the 2013-2014 Book Bursary Committee.

Student Refugee Program Committee

MOTION

Moved: Wathey

Seconded:

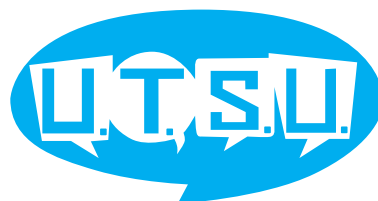
Be it resolved that one additional director from Division II be elected by and from the Board of Directors to serve on the 2013-2014 Student Refugee Program Committee.

7. **FALL BOARD MEETING DATES**
8. **FYI – NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING**
9. **OTHER BUSINESS**
10. **ADJOURNMENT**



EXECUTIVE REPORT

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 21, 2013 | 4:00 PM | OISE 4422



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LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE

Happy August everyone!

We hope that everyone IS enjoying the much anticipated summer weather! Your Executive Team has been hard at work over the last month, planning and hosting events and preparing for the upcoming school year. Plans for UTSUFest and Orientation are well underway, and we have been meeting with individuals and organizations across campus to ensure that we can provide the best advocacy and services to our members this year.

As always, we are looking for volunteers for our events and outreach initiatives. We would also like to see more new faces at our monthly commission meetings. If you are interested in volunteering and/or getting involved in the UTSU please don't hesitate to contact us!

We hope that you enjoy the rest of your summer, and we look forward to seeing you in the upcoming school year!

In this Executive Report:

ADVOCACY & MEETINGS
CLUBS & EVENTS
SERVICES & OFFICE MANAGEMENT
SUSTAINABILITY REPORT

In solidarity,

Munib Sajjad, President
Agnes So, Vice-President University Affairs
Yolen Bollo-Kamara, Vice-President Equity
Cameron Wathey, Vice-President Internal & Services
Onik Khan, Vice-President Campus Life





MEETING WITH JUDY GOLDRING

Representatives of the Central student unions met with incoming Governing Council Chair Judy Goldring, and Governing Council Secretary Louis Charpentier, secretary of the governing council. In this meeting, representatives from the Graduate Students' Union, University of Toronto Mississauga Students' Union, Scarborough Campus Students' Union and the UTSU raised ideas as to how communication could improve between the Governing Council and students, as well as how students could get more involved in the governance processes within UofT. Ms. Goldring has had some experience in the Governing Council and has committed to providing space to students unions to initiate consistent dialogue with governors. Students also raised concerns about accountability of governors who choose not to regularly participate in the Governing Council and take their responsibilities to their constituencies seriously. We have since committed to meeting with Governors personally in order to improve communication. For more information contact, Munib Sajjad at president@utsu.ca.



NCSC MEETING

On July 16, Yolen Bollo Kamara and Munib Sajjad met with executives of the New College Student Council. The executives met and spoke about various initiatives of the UTSU and set out goals for our sister organizations. This will hopefully improve communication and ensure the New College representatives become the primary links between our two groups. The UTSU will provide a presentation on the UTSU structure and major priorities for the year to the NCSC in the near future. For more information, contact Munib Sajjad at president@utsu.ca.



CANADIAN INTERNS ASSOCIATION MEETING

The UTSU took part in the Canadian Intern Association board meeting where the executives spoke about how to further develop the work of the organization. As a students' union, the UTSU has developed a strong campaign on how to bring better awareness on the practice of illegal internships. The campaign will be called 'Feed Your Interns'. This will be targeted at condemning practice of unpaid internships and developing standards where not only the companies must pay back for their illegal practices but also provide a forum for the youth to report illegal practices of internships. For more information, contact Munib Sajjad at president@utsu.ca.



MEETING WITH CHERYL REGEHR

On July 29 Agnes So and Munib Sajjad met incoming Vice-President and Provost of UofT Cheryl Regehr and acting Vice-Provost Students Mark McGowan. Professor Regehr outlined for the UTSU her priorities for the year. One of her major priorities is to create more awareness of mental health issues and have the university provide more support to students who need it. The executives were pleased with the outcome of the meeting and have committed to meeting with her again when she officially takes on her new role. For more information, contact Munib Sajjad at president@utsu.ca.

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NEXT MEETING:
THURS. JUNE 20
4:30PM
UC 148



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SOCIAL JUSTICE & EQUITY COMMISSION MEETING

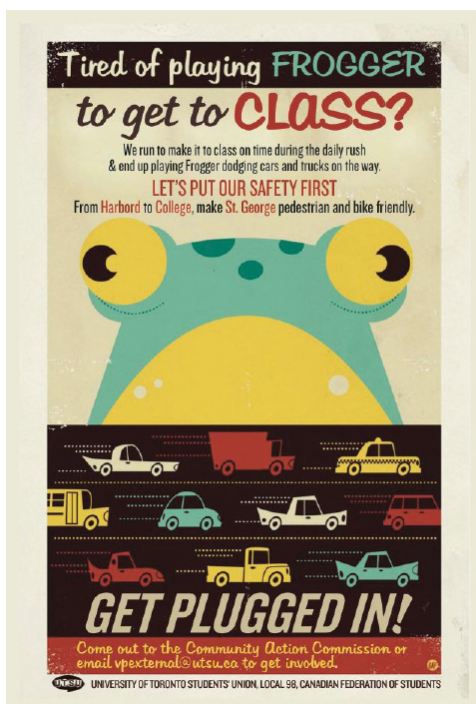
On July 30, the Social Justice and Equity Commission held its second meeting of the year. At this meeting, we were able to report back from the Committee on Mental Health and get more people involved in the various subcommittees created. There was a good turnout and we were able to have a robust, productive discussion about priorities for the year before approving a budget for the Commission in principle. The next meeting will be held in mid-September – the date, time and location will be announced soon. For more information please contact YolenBollo-Kamara, Vice-President Equity at vpequity@utsu.ca.

COMMUNITY ACTION COMMISSION

On August 9, the Community Action Commission met to set aside budget priorities for the year and shape the work for this commission. Major priorities include an investigation on 'Responsible Investment at the University of Toronto', and creating a local task force for developing greater research on the 'Pedestrianize St. George Street' campaign. For more information, contact Munib Sajjad, President at president@utsu.ca.

TRANSIT COALITION

Over the summer, students from across the Greater Toronto Area have built a new campaign targeting the growing inaccessibility of transit. The campaign recognizes that even though our university and colleges may reside in a particular municipality, the vast majority of our members commute to our campuses. The campaign has been entitled as, 'We Ride: Greater Transit Access'. A survey will be distributed to members to gain a better understanding of the needs of our memberships before undertaking lobbying strategies. Members of the UTSU are encouraged to join the transit coalition. For more information, contact Munib Sajjad, President at president@utsu.ca.



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SERVICE GROUP TRAINING

On August 14, the UTSU hosted its first service group training for the year. The UTSU oversees about one dozen levy groups who bring vital services to members of the UTSU at the St. George and Mississauga campuses. We highlighted the importance of understanding the memorandums to help build better strategies in reaching out to the members at large. Formerly referred to as levy groups, there was a strong inclination to highlight the service principles in their work and rename themselves service groups. For more information, contact Munib Sajjad, President at president@utsu.ca.

MEETING WITH ASSU

On Wednesday, July 17, the UTSU executive team met with the Arts and Science Students' Union (ASSU) executive team at the UTSU office. This meeting served as not only an introduction but also a chance for both teams to talk about their priorities and discuss collaboration opportunities. It was a productive discussion in which the executives talked about projects such as course fees, a drop credit policy, ancillary fees and interest-free tuition. There were discussions on projects and campaigns that both students' unions can support. The executive team thanks the ASSU executive team for attending the meeting. For more information, please contact Agnes So, Vice-President University Affairs at vpua@utsu.ca.

THE HIKE STOPS HERE LIT DROP

On Wednesday, July 24 and Thursday, July 25, members of UTSU along with members from other students' unions of the Greater Toronto Area, including York Federation of Students, Ryerson Students' Union, the University of Toronto Mississauga Students' Union and Scarborough Campus Students' Union, participated in a literature drop in Etobicoke-Lakeshore and Scarborough-Guildwood. This literature drop focused on 'The Hikes Stop Here' campaign, which provided information about the trend of tuition fees in Ontario and aimed to raise awareness to the public before the provincial by-elections on August 1, 2013. The literature drop covered more than 2,500 houses and received some media coverage. For more information on the literature drop or The Hikes Stop Here campaign, please contact Agnes So, Vice-President University Affairs at vpua@utsu.ca.



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ACADEMIC & STUDENT RIGHTS COMMISSION MEETING

On Friday, August 9, the Academic and Student Rights Commission hosted their second meeting at Room 69 University College. Agnes So, Vice-President University Affairs chaired the meeting. This meeting focused on the budget of the commission for this year. The commission discussed the allocation of various priorities and campaigns for the year. The Academic and Student Rights Commission meetings are open to all UTSU members. The meetings provide a platform for members to voice their opinions, and provide ideas and direction for UTSU campaigns and projects for the year. For more information, please contact Agnes So, Vice-President University Affairs at vpua@utsu.ca.

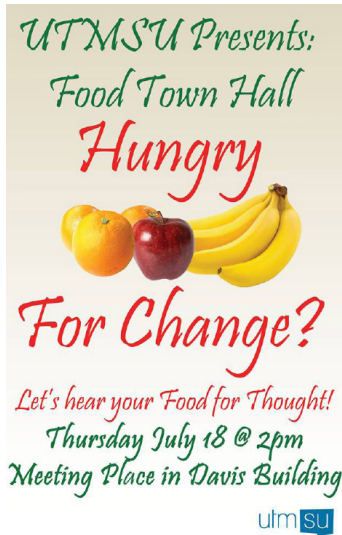
INSIDER PASS OUTREACH

During the week of July 29 and the week of August 5, the UTSU executive team along with Associate Vice-President Equity Jess Leduc-Robert, Arts and Science At-Large Director YasmeenEmadi, UTM Director Bilal Sandeela, New College Director Khalid Khan and Associate President NzubeEkpunobi did Insider Pass outreach at the John P. Robarts Research Library. The executive team, associates and directors talked to incoming students about the UTSU and the Insider Pass. The Insider Pass is a new opt-in service focused on first year students that will give members first access to orientation activities, events, some discounts, and a student survival kit. For more information, please contact Agnes So, Vice-President University Affairs at vpua@utsu.ca.



GTA COALITION MEETING

On Tuesday, August 13, Vice-President University Affairs Agnes So attended the third GTA Coalition meeting of the year. In this meeting, the UTSU along with other students' unions from across the GTA including the York Federation of Students, the Ryerson Students' Union, the University of Toronto Mississauga Students' Union, the Scarborough Campus Students' Union, the OCAD Students' Union, the Student Association of George Brown College and the Association of Part-Time Undergraduate Students, the outreach plan for the month was discussed to help prepare for the commencement of the school year. Participants also discussed new campaign materials that will be used to lobby for more affordable transit for students. The GTA Coalition meeting is a chance for students' unions from across the GTA to come together in order to collaborate and discuss initiatives that impact all campuses and the broader community. For more information, please contact Agnes So, Vice-President University Affairs at vpua@utsu.ca.



UTM FOOD TOWN HALL

On Thursday, July 18, Vice-President University Affairs Agnes So attended a food town hall organized by the University of Toronto Mississauga Students' Union in the William G. Davis Building at UTM campus. Students came together to talk about their opinions about the food services on UTM campus. Andrea De Vito from the Hospitality & Retail Services department was invited to address concerns and answer questions from students. The UTSU will work closely with University of Toronto Mississauga Students' Union in an effort to improve food services on both campuses. For more information, please contact Agnes So, Vice-President University Affairs at vpua@utsu.ca or Melissa Theodore, UTMSU Designate at vpexternal@utmsu.ca.

HOMECOMING COMMITTEE

The UTSU has organized a Homecoming Committee that oversees the event planning for the proposed September 14 Homecoming at UofT. Colleges, professional faculties, and division presidents were contacted to attend the first committee meeting, which was held on August 5. Representatives from each division were able to provide their input in assuring the event was successful. Those in attendance agreed to assist with the organization of a pre- and post- game social during the Varsity Blues home opener on September 14. Representatives agreed on the importance of having the event immediately after Orientation Week to encourage students from all years to engage in the celebration of school spirit. During the second committee meeting, which was held on August 12, the committee proposed event locations for pre- and post- game socials at the University College Quad and Hart House Quad. For more information, please contact Onik Khan, Vice-President Campus Life at vpcampuslife@utsu.ca or Cameron Wathey, Vice-President Internal & Services at vpinternal@utsu.ca.

STUDENT LIFE DIRECTORS MEET AND GREET

On Wednesday August 7, the executives were introduced to the majority of the Student Life Directors at the University of Toronto St. George campus. Lucy Fromowitz, Assistant Vice-President, Student Life spearheaded the meet and greet. Ms. Fromowitz was eager to discuss the integration of the Office of Student Life in UTSU programming. The executives each discussed their main priorities and were consulted by Ms. Fromowitz as to which Student Life Director would be able to assist the executives to fulfill their goal. In addition, the Directors of Student Life also spoke about their priorities, many of which coincided with the Union's goals. The executives were also given an exclusive preview of the annual "Life @ U of T" 2013-2014 guide released by the Office of Student Life. Out of the discussions the executives gave thought on how to assist with enhancing the programs offered by the Office of Student Life and ensure students are consulted on current and future projects. For more information please contact Cameron Wathey, Vice-President Internal & Services at vpinternal@utsu.ca.

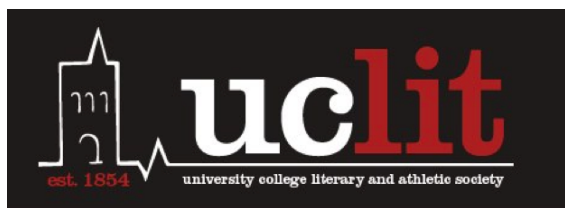


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UCLIT BOARD MEETING PRESENTATION

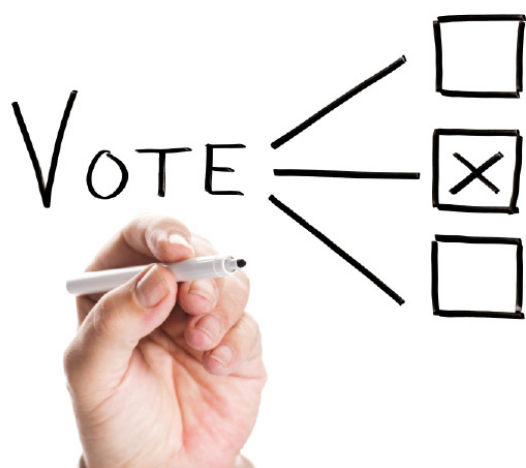


On August 11, 2013, President Munib Sajjad and Vice-President Internal & Services, Cameron Wathey were given the opportunity to present to the University College Literary and Athletic Society. Both of the executives spoke about the Union's structure as well as the priorities for the year. The presentation included an overview of the Union's structure such as who we represent, our committee, board, staff and commission structure. The executives also spoke in detail of each of the commissions including their major priorities for the year. The executives encouraged the UCLit to promote these commissions as all members are invited to attend and bring their ideas for commissions. The executives also discussed their major campaigns for the year, which included unpaid internships and academic advocacy. Cameron Wathey also spoke of the cost-saving services the Union provides, including the three types of services: member services, office services and club services. The presentation was concluded with how the UTSU and the UCLit can collaborate over the upcoming academic school year. The UCLit also questioned the executives on a number of items including homecoming and concerns from the previous academic school year. For more information, please contact Cameron Wathey, Vice-President Internal & Services at vpinternal@utsu.ca.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

On August 12, Vice President Internal & Services Cameron Wathey chaired the first Budget Committee for the 2013-2014 year. Wathey provided an overview of budget committee and the committee's priorities. He began with the eight-step budgeting framework for the Union to inform the committee about its role. Wathey also discussed the budget schedule in detail and the budget priorities for each commission that were presented for approval for the August 21 Board of Directors meeting. For more information, please contact Cameron Wathey, Vice-President Internal & Services at vpinternal@utsu.ca.





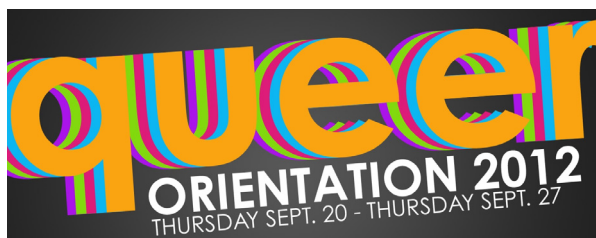
ELECTIONS AND REFERENDA COMMITTEE

On August 13, Vice President Internal & Services Cameron Wathey chaired the first Elections and Referenda Committee for the 2013-2014 year. Wathey spoke of the election and referenda committee's priorities. He discussed the committee's mandate according to the Union's bylaws and policies. He also provided the most updated Elections Procedures Code for the committee to familiarize themselves with. The committee then decided upon the Fall 2013 Chief Returning Officer, spoke of the implementation of online voting, and decided upon polling locations. A number of additional concerns were discussed as "Other Business". For more information please contact Cameron Wathey, Vice-President Internal & Services at vpinternal@utsu.ca.

ARCDO ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Anti-Racism and Cultural Diversity Office (ARCDO) held the first meeting of its advisory committee on July 23. UTSU has always had representation on this Committee through the Vice-President Equity. At this meeting, the primary topic of discussion was planning for the International Day to End Racial Discrimination in March. For more information please contact Yolen Bollo-Kamara, Vice-President Equity at vpequity@utsu.ca.

QUEER ORIENTATION



The UTSU has been attending meetings coordinated by the Sexual and Gender Diversity Office to plan the Queer Orientation, which will be taking place the week of September 23. The UTSU will be supporting all events and helping to promote the entire week throughout UTSUfest. We will be hosting an Ally Night workshop and dinner on the evening of Wednesday, September 25, as well as a pre-walk brunch for the 'AIDS Walk for Life' on Sunday, September 22. The UTSU is also helping to plan a 'Queer Women on Campus' event for the afternoon of September 26. The Union is excited to be working with students, staff and faculty across campus to bring together queer and allied students and build a more inclusive campus. For more information, please contact Yolen Bollo-Kamara, Vice-President Equity at vpequity@utsu.ca.

CELL PHONE CHARGING STATION

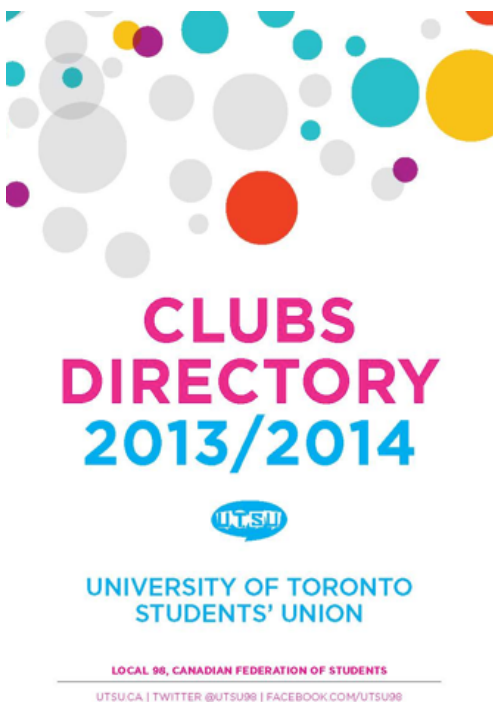


On Friday August 2, Vice-President Internal & Services Cameron Wathey met with 'Kwikboost' Charging Station company to inquire about purchasing cell phone charging stations to provide members with convenient charging services. After the successful meeting, the UTSU has decided to purchase the charging stations. These charging stations are lightweight and portable allowing the Union to easily move a charging station from one location to the next. One station will be permanently positioned within the Union's office while the other charging station will be implemented during outreach. For more information, please contact Cameron Wathey, Vice-President Internal & Services at vpinternal@utsu.ca.



SERVICES BROCHURE

The Union has been working on updating the services brochure for the upcoming academic school year. UTSU is proud to announce that the new services brochure will be printed for September and includes numerous updates from the previous brochure. This year's brochure includes UTSU discounts and promo codes and quick links to each service. For more information please contact Cameron Wathey, Vice-President Internal & Services at vpinternal@utsu.ca.



CLUBS DIRECTORY

Along with updating the services brochure for the upcoming academic school year the UTSU has also been updating the clubs directory from last year. The graphics for the directory have been updated as well as the list of clubs on campus. For more information, please contact Onik Khan, Vice-President Campus Life at vpcampuslife@utsu.ca.

July 2013 OFFICE SERVICES



Cineplex Tickets- 666
 Good Food Boxes- 9
 Printing/Photocopying-6989
 TTC Tokens- 105
 TTC Student Metropass- 106
 Wonderland One Visit- 164
 Wonderland Two Visit- 39
 Junior Wonderland- 6
 Bixi Bikes- 4

The month of July showed an increase in the sales of Cineplex tickets as well as the sales of Wonderland Passes. For more information, please contact Cameron Wathey, Vice-President Internal & Services at vpinternal@utsu.ca.



CANADIAN NATIONAL EXHIBITION TICKETS

The UTSU is now selling Canadian National Exhibition for students at discounted rate of \$11. The tickets will be sold until the Canadian National Exhibition concludes on September 2. The Canadian National Exhibition runs from August 16 through September 2. For more information, please contact Cameron Wathey, Vice-President Internal & Services at vpinternal@utsu.ca.



MEET YOUR EXEC VIDEO

On Friday, August 9 and Monday, August 12, the UTSU worked with the University of Toronto Television club on campus to shoot a 'Meet Your Exec' video. The video includes each UTSU executive addressing the Union's services, events, and campaigns for incoming students. Each executive spoke to items specific to their portfolio. The video is currently in the editing process and will be ready to be released in September. For more information, please contact Cameron Wathey, Vice-President Internal & Services at vpinternal@utsu.ca.

RELEASE OF UTSUFEST 2013 VIDEO

On August 6, the executives released the UTSUFest 2013 video to promote the events that will be held during the UTSU's orientation week. Each executive spoke about particular events that will occur throughout the week including the Clubs Fair on September 4 at Hart House Circle, the U of T Parade, concert, after party and alternative after party being held on September 6. The StreetFest on September 10 and Homecoming will follow these events on September 14. The video contains footage from the previous year's orientation week events. For more information, please contact Cameron Wathey, Vice-President Internal & Services at vpinternal@utsu.ca.





COMMITTEE ON MENTAL HEALTH

On July 22, the union held the first meeting of the Committee on Mental Health, with almost twenty students from various campus groups in attendance. The Committee was created by the Social Justice and Equity Commission to focus specifically on improving mental health support and awareness on campus, and will be reporting back to the Commission periodically. There was candid discussion about issues with services and support for students with mental health concerns on campus and many attendees were able to share their personal experiences. Another topic of discussion was the structure of the University of Toronto, and how specific policies and practices such as the flat fees system impact the mental health of students. Lastly, attendees were divided into four groups based on their interest: Research, Ideas to Improve, Materials/ Outreach, and Community Liaison. All of these groups will be working separately and reporting back to the Committee. For more information, please contact YolenBollo-Kamara, Vice-President Equity at vpequity@utsu.ca.

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MEETING WITH JANINE ROBB

On August 13, members of the executive met with Janine Robb, Executive Director of Health and Wellness at the University of Toronto. It was a very productive meeting – the UTSU had the opportunity to share feedback heard from students at the Committee on Mental Health and discuss ideas for collaboration throughout the year. Vice-President Equity Yolen Bollo-Kamara was also invited to sit on the Health and Wellness Advisory Committee, and will be attending the next meeting on August 28. For more information, please contact Yolen Bollo-Kamara, Vice-President Equity at vpequity@utsu.ca.



SUSTAINABILITY REPORT

Sustainability Commission Meeting

On August 12, the Sustainability Commission held its first official meeting of the year. At this meeting, this year's events were separated into six priorities: sustainable food, water conservation, environment & energy protection, sustainable transportation, EcoFest, and the facilitating of other groups' events which are to be determined. For a more detailed explanation of these priorities, please refer to the Sustainability Commission Budget Priorities 2013-14 file. A total budget of \$3500 was agreed upon and approved in principle to successfully execute this plan. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 17 at 5pm.

Sustainability Commission Collaborations

This month, the Sustainability Commission and Ben, the Sustainability Commissioner, were able to meet with a number of environmentally-focused campus organizations to discuss opportunities for collaboration. These meetings led to a number of great ideas for joint initiatives and events to be hosted this year. We look forward to working with these groups and other on-and off-campus organizations to create new sustainability campaigns and ensure the University of Toronto continues to adopt the most sustainable practices.

We will be working extensively with Toronto 350, a student-run group at UofT that strongly aligns with our goals and priorities. First, we will partner with them for a movie screening of 350.org's Do The Math documentary, help volunteer on the event day promote the event on campus. Next, Toronto 350 is creating a brief for the University of Toronto that presents an argument for divestment in fossil fuels. We will join in support of this case to help pressure the university to divest. Further events are in the preliminary planning stages.

The Sustainability Commission also plans to collaborate with the UofT Veg Club for several events. In accordance with the commission's sustainable food priority, we will work closely with the Veg Club to create events to educate students about the benefits of a more sustainable diet. We will help co-host a movie screening and vegan potluck where participants will share vegan recipes and watch the documentary Forks Over Knives. Further, we will co-host a vegan barbeque with vegan hamburgers and hotdogs.

The Sustainability Commission will also be working with one of our levy groups, BikeChain, to help us achieve our priority of more sustainable transportation by helping us with group rides as well as cycling seminars. We will promote the services of BikeChain to students and encourage cycling on campus through these events. Group rides will be held in the summer and winter to encourage year-round cycling.

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University of Toronto Students' Union

Board of Directors

July 26, 2013

MINUTES

Board of Directors Meeting of the University of Toronto Students' Union
Friday, July 26, 2013 | 15:00 | OISE 4422

IN ATTENDANCE:

Nabil Arif, University of Toronto Mississauga
Nia-Imara Barberousse, Faculty of Music
Yolen Bollo-Kamara, Vice-President Equity
Cullen Brown, St. Michael's College
Ben Coleman, Arts & Science at-Large
Fatima Zahra Hamaimou, University of Toronto Mississauga
Khalid Khan, New College
Onik Khan, Vice-President Campus Life
Aimee Quenneville, University College
Agnes So, Vice-President University Affairs
Melissa Theodore, University of Toronto Mississauga Designate
Cameron Wathey, Vice-President Internal and Services
Nadiv Hossain, University College
ZiJian Yang, Woodsworth College
Helen Phan, Faculty of Pharmacy
Munib Sajjad, President
Eric Jadidazadeh, Transitional Year Programme

NON-VOTING

Sarah Worku, President, SCSU
Ranziba Nehrin, SCSU

BY PROXY:

Vere-Marie Khan, St. Michael's College to Cullen Brown, St. Michael's College
Frishta Bastan, University of Toronto Mississauga to Melissa Theodore, University of Toronto Mississauga
Souyoung Aaron Chin, University of Toronto Mississauga to Yolen Bollo-Kamara, Vice-President Equity
Silviu Kondan, New College to Cameron Wathey, Vice-President Internal & Services
Mateusz Krawczyk, Professional Faculty at-Large to Cameron Wathey Vice-President Internal & Services
Mahaam Malik, University of Toronto Mississauga to Melissa Theodore, University of Toronto Mississauga
Tannishtha Pramanick, Woodsworth College to Onik Khan, Vice-President Campus Life
Shak Gobert, Victoria College to Cameron Wathey, Vice-President Internal & Services
Katrina Lorn, Professional Faculty at-Large to Agnes So Vice-President University Affairs

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting is called to order at 15:39.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION

Moved: Wathey

Seconded: Khan

Be it resolved that the agenda for the July 26, 2013 UTSU Board of Directors meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED

3. EXECUTIVE REPORT

MOTION

Moved: Wathey

Seconded: Khan

Be it resolved that the UTSU Board of Directors approve the Executive Report as presented.

DISCUSSION

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Members of the Executive Committee highlighted sections of the report.

Yang asks about the Insiders Pass.

Sajjad explains the Pass.

Khan explains that the Insiders pass will allow students to get discounts.

Ben Coleman asks if there will be a result out of the survey.

Wathey states that more information will come from the survey.

4. APPROVAL OF THE EXECUTIVE REPORT

MOTION

Moved: Wathey

Seconded: Khan

Be it resolved that the June 23, 2013 minutes package including the following documents be approved by the UTSU Board of Directors:

- a. Executive Committee *May 22, May 27, June 5, July 5*
- b. Board of Directors *June 23*
- c. Academic & Student Rights Commission *July 16*

CARRIED

5. ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION

MOTION TO GO IN CAMERA

Moved: Wathey

Seconded: Sajjad

CARRIED

The meeting goes into camera at 16:04.

MOTION TO GO OUT OF CAMERA

Moved: Wathey

Seconded: Sajjad

CARRIED

The meeting goes out of camera at 16:09.

MOTION

Moved: Sajjad

Seconded: Brown

Be it resolved that the 2013-2014 UTSU Board of Directors accept the resignation of Andrew Ursel as interim UTSU Vice-President External.

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Coleman asks whether there will be a new external VP will be hired in the meantime.

Wathey states that according to UTSU's bylaws under Bylaw X.4.a.i, that provided the vacancy occurs during the month of May, June, or July, then a by-election shall be held in conjunction with the fall session elections. He clarifies to state that we could hire a VP External if the board chooses to do so, however, we would have to wait until the next board meeting in August to approve the interim VP external and they would only work for the month of September with the first half of the month committed mostly to Orientation week. He suggests that the board should postpone until the fall by-election.

6. MOTION TO APPOINT SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSIONER

Nadiv Hossain, Waiz Akhtar, Nabil Arif and Melissa Theodore arrive at 16:50.

MOTION TO GO IN OF CAMERA Moved: Wathey Seconded: Sajjad

CARRIED

The meeting goes into camera at 16:53.

MOTION TO GO OUT OF CAMERA Moved: Wathey Seconded: Sajjad

The meeting goes out of camera at 17:12.

MOTION Moved: Bollo-Kamara Seconded: Sajjad

Be it resolved that the UTSU Board of Directors appoint Benvenuto Triolo as the Sustainability Commissioner for the 2013-2014 year

CARRIED

7. MOTION TO DESTROY BALLOTS

MOTION Moved: Pramanick Seconded: Bollo-Kamara

CARRIED

8. FYI – NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Wathey states that the next meeting is tentatively set for August 21, 2013 at 15:00.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

Sajjad states that there will be a board social to Wonderland on August 23 and asks for all to attend.

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10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

Moved: Jadidazadeh

Seconded: Wathey

CARRIED

The meeting adjourns at 17:19.

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Executive Committee

July 25, 2013

MINUTES

Executive Committee Meeting of the University of Toronto Students' Union
Thursday, July 25, 2013 • 11:00 • University of Toronto Students' Union Office

IN ATTENDANCE:

Yolen Bollo-Kamara, Vice-President Equity
Sandra Hudson, Executive director (non-voting)
Munib Sajjad, President
Agnes So, Vice-President University Affairs
Cameron Wathey, Vice-President Internal & Services

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting is called to order at 11:11.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION

Moved: Wathey

Seconded: So

Be it resolved that the agenda for the July 25, 2013 UTSU Executive Committee meeting be approved as presented.

3. ASSOCIATES

DISCUSSION

Sajjad states that he is completing interviews on July 26. He asks for an executive to join him in the interview process.

So states that she and Bollo-Kamara can assist with interviews as long it is before their meeting at 11:00.

Bollo-Kamara states that Onik Khan hired Khalid Khan for his clubs associate.

Hudson states that associate tasks should also be on the executive agenda.

4. ONLINE VOTING

DISCUSSION

Hudson contacted an online voting company that has worked with McGill Students' Union. She further states that this company will allow students to use their UTORID to sign in.

So states that this is great.

Hudson states that the company will provide a security presentation for us within the next few days.

Hudson states that she has sent this information to the administration who she will be in contact to finalize this online voting company.

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5. BOARD MEETING

DISCUSSION

Bollo-Kamara states that we will be sending two candidates to the board.

6. ACADEMIC AND STUDENT RIGHTS COMMISSION

DISCUSSION

So states there was in-depth discussion even though it was the first meeting. She further states that the students were really passionate about the issues. She also states that students gave solid ideas on how to move forward and things we should be considering.

Hudson states that we should prepare well for commissions and reach out to all possible clubs that this commission and agenda items would interest them.

7. SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

DISCUSSION

Bollo-Kamara states that it is happening on July 25, had her associate promoted it to environmental clubs.

8. COMMITTEES

DISCUSSION

Wathey states that budget priorities are due before August 12.

Sajjad states that all commission meetings should be scheduled the first two weeks of August so it can go to budget then Board.

Wathey states that the budget committee will be scheduled Monday, August 12.

9. GTA COALITION

DISCUSSION

Sajjad states that he, Khalid and Yolen participated in literature drop in Scarborough. There is another lit drop on July 25.

10. EXECUTIVE VIDEO

DISCUSSION

Wathey states that he will organize filming for the first week of August.

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11. VICE-PROVOST MONTHLY MEETINGS

DISCUSSION

Sajjad states that he asked for monthly meetings and that the Vice-Provost's office sent us a list of meeting dates. He further states that we should meet in August.

So and Bollo-Kamara agree.

So states that it would be a good idea because we can talk more about our priorities.

12. COLLEGE COUNCILS

DISCUSSION

Sajjad states that we will do a presentation for the University College Literary and Athletic Society on August 10 and a presentation for the New College Student Council on August 16. He further states that the Victoria University Students' Administrative Council has provided the UTSU with a table at their Clubs Day.

13. LEVY GROUPS TRAINING

DISCUSSION

Sajjad states that we will re-schedule the training for another date due to availability.

14. GOVERNING COUNCIL

DISCUSSION

So states that there will be a session for us hosted by the Governing Council inform student representatives about governance. So decided to attend the August 28 session.

15. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

Moved: Sajjad

Seconded: Bollo-Kamara

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 13:10.

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July 29, 2013

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Executive Committee Meeting of the University of Toronto Students' Union
Monday, July 29, 2013 • 10:00 • University of Toronto Students' Union Office

IN ATTENDANCE:

Yolen Bollo-Kamara, Vice-President Equity
Sandra Hudson, Executive director (non-voting)
Onik Khan, Vice-President Campus Life
Munib Sajjad, President
Agnes So, Vice-President University Affairs
Cameron Wathey, Vice-President Internal & Services

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:58.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION

Moved: Wathey

Seconded: So

Be it resolved that the agenda for the July 29, 2013 UTSU Executive Committee meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED

3. ASSOCIATES

DISCUSSION

Sajjad states that the interviews for the associate to President are over and he decided to hire Nzube Ekpunobi.

Khan states that he has hired Khalid Khan as the Campus Life Clubs associate. He further states that he will be conducting interviews for the Campus Life Events associate.

4. BOARD SOCIAL

DISCUSSION

Sajjad states that a board social is scheduled on August 23 and the social will be at Wonderland.

Wathey states that he will be sending out a notification to the board and coordinate the social.

5. ACADEMIC AND STUDENT RIGHTS COMMISSION

DISCUSSION

So states that the next meeting is scheduled on August 9.

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6. SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EQUITY COMMISSION

DISCUSSION

Bollo-Kamara states that the next meeting is scheduled on July 30.

7. SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

DISCUSSION

Sajjad states that the meeting should be coordinated and scheduled by the new hired sustainability commissioner, Benvenuto Triolo.

8. COMMITTEES

DISCUSSION

Wathey states that he will be scheduling an Organizational Development and Services Committee meeting on July 29 and will coordinate a time for Policy and Procedures Committee meeting with Sajjad.

Sajjad suggests to contact all the professional faculty directors and ask for their availabilities before So schedules a Professional Faculty Committee meeting in August.

9. EXECUTIVE VIDEO

DISCUSSION

Wathey states that the filming will take place on August 2 and will have the script ready shortly.

10. CFS ONTARIO EXECUTIVE

DISCUSSION

Sajjad states that So should email CFS to find out the responsibilities and working groups that she is assigned to as the University of Toronto Students' Union CFS Ontario Executive representative.

11. GTA COALITION

DISCUSSION

Sajjad states that all the executives should contact all the board members and associates to confirm attendance for the meeting by the end of July 29.

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12. SERVICES KIOSK

DISCUSSION

Wathey states that he and Hudson had a great meeting with Transportation Services to look into a parking space for the service kiosk and they are being really supportive. He further states that he is working with the graphic designer on the design for the services kiosk.

Sajjad suggests that Wathey can bring in some designs to the next executive meeting.

13. NEW WEBSITE

DISCUSSION

Hudson suggests that we should find out what should be added or deleted on the current website and use the information to build on the new website.

Sajjad states that Organizational Development and Services Committee can review this.

14. CELL PHONE CHARGING STATION

DISCUSSION

Wathey states that he will place an order for the charging station after his successful meeting the Kwikboost Charging Stations.

Hudson states that the location of this charging station can be at different colleges.

15. OUTSIDE BOARD BANNER

DISCUSSION

Khan states that a banner for promoting the Orientation will be put on the board outside very shortly.

16. ARTWORK

DISCUSSION

Hudson states that artwork for campaign materials should be submitted by August 2.

17. HOMECOMING

DISCUSSION

Sajjad states that invitation has been sent to different colleges for a Homecoming Committee meeting and is awaiting their responses.

Hudson states that all the executives should arrange a meeting to plan for the Homecoming Committee meeting.

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18. CULTURE SHOW

DISCUSSION

Khan states that the culture show will take place on November 13, 2013 and will have more information as the time approaches.

19. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

Moved: Sajjad

Seconded: Bollo-Kamara

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 13:10.

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Executive Committee

August 12, 2013

MINUTES

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IN ATTENDANCE:

Yolen Bollo-Kamara, Vice-President Equity
Sandra Hudson, Executive director (non-voting)
Onik Khan, Vice-President Campus Life
Munib Sajjad, President
Agnes So, Vice-President University Affairs
Cameron Wathey, Vice-President Internal & Services

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting is called to order at 9:59.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION

Moved: Sajjad

Seconded: Wathey

Be it resolved that the agenda for the August 12, 2013 UTSU Executive Committee meeting be approved as presented.

3. ASSOCIATES

DISCUSSION

4. ONLINE VOTING

DISCUSSION

Hudson states that she has sent the information about the online voting company to the administration and is awaiting their response at the time of the meeting.

5. BOARD SOCIAL

DISCUSSION

Wathey suggests buses be booked to ensure an easier way to get to Wonderland with the whole Board of Directors.

So suggests to setup a doodle poll to see who is attending.

6. ACADEMIC AND STUDENT RIGHTS COMMISSION

DISCUSSION

So states that they made quorum and will have the budget ready for the budget for the budget committee meeting.

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7. SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

DISCUSSION

Bollo-Kamara states that it is happening on August 12 and asks everyone to attend.

8. COMMITTEES

DISCUSSION

Wathey states the Budget Committee meeting is on August 12 and asks everyone to submit their budget priorities as soon as possible.

Wathey states that he has to re-schedule the OSD committee as the first meeting was cancelled due to members' unavailability.

9. EXECUTIVE VIDEO

DISCUSSION

Wathey states that he will finish filming the video on August 12 and asks everyone to cooperate to finish it in a timely manner.

10. GTA COALITION MEETING

DISCUSSION

Sajjad states that it is tomorrow, August 13 2013. He states that associates and board members about this meeting.

11. SERVICE KIOSK

DISCUSSION

Wathey states that he has sent out some potential parking spots for the kiosk and is still awaiting a response at the time of the meeting.

12. FALL CAREER FAIR

DISCUSSION

So states that she as well as Khan and Bollo-Kamara are meeting with the Career Centre on August 12 to discuss the budget and layout for the Career Centre, and will report back at the next meeting which will include the Varsity.

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13. REBRANDING SURVEY

DISCUSSION

Wathey states that 195 surveys were tabulated and that he has been analyzing the data on the feedback.

Bollo-Kamara suggests that we can provide some incentives for people to fill in the survey in terms of moving forward.

14. FOOD & CLOTHING BANK

DISCUSSION

Wathey states that he will schedule a meeting with multifaith centre director to further discuss potential ways to improve this service for the upcoming academic school year.

15. GOOD FOOD BOX

DISCUSSION

Wathey states that he asked the graphic designer to re-do the poster to improve the visibility of the font and will have another poster ready for the next executive meeting.

16. CELL PHONE CHARGING STATION

DISCUSSION

Wathey states that he put in an order for three charging stations and artwork of this station has been completed.

17. VOLUNTEER AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

DISCUSSION

Wathey states that this program has been in development since last year. He further states that this program is designed to get more members to be involved in UTSU but also providing incentives to do so. He urges the executives to approve this program and asks for suggestions on what to include.

18. MENTAL HEALTH CAMPAIGN

DISCUSSION

Bollo-Kamara states that there will be a meeting tomorrow with the health and wellness service on campus and will debrief the executives at the next executive committee meeting.

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19. ACADEMIC APPEALS GUIDE

DISCUSSION

So states that she will develop the date and language for a flyer for the town hall this week.

20. DROP CREDIT

DISCUSSION

So states that she will schedule a meeting with the Vice-President Academics at UTM to develop strategies together to begin promoting this campaign.

21. ANCILLARY FEES

DISCUSSION

So states that she will be scheduling a meeting with faculty councils to talk about the upcoming lunch and learn.

22. PER-COURSE FEES

DISCUSSION

So states that artwork for per-course fee button has been developed and she will be working on the flyer this week with the graphic designer.

23. CHIEF RETURNING OFFICER

DISCUSSION

Hudson states that interviews for CRO has scheduled for August 12 and will have a suggestion for the Elections and Referenda Committee for the August 13, 2013 meeting.

24. ORIENTATION

DISCUSSION

Orientation Coordinator Chantelle Sukhu enters the room at 11:47.

Chantelle Sukhu addresses the executives on the artist for orientation. Sukhu states that the artist has been verbally confirmed and the artist's agent has been given a release date to be approved. Sukhu asks the executives for the preferences on supporting artists. Sukhu addresses the parade conflict between the time the Toronto police has set and for the engineers who have class. Sukhu addresses the role of executives during kit stuffing week and asks for their assistance in shifts. Sukhu asks the executives to promote the Orientation team's promotion of the Instagram video contest.

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25. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

Moved: Sajjad

Seconded: Bollo-Kamara

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 12:32.

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University of Toronto Students' Union

Academic & Student Rights Commission

August 9, 2013

MINUTES

Academic and Student Rights Commission of the University of Toronto Students' Union
Friday, August 9, 2013 | 14:00 | OISE 4422

IN ATTENDANCE:

Yolen Bollo-Kamara
Nzube Ekpunobi
Yasmeen Emadi
Robert Fan
Eric Jadidazadeh
Munib Sajjad
Agnes So

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting is called to order at 14:11.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION

Moved: Fan

Seconded: Jadidzadeh

Be it resolved that the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

3. INTRODUCTIONS

Attendees introduced themselves.

4. RATIFICATION OF NEW MEMBERS

MOTION

Moved: Fan

Seconded: Emadi

Be it resolved that new members be ratified.

CARRIED

5. BUDGET PRIORITIES

MOTION

Moved: Sajjad

Seconded: Ekpunobi

Be it resolved that the Academic and Student Rights Commission budget priorities be approved as presented:

Drop credit	\$500
Per-course fees	\$1500
Illegal ancillary fees	\$1500
Food Options	\$1000
Academic Appeals Guide	\$1800
Access Copyright	\$500
OHIP for international Students	\$1000
Governance	\$500
Total	\$8300

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DISCUSSION

So speaks to the administrative aspects of governance and emphasizes working with fellow students' unions to tackle issues regarding governance.

Ekpunobi asks So what she means by tri-campus initiatives.

So states the importance of events each campus holds and how important it is to not only collaborate for these events but also speak on initiatives when all campuses are present. She further highlights the importance of sister unions within the university.

Sajjad enters at 14:19.

Fan asks for clarification of the term Tri-Campus. He asks what affiliation Scarborough has with the UTSU.

Bollo-Kamara speaks to the affiliations existing with the UTSU and Scarborough Students' Union (SCSU). She further mentions that these collaborations, regardless of the affiliations, should be discussed with all three campuses.

So mentions that international students still do not have seats on Governing Council.

Emadi adds that this is also an issue that SCSU can relate to.

So speaks to the steps taken to decide the budget for the commission. She states that the commission was allocated \$9,000 according to the Unions' preliminary budget. She also mentions that the Board of Directors approved this in their initial board meeting.

Bollo-Kamara tells the commission that discussion at this meeting can be brought forward to the Board of Directors meeting, and will be open for discussion.

MOTION TO AMEND

Moved: Sajjad

Seconded: Ekpunobi

Be it resolved that the Academic and Student Rights Commission amend the proposed budget to include a \$300 Miscellaneous line item.

DISCUSSION

Sajjad explains to the commission that a miscellaneous fund is possible for other student initiatives that most likely will come up throughout the year.

Fan asks Sajjad how this amount was derived.

Sajjad mentions that it's a nominal figure that is not too big or not too small. He mentions that this number is subject to change.

CARRIED

So speaks to the Drop Credit policy and the new discussion paper in the work. She expresses her interest in advertising this new document in student newspapers to inform the general members.

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Bollo-Kamara clarifies that this advertisement would take place as an article in the newspaper, highlighting what the Drop Credit Policy is and how it would benefit students.

So speaks to the Per-Course Fees and explains to the commission what the campaign is about. She speaks to her ideas regarding this campaign, mentioning awareness to new students as they are coming into their first year.

Bollo-Kamara highlights how outreach should be case-sensitively planned. She mentions that these funds go to target not only students but also administration, and the provincial government. She mentions that educate students should be the main focus of advocacy regarding these policies.

Jadidzadeh asks if this campaign is strictly an "Art's and Science" initiative.

Sajjad states that the investigation has expanded to professional faculties. He mentions that a lot of times, students in these faculties take Arts and Science courses and that emphasizes the importance of making this campaign flexible to faculties as well.

So discusses the professional faculty lunch and learns. She mentions that the UTSU will go to different faculties, providing lunch for students and discussing the different campaigns the union hopes to address, leaving the ground open for new ideas that the students may have.

Sajjad leaves at 15:01.

So speaks to the Academic Appeals guide she hopes to come up with. She wants to not only have a guide for students, but also provide them with a town hall. She hopes to invite administration to this town hall and allowing them to speak and answer questions to the procedures that registrars undergo in terms of academic petitions and appeals. So then speaks to Access Copyright.

Emadi speaks to the impact Access Copyright has on both undergraduate and graduate students.

MOTION TO AMEND

Moved: Jadidzadeh

Seconded: Ekpunobi

Be it resolved that the Academic and Student Rights Commission amend the proposed budget to increase Access Copyright to \$800.

DISCUSSION

Jadidzadeh states that more funds should be allocated to this initiative as to increase even greater awareness and build on the work that was started last year.

CARRIED

So speaks to the OHIP campaign for International Students. She mentions the importance of speaking towards individual student experiences.

Fan asks where the funds will go to for this campaign.

So answers by mentioning a potential letter from administration is in the works, however funds will be allocated to advocacy and petition initiatives, in the forms of both outreach and online.

Jadidzadeh suggests allocating \$100 towards Miscellaneous.

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MOTION TO AMEND

Moved: Jadidzadeh

Seconded: Fan

Be it resolved that the Academic and Student Rights Commission amend the proposed budget to increase Miscellaneous to \$400.

DISCUSSION

Jadidzadeh explains that since the commission was allocated \$9000 in the preliminary budget, the remaining \$100 can be allocated to Miscellaneous to further allow room for each project and campaigns.

CARRIED

CARRIED

6. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

Moved: Fan

Seconded: Emadi

CARRIED

The meeting adjourns at 15:32.

MINUTES

**University of Toronto
Students' Union**

**Social Justice & Equity
Commission**

July 21, 2013

MINUTES

Social Justice and Equity Commission Meeting of the University of Toronto Students' Union
July 30, 2013 • 17:30 • UC 148

IN ATTENDANCE:

Yolen Bollo-Kamara
Jess Leduc-Robert
Hilary Simpson
Natalie
Rowena Symss
Cameron Wathey
Yasmeen Emadi
Agnes So
Albert Phan
Aisha Raja
Adam Woerlein
Gaby Pineda
Victor Lee
Robert Fan
Esther Saunders

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting is called to order at 17:35.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION

Moved: So

Seconded: Emadi

Be it resolved that the agenda for the Equity and Social Justice Commission Meeting 7 be approved.

CARRIED

3. RATIFICATION OF NEW MEMBERS

MOTION

Moved: Wathey

Seconded: Emadi

Be it resolved that new members be ratified as members of the 2012-2013 Social Justice and Equity Commission.

4. UPCOMING EVENTS AND BUDGETING

MOTION

Moved: Bollo-Kamara Seconded: Wathey

DISCUSSION

Bollo-Kamara highlights past events and the planning that was needed for them. She states that keeping the budget in minds in terms of planning each event is important. She mentions how we worked with different groups on campus to plan the Pride Picnic. She encourages the commission to come forward with any events they wish to plan.

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Woerlein speaks about the Take Back the Night event that takes place on the evening of September 21st.

Bollo-Kamara states the importance of collaborating with different campus groups to host this event.

Saunders states that she would be interested in helping host this event with her background in Gender Equity studies.

Bollo-Kamara highlights past issues with the Men's Right event, where for example, a speaker spoke about the importance of having both a mother and a father as parents.

Woerlein summarizes the March Against Violence Against Women and Children.

Bollo-Kamara asks the commission about ideas anyone has regarding the future events.

She wishes to allocate \$3,000 for these events.

- **eXpression Against Oppression**

Bollo-Kamara highlights previous events that have taken place with this XAO including self-defense classes, lunch and learns, and anti-oppression seminars. She urges the commission to come up with ideas for events regarding racial oppression. She also mentions previous XAO speakers including Rubin Carter, a man who was wrongfully accused and sentenced for murder in the United States.

Bollo-Kamara wishes to allocate \$2,500 for this event.

- **Film Screenings**

Bollo-Kamara states that movie screenings have taken place outside the UTSU Office. She states that a member was interested in seeing the movie: "The Girl Rising." Bollo-Kamara states that the film screenings could take place between mid to late August or even September due to weather-related issues. She states that film screenings attract members and brings attention to the campaigns. She hopes to allocate 1,000 dollars for this event.

Symss states that she could speak to people in Health Studies and Human Biology.

5. CAMPAIGNS

MOTION

Moved: Bollo-Kamara

Seconded: Wathey

Be it resolved that \$750 be allocated in the Social Justice and Equity Commission budget to the Mental Health campaign.

DISCUSSION

Bollo-Kamara summarizes main points from the last Mental Health Committee Meeting, where students were concerned about counselors, scheduling difficulties, and overall structural problems with the university.

Lee states that we were also talking about writing a grant to the Ontario government regarding more funding for CAPS.

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Bollo-Kamara speaks about negative experiences with CAPS, including long wait times for appointments, assigning students to psychiatrists before counselors.

Fan asks if CAPS services are covered by the University of Toronto Health & Dental Plan.

Wathey states that members only have access to 20 sessions throughout their undergraduate degree, and mentions how international students are not covered by this plan.

Bollo-Kamara states that a campaign like this is sensitive, and that a method should be thought of where students can come forward with these ideas in confidentiality.

Simpson asks how we can access the proposal CAPS has presented. She states that Queens University has come up with a student initiative where they set up a province-wide phone line.

Emadi states the importance of introducing and familiarizing students with Accessibility Services. She states that it is important for new and existing students to know how to sign up for these services.

Bollo-Kamara states that we need to look at wider structural issues that affect students and levels of stress, such as flat fees, which affect all students. She states that our University does not have a fall reading week; but that we only have a day or two off.

Wathey mentions that Trent University implemented an additional few days for their fall reading week, due to high stress levels and elevated instances of suicide amongst students.

Bollo-Kamara states that these services are important for all students. She states that these campaigns all coincide with one another, helping students at the university to better fit with the structural difficulties.

CARRIED

MOTION

Moved: Bollo-Kamara

Seconded: Wathey

Be it resolved that \$750 be allocated in the Social Justice and Equity Commission budget to the Gender Equity campaign.

Bollo-Kamara speaks about having educational events geared towards Gender Issues around campus. She states that last year, there was an event allowing students to speak about what feminism means to them.

CARRIED

MOTION

Moved: Bollo-Kamara

Seconded: Wathey

Be it resolved that \$3,000 be allocated in the Social Justice and Equity Commission budget Collaborative Initiatives.

Bollo-Kamara speaks about Queer Orientation and the Ally Night. She states that the commission can have a say in how they want this event to take place this year. She states that it is important to have this event in a room where food is allowed, since it is an evening event. She hopes to have space in the budget for potential collaborations.

CARRIED

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6. NEW IDEAS AND INITIATIVE

DISCUSSION

- **Transitional Year Programme**

Bollo-Kamara summarizes problems the TYP program is facing, including the lack of funding offered by the University. She states that the University intends to transfer the TYP to the Woodsworth College building.

Bollo-Kamara speaks about a potential event that would include speakers from marginalized groups such as members of the TYP and Idle no More.

Leduc-Robert states that for XAO, a possibility could be to include discussion on the prison industrial complex. They state that we can use this as an opportunity to plug in and/or invite outside organizations, such as the one that sets up pen pal systems where students can write to prisoners.

Lee states that we would like to see more events and town halls geared towards mental health. He states that he would hope to see motivational speakers, CAPS counselors, and potential speakers involved in this.

Simpson states that student confessions would be a good way of breaking down walls between students and help address isolation, whether in the form of poems, confessionals, and/or art.

So states that we could have an 'open-call' and educate members on the experiences of their fellow students.

Lee mentions that Club's Day is a great place for this to occur.

Emadi states that due to the nature of Orientation and Club's Day, a message board would be ideal. She mentions that a board with student messages could be both a creative and innovated way to create a safe space for this initiative.

Simpson asks about Green Dot and the motive behind their campaign.

Bollo-Kamara summarizes what Green Dot does. She mentions the No Means No Campaign the Union promotes.

Simpson expresses her interest in contacting Green Dot and doing a possible collaboration with them.

Bollo-Kamara states that she would be interested in creating new materials for the No Means No campaign, particularly for Orientation.

Wathey states that we could have a Q&A event geared towards mental health campaigns versus movie screenings.

So states that we could also try bringing in professors and faculty to these townhalls and events as guest speakers.

Emadi states that this may be particularly useful when dealing with perspectives on teaching at Con Hall versus smaller classes.

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Bollo-Kamara mentions that faculty are often useful resources to these campaigns, having been around for many years and having experiences many different kinds of teaching situations.

Bollo-Kamara speaks about the importance of informing students what it means to be an "Ally."

NEXT MEETING

Bollo-Kamara intends to set future meetings on Mondays, which seems to work for most people. She states that the next meeting will take place on Monday, August 19th, 2013. She states that she will contact members regarding ideas they have for these campaigns.

7. APPROVAL OF THE BUDGET

MOTION

Moved: So

Seconded: Emadi

CARRIED

8. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting is adjourned at 18:51.

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**University of Toronto
Students' Union**

Sustainability Commission

July 25, 2013

MINUTES

Sustainability Commission Meeting 1 of University of Toronto Students' Union
July 25, 2013 | 17:30 | OISE 4422

IN ATTENDANCE:

Yolen Bollo-Kamara
Onik Khan
Emily Miao
Hilary Simpson
Cathrin Sullivan
Wil Warnica

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 17:35.

2. OVERVIEW

DISCUSSION

Warnica gives an overview of some of the events that the Sustainability Commission held last year.

He states that we could have a potential collaboration with equity studies student union and polis ci students union and holding events for Xpression Against Oppression (XAO).

Bollo-Kamara talks about XAO. She states that it includes film screenings, workshops, visibility in the queer community, and self-defense classes for women.

The free tours at Evergreen brickworks on Saturday was suggested as an event.

Warnica states that we were looking at doing a tour to evergreen brickworks last year. He suggests targeting environmental groups

Simpson states that food trucks and farmers markets are a good way of promoting as well.

Bollo-Kamara suggests doing film screenings

Wathey suggests contacting CINSSU to talk about sustainability.

Warnica suggests film called *Blue Gold*. Warnica states that we could have a partnership with the public water initiative to work on having more water stations on campus, and having double-sided paper. Warnica suggests that there is a group of professors that, with the sustainability office, can make an effort to print double-sided.

Simpson states that people would be more receptive to talking in person as opposed to printing posters everywhere.

Sullivan states that she thought that meatless Mondays that happen at New College were everywhere.

Sullivan suggests better promotion of meatless Mondays – and why it's done,

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Simpson asks whether there are any community gardens on campus

Warnica states that we should talk about not just local issues, for instance we could talk about Tar Sands as well.

Simpson suggests trying to talk about Idle No More.

Warnica states that last year one of the speakers was an Aboriginal students professor who spoke about Idle No More.

Sullivan states that she knows students at the university of San Juan in Argentina who were involved in movement protesting Barrick gold, and that should would be really interested in doing something like this.

Simpson states that she knows someone at the Munk Centre who are doing a joint MBA and International Relations degrees, who doesn't see the perspective of how problematic he is.

Sullivan states that Barrick Gold is so hated in Argentina, it is ruining town and police have to guard their offices.

Warnica states that this would be a great campaign to collaborate with other universities around the GTA

Miao states that we could interview students and get thoughts as to what is happening.

Sullivan states that we can ask for permission and find out how this is being documented and get back to them.

Warnica states that he will contact the group Stop Barrick.

Hilary states that this issue is so beyond a lot of groups. She states that the University of Toronto Environmental Action did protest outside Queen's Park on environmental change and that they did put effort into campaigns. She states that would be a good group to contact.

Sullivan suggests contacting the Equity Studies Students' Union as well.

Simpson suggests contacting Women and Gender studies students' union, to help look at environmental injustice and how it affects women.

Sullivan also suggests reaching out to Latin American and African Students' Association.

Hilary suggests doing class talks, but that most profs in her classes don't care. She states that it's difficult to make environmental issues easily relatable.

Warnica suggests having Barrick gold as a major project, that it is something relevant on campus.

Sullivan states that it is all directly related to that as students

Simpson states that she will help call people for next meeting.

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Warnica suggests that he will help contact different groups about the Barrick Gold Campaign

Hilary states that we should talk about the connecting dots – environmental impact of food etc.

3. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

Wathey

Moved: Bollo-Kamara

Seconded:

CARRIED

The meeting adjourns at 19:19.

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**University of Toronto
Students' Union**

Sustainability Commission

August 12, 2013

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IN ATTENDANCE:

VOTING MEMBERS:

Yolen Bollo-Kamara
Eric Jadidzadeh
Onik Khan
Agnes So
Ben Triolo (Chair)
Cameron Wathey

NON-VOTING MEMBERS:

Jessica Denyer
Emily Barrette
Winston Mo
Nzube Ekpunobi
Lesley Flores

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 14:37.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION

Moved: Triolo

Seconded: Bollo-Kamara

Be it resolved that the agenda for the August 12, 2013 Sustainability Commission be approved as presented.

CARRIED

3. INTRODUCTIONS

Attendees introduced themselves.

4. RATIFICATION OF NEW MEMBERS

MOTION

Moved: Bollo-Kamara

Seconded: Khan

Be it resolved that the following members be ratified as voting members of the Sustainability Commission for the 2013-2014 year:

Nzube Ekpunobi
Jessica Denyer
Emily Barrette
Lesley Flores
Winston Mo

CARRIED

5. DISCUSSION

IDEAS:

1. **Sustainability Potluck and Movie** watching Forks Over Knives. Potluck is vegan only and

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people encouraged to bring recipes to share.

2. **Gardening** of local campus crops.

3. **Hot Yam** – Vegan food once a week on Wednesdays.

4. **BBQ** with all vegan food

5. **Water conservation.** Last year there was an inter-residence challenge and there was a prize for whichever residence saved the most water. 2nd semester is prize.

6. Water conservation documentaries or other sustainability documentaries for screening.

7. "Do the Math" **screening at the Bloor Hot Docs Cinema.** Free event. Elizabeth May is coming to speak, and others. Raise awareness and promote Divestment campaign at U of T. Capacity of 700 people per screening. Divestment Campaign: Get U of T out of oil investments, especially Shell. Currently, a group is working on this – they need to submit a brief/report then gather 300 signatures of student and faculty.

8. Campaign around **Barrick Gold**, by Peter Munk. They are really harming the environment not only locally, but internationally. Goals: Increase awareness and look into pursuing more aggressive methods of affecting change.

9. **Conservation of paper:** Double sided printing should be a standard. Campaign to mandate double sided printing on campus for academic submission.

10. **Transportation:** Cycling in the city (2 summer, one winter). Bikechain workshop on safe biking in the city. Encourage Presto use.

11. **Ecofest:** Week with one activity per day and a campaign about green initiatives on campus. Key project: Amazing Ecorace: Sent ppl to sustainable places on campus to increase awareness.

6. BUDGET:

MOTION

Moved: Triolo

Seconded: So

Be it resolved that the budget for the Sustainability be approved as follows:

Sustainable Food: \$550

Water Conservation: \$550

Environment + Energy Protection: \$450

Sustainable Transportation: \$600

EcoFest: \$600

Miscellaneous: \$750

Total: \$3500

CARRIED

7. OTHER BUSINESS

It was stated that the union should investigate the eradication of Styrofoam containers or bringing back Styrofoam recycling.

8. NEXT MEETING

September 17, 2013 – Tentatively 17:00

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9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

Moved: Triolo

Seconded: Bollen-Kamara

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 15:20pm.

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**University of Toronto
Students' Union**

Community Action Commission

August 9, 2013

MINUTES

Community Action Commission 2 of the University of Toronto Students' Union
Friday, August 9, 2013 | 12:15 | OISE 4422

IN ATTENDANCE:

Yolen Bollo-Kamara
Nzube Ekpunobi
Eric Jadidazadeh
Munib Sajjad
Kwame Sarpong

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting is called to order at 12:15.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION

Moved: Sajjad

Seconded: Bollo-Kamara

Be it resolved that the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

3. BUDGET PRIORITIES

MOTION

Moved: Sajjad

Seconded: Sarpong

Be it resolved that the Community Action Commission budget priorities be approved as presented:

Disorientation- \$750
Task Force On Education- \$750
Transit- We Ride: Greater Transit Access- \$1000
Responsible Investment: \$750.00
Sweatshop Free Swag- \$750
Unpaid Internships- \$1250
Indigenous Solidarity- \$850
Pedestrianize St. George Street- \$1250

Total: \$ 8,100.00

DISCUSSION

Sajjad summarizes the budget priorities and reasoning behind each of the proposed items.

Ekpunobi states that he has some concerns of the Pedestrianize St. George street campaign. He further states there are concerns of parking allotment down the street and how student residences who receive food services may see interruptions.

Sajjad states that there are numerous ways of systemizing the street closure. Emergency vehicles can pass through without worry, taking example of Wilcocks street closure and Gould Street at Ryerson.

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Bollo-Kamara states that there are many forms the street closure can take place as. She further states the necessity for student groups to maintain the principle of securing this common place for student life and organizing.

Jadidzadeh states interest in Disorientation and what would entail in the event planning.

Sajjad states the interest in helping out with the keynote speaker and involvement of all speakers and groups. Sajjad further states the wishes to bottom line a workshop on Education and working with OPIRG to develop the theme.

CARRIED

4. OTHER

DISCUSSION

Sarpong states that he did some follow-up research foR the previous commission meeting and the costs of student Universal Transit Passes (U-PASS) at various universities across the country.

Ekpunobi states keen interest in the research and necessity to expand it.

Sajjad states that he is curious of one particular university where they receive university funding to help student rates of the U-PASS become cheaper.

Sarpong states he will see what funding mechanisms would exist behind such university involvement.

Sajjad states that perhaps the research could include provincial transit U-PASS programs and how they are implemented. He states that British Colombia has a provincial program in effect.

Ekpunobi states his curiosity how would that program take shape in Ontario.

Sajjad states that MetroLinks has a program with the Provincial government of Ontario and has networked into GO Transit, Mississauga Transit, and various other transit authorities across the province with their PRESTO system. He states the necessity of investigating the nature of the PRESTO and its possible integration with U-PASS program on a provincial level.

5. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

Moved: Sajjad

Seconded: Bollo-Kamara

CARRIED

The meeting adjourns at 14:19.

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**University of Toronto
Students' Union**

Budget Committee

August 12, 2013

MINUTES

Budget Committee of the University of Toronto Students' Union
Monday August 12, 2013 • 16:00 • University College 148

IN ATTENDANCE:

Nzube Ekpunobi, (non-voting)
Nadiv Hossain, University College
Sandy Hudson, Executive Director (non-voting)
Cameron Wathey, Vice-President Internal & Services (Chair)
Zijian Yang, Woodsworth College
Alex Wasserman, Faculty of Medicine

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting is called to order at 16:10.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION

Moved: Wathey

Seconded: Wasserman

Be it resolved that the agenda for the August 12, 2013 Budget Committee be approved as presented.

CARRIED

3. BUDGET COMMITTEE PRIORITIES

DISCUSSION

Wathey discusses 8-step budget framework. Wathey further discusses the union's preliminary budget and rationale as to how it is organized. Wathey further discusses the budget schedule and projections therein.

Hudson discusses rationale behind the schedule.

Nadiv Hossain entered the meeting at 16:23.

Wathey discusses the union's budgeting schedule items in detail.

4. COMMISSION BUDGET PRIORITIES

DISCUSSION

Wathey hands out first of the union's commission budget priorities. Wathey gives a brief explanation of the priorities.

Yang requested that the budget committee sit down and review the sheets in detail before moving forward.

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5. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

Moved: Wathey

Seconded: Wasserman

CARRIED The meeting is adjourned at 17:20.

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University of Toronto Students' Union

Elections and Referenda Committee

August 13, 2013

AGENDA

Elections and Referenda Committee Meeting 1 of the University of Toronto Students' Union
Tuesday, August 13, 2013 • 16:00 • UTSU Office

IN ATTENDANCE:

Yolen Bollo-Kamara, Vice-President Equity
Ben Coleman, Faculty of Arts and Science
Sandra Hudson, Executive Director (non-voting)
Helen Phan, Faculty of Pharmacy
Cameron Wathey, Vice-President Internal and Services
William Warnica, Innis College

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 16:36.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION

Moved: Wathey

Seconded: Bollo-Kamara

Be it resolved that the Tuesday, August 13, 2013 Elections and Referenda Committee agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

3. INTRODUCTIONS

The attendees introduced themselves.

4. VACANT SEATS

Executive Committee

Vice-President External

Division I

Transitional Year Program – One (1)

Division II

Faculty of Engineering – Two (2)

Faculty of Dentistry – One (1)

Faculty of Law – One (1)

Faculty of Nursing – One (1)

Toronto School of Theology – One (1)

Ontario Institute of Studies in Education of the University of Toronto – One (1)

5. OVERVIEW OF BYLAWS, POLICIES, AND ELECTIONS PROCEDURE CODE

Wathey gives an overview of the Elections rules as written in the UTSU Bylaws, Policies and Elections Procedure Code.

6. MOTION TO HIRE CHIEF RETURNING OFFICER (CRO)

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MOTION

Be it resolved that Mariam El Badan be hired as the Chief Returning Officer for the Fall 2013 elections and referenda.

CARRIED

7. ELECTION DATES

MOTION

Be it resolved that the nomination period for the Fall 2013 By-Elections start on September 30, 2013 and end on October 4, 2013; and

Be it further resolved that the campaign period for the Fall 2013 By-Elections start on October 7, 2013 and end on October 15, 2013; and

Be it further resolved that the voting days for the Fall 2013 By-Elections be on October 14, 2013 and October 15, 2013.

MOTION TO AMEND

Moved: Coleman

Seconded: Bollo-Kamara

Be it resolved that the motion be amended to read:

“Be it further resolved that the campaign period for the Fall 2013 By-Elections start on October 7, 2013 and end on October 17, 2013; and

Be it further resolved that the voting days for the Fall 2013 By-Elections be on October 15, 2013, October 16, 2013 and October 17, 2013.”

CARRIED

CARRIED

8. ONLINE VOTING

Hudson gives an overview of research that has been done with online voting she states that the union is waiting for the administration to get back to us on the usability of an online voting system called Simply Voting that provides online voting services to several students' unions including the University of British Columbia Alma Mater Society and the Students' Society of McGill University.

Hudson states that the elections could be run online in the fall pending the administration's response.

Coleman asks if we can get demographic information using Simply Voting.

Hudson states that she will ask.

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Coleman asks what type of scrutinizing capabilities will be available.

Hudson states that it is likely that the scrutinizing process would just involve a printout of how students voted. She states that it is difficult to have more detailed scrutinizing with an online process.

9. POLLING LOCATIONS

MOTION

Moved: Wathey

Seconded: Bollo-Kamara

Be it resolved that polling stations be located in Sidney Smith, Faculty of Law, OISE or Faculty of Social Work, and St. Michael's College or Knox College.

Hudson suggests extending the amount of polls and placing a poll at UTM.

Warnica suggests placing a poll at the Bahen Centre to get more engineering constituents.

Phan suggests placing a poll at the Medical Sciences Building.

Warnica suggests placing a poll at Gerstein instead of Medical Sciences.

Bollo-Kamara suggests placing a poll at the Davis Building.

Coleman suggests placing an additional poll at UTM.

Bollo-Kamara suggests placing an additional poll at CCIT.

Warnica asks if there should be a polling location in each Faculty that is having an election.

Phan states that nursing students can vote at Gerstein. She suggests that a polling location be added for Dentistry.

Coleman states that if a polling location cannot be secured at St. Michael's College then a location should be added at Victoria College.

Bollo-Kamara states that a polling location at Brennan Hall should be preferred over Alumni Hall because it has more student traffic.

MOTION TO AMEND

Moved: Phan

Seconded: Bollo-Kamara

Be it resolved that the motion be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that polling stations be located in the Davis Building, CCIT, Sidney Smith, the Faculty of Law, OISE, Dentistry, Bahen, Gerstein or Faculty of Social Work, and St. Michael's College or Knox College.

Be it further resolved that if St. Michael's College is not secured as a polling location, that a polling location be added at Victoria College."

CARRIED

CARRIED

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10. OTHER BUSINESS

Coleman suggests that a discussion be had on how to ensure members are better informed on elections procedures.

Wathey states that he would like to have a policy townhall in the fall so members can get more information on the electoral process.

Coleman suggests that there should be separate townhalls at Trinity College and the Faculty of Engineering.

Bollo-Kamara states that certain individuals of the membership should not be privileged over others and all members should receive this information.

Bollo-Kamara also suggests using Facebook and social media.

Coleman states that he has suggestions to make our elections better functioning, and that can address current concerns. He states that these amendments should happen over the year. He states that he is interested in implementing preferential, instant run-off voting. He gives an overview of instant run-off voting. He argues that instant run-off voting would represent student votes more accurately.

Bollo-Kamara states she has looked into preferential voting in the past. She states that the St. Michael's College Students' Union used to have a preferential voting system that they discontinued. She stated that it was confusing and that students generally ranked their votes randomly. She also stated that some students would be confused and only voted once, and then their vote would count for less than that of students who fully understood preferential voting. She states that mathematically, sometimes preferential voting does not work

Warnica states that in an ideal world, the electorate would be aware of all the candidates, but that is not the case for UTSU elections. He states that he is also concerned that this may disenfranchise students who are less aware. He states that if there were ballots in the election, it would make the elections more difficult.

Coleman states that we should discuss this at a later time when members have more time to talk. He states that providing students with more information should be the solution to random student voting.

Coleman states that there should be more candidate debates and forums. He states that it may increase involvement in the elections and media. He states that this would also increase accessibility. He states that this should be seriously considered for Spring 2014. He states that this is his priority. He states that this discussion could continue later when there is more time.

Wathey states that the candidates' debate is held online so that more people can access it. He states that many people who attend debates are already well informed and are there to support their candidates. He states that the Committee should consider whether or not more debates would actually increase voter turnout.

Coleman states that we could change the way the debates are carried out so that they can reach out to more students and are differentiated each time.

AGENDA

Elections and Referenda Committee Meeting 1 of the University of Toronto Students' Union
Tuesday, August 13, 2013 • 16:00 • UTSU Office

Bollo-Kamara states that she agrees with Coleman that the debates could be more engaging and informative. She states that she is still concerned that more debates would not necessarily engage more students.

Warnica states that debates take students away from campaigning, which is the most effective way to outreach to students

Phan states that more debates would take up more time and energy when the best way to reach students is face-to-face. She states that any accessibility concerns are addressed by the debates being available online.

Wathey states that perhaps questions could be considered from students online.

Bollo-Kamara states that this is a good idea. She states that people have told her that they would have participated but could not attend. She states that students asking questions online could engage more.

Coleman states that it should be clarified that the CRO is able to loan money to candidates. He also states that the percentage of the vote that students are required to secure before being reimbursed for votes should be reduced. He also states that the ways in which director candidates prove financial need should be clarified.

Hudson states that the current way in which candidates demonstrate financial need is through requesting reimbursement. She states that the union works on an honour system in that regard. She further states that the CRO has typically loaned funds to any candidate who requests it. She states that there is a threshold for being reimbursed to ensure that students are actually intending to run and are active candidates and not attempting to commit fraud against the students' union. She states that the Committee voting members are more than welcome to adjust what that threshold should be.

Bollo-Kamara states that she agrees with the current threshold, but is open to suggestions. Bollo-Kamara further states that the financial processes for candidates should be clarified. She states that the CRO explained all these processes last year in the all-candidate's meeting.

Coleman states that clubs and groups should not be allowed to endorse candidates. He states that they could do so to gain personal benefits. He states that candidates should not be penalized for violating rules that they do not understand. He states that the Elections Procedure Code should be amended to reflect the use online voting. He states that there should be workshops given as to how to run campaigns. He states that the Appeals Committee should be reformed. He states that there should be further discussion on these matters over email.

Wathey states that he does not feel comfortable rushing this discussion. He states that a meeting should be arranged at a time when Coleman is in the city rather than having a discussion over Skype.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

Moved: Warnica

Seconded: Phan

The meeting was adjourned at 18:13.

BUDGET PRIORITIES

**University of Toronto
Students' Union**

**Academic & Student Rights
Commission**

UTSU Budget Priorities 2013-2014: Academic & Student Rights Commission

Submitted By: Agnes So, Vice-President University Affairs
Submitted To: UTSU Board of Directors
Submitted On: August 21, 2013

Priority 1 Governance

Rationale

This priority involves lobbying for more student representation and involvement in decision-making process at the University of Toronto. To save costs on this campaign, the commission will be working closely with the Graduate Students' Union, the University of Toronto Faculty Association, Association of Part-Time Undergraduate Students, the Scarborough Campus Students' Union and the University of Toronto Mississauga Students' Union. With the two new campus councils implemented at UTM and UTSC within the Governing Council this year, the commission will be communicating and working closely with the Scarborough Campus Students' Union and the University of Toronto Mississauga Students' Union to ensure that under this new structure student representation and involvement are secured.

The Commission will create relevant materials to educate our members about student representation in decision-making processes of the university, as well as materials for lobbying for more student seats and international student involvement in Governing Council.

Timeframe: All Year
Budget: \$500

Priority 2 Drop Credit Policy

Rationale

The Drop Credit policy is an effort to introduce a targeted policy which will enable students to have academic flexibility and, in essence, remove the lowest mark from their GPA under certain conditions.

For this project, we will be lobbying the University and faculty departments to implement the policy. Resources will be required to create a second lobby document. This document will be adding on to research that has been done in the current discussion paper that was released last year. The Commission will work with UTM and UTSC campuses and college registrars across the University of Toronto, as well as coordinating our campaign efforts with all interested students' associations. Resources are also required to produce educational materials like buttons to outreach to our members.

Timeframe: All Year
Budget: \$500

Priority 3 **Per-Course Fees**

Rationale

On May 20, 2009, a flat tuition fee model was passed at Governing Council. This flat tuition fee model is to charge students a flat rate program fee for taking between three and six full credit equivalents (FCE). The flat fees system is problematic for students who are not able to afford to take a full course load due to financial or personal constraints and responsibilities. It also creates unnecessary stress on students and may prevent students with financial difficulty from engaging in campus activities. It is important to educate and our members, especially incoming students, on the flat tuition fee model.

The Commission will produce materials like buttons and flyers to educate members on this issue. There will also be a series of food sales to mock the current flat fees system as a creative way to educate our members on this issue.

Timeframe: All Year

Budget: \$1500

Priority 4 **Illegal Ancillary Fees**

Rationale

Last year, an investigation on the ancillary fees being charged to all students was started by the central students' unions. The Scarborough Students' Union, Graduate Students' Union and University of Toronto Students' Union submitted reports highlighting many fees that were found to be in contravention of the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities' protocol on ancillary fees.

This year, the Commission will continue to raise awareness of these illegally charged fees to students. During the professional faculties lunch and learn sessions, a teach-in presentation will be included as a way to educate members on this issue and highlight some ancillary fees that are charged to the respective constituency. An open online reporting system will also be developed for students to report problematic ancillary fees that they are facing. Materials like buttons, posters and flyers will be produced for this campaign.

Timeframe: All year

Budget: \$1500

Priority 5 Food Services

Rationale

For years, corporations such as Chartwells, Sodexo, and Aramark have held monopolies over campus food services, which has resulted in a lack of healthy and affordable food options on both the St. George and UTM campuses.

The Commission, adopting the suggestion from our members last year, will work closely with residence councils on campus this year. In particular, small town halls will be held to address residences that have mandatory meal plans and food services that are provided by corporation that have a long-term contract with the University during the first semester. Another town hall will happen during the second semester to integrate the comments collected in the first series of town halls to reflect and suggest recommendations to the University. Resources are required for promotional materials for the town halls.

Timeframe: All year

Budget: \$1000

Priority 6 Academic Appeals Guide

Rationale

Students often find it confusing and difficult to follow the academic appeal process especially guidelines and rules can be different within divisions. Also, the process and ruling time of an appeal or filing a petition can usually be lengthy and causes additional stress for students. The Academic Appeals Guide aims to be a centralized resource to provide members with information on the process to appeal and file petition. It will also include resources on campus where members can get assistance and seek consultation from when going through the academic appeal processes. A town hall will happen prior to the production of the guide to provide members a chance to discuss their concerns and comments on the current appeal process at the University.

The cost of this priority will fall mainly on the printing on the guide itself and promotional materials for the town hall.

Timeframe: All year

Budget: \$1800

Priority 7 Access Copyright

Rationale

In January 2012, the University signed a licensing agreement with an organization called Access Copyright without the consultation of students, faculty or librarians of the University. The agreement claims that it will protect the university from being liable to infringement of the Copyright Act. With this agreement, each student would pay another \$26 fee for a same protection for which student used to pay only \$3.38. Additionally, the protections this licensing fee claims to provide students is provided free of charge by virtue of the fair dealing exception in copyright law.

This year on June 7, the University notified the campus community that it would not renew the license agreement it had signed with Access Copyright. However, the University left open for negotiation to Access Copyright for another license agreement. The Commission will work closely with other sister unions to lobby for the university to stop renewing and signing another contract with Access Copyright. The Commission will also work closely with the library committee to look into alternative paths of dealing with accessing copyrighted work.

Materials will be needed to educate and promote this campaign to our members.

Timeframe: All year

Budget: \$800

Priority 8 **OHIP for International Students**

Rationale

Last year, the discussion around OHIP for international students was received very positively with the University. Currently, international students are covered by the University Health Insurance Plan (UHIP) which is provided by a private insurance company in which it is compulsorily charged to international students. However, many international students face difficulties and barriers in accessing health care services with UHIP, even though they pay for the coverage.

This year, the commission will be working on releasing a letter with the University to show support for this campaign. The Commission will also be working on conducting research to produce a myth and fact sheet to educate our members on UHIP and reflect the current status of international students. An online form will also be created to collect personal experience from our members of barriers and difficulties that they are facing under UHIP coverage.

Timeframe: All year

Budget: \$1000

Priority 9 **Miscellaneous**

Rationale

This item is created from the commission as a means of funding to allow allocation for campaigns and projects that might come up throughout the year. This item also allows projects that fall short of fund to have room to reallocate and gain fund within the

commission's budget itself rather than having to submit extra funding request to the Union.

Timeframe: All year

Budget: \$400

Priority Chart:

Priority	Expense
Governance	\$500
Drop Credit Policy	\$500
Per-Course Fees	\$1500
Illegal Ancillary Fees	\$1500
Food Services	\$1000
Academic Appeals Guide	\$1800
Access Copyright	\$800
OHIP for International Students	\$1000
Miscellaneous	\$400
Total	\$9000

BUDGET PRIORITIES

**University of Toronto
Students' Union**

Community Action Commission

UTSU Budget Priorities 2013-2014: Community Action Commission

Submitted By: Munib Sajjad, President
Submitted To: UTSU Board of Directors
Submitted On: August 21, 2013

Priority 1 disOrientation

Rationale

This is consistent with the Community Action Commission submissions over the past few years. disOrientation is a week of events co-hosted by the UTSU and the Ontario Public Interest Research Group Toronto as well as several other community groups and social justice groups at UofT.

This year's disOrientation focuses on global issues and injustices that many communities have been facing at home and abroad. This year's line of workshops include discussions on gendered violence, the problematic issues surrounding Men's Rights Groups at UofT, Queer Organizing, Women in Activism and finally a keynote speech by Sarah Schulman entitled: "How Change is Made in the Palestine/Israel Conflict."

The UTSU will help organize a workshop on free education.

The funds proposed from the Commission have been earmarked to help with the creation of promotional material, facilitation of workshops and other costs associated with hosting the various events during the week.

Timeframe: September, October
Budget: \$750

Priority 2 Task Force on Education

Rationale

The Taskforce on Education is a proposed initiative by the Commission in order to begin local dialogue from the UofT community in an effort to tackle the issues around the inaccessibility of post-secondary education. The UTSU is already participating in the Canadian Federation of Students-Ontario campaign 'The Hikes Stop Here', where we will be petitioning our membership in opposition to the recent framework announcement that tuition fees will increase from three to five per cent over the next four years. The materials for that campaign will educate our members about the provincial context, while the Taskforce will be catered to localized research about UofT. The primary members of this Taskforce would be students. We are also hoping to involve workers, faculty members, administrators and governors which will add to the depth of the Taskforce.

The proposed amount will be set aside for relevant promotional materials, event hosting costs, and meetings that will be held throughout the year.

Timeframe: All Year

Budget: \$750

Priority 3 Pedestrianize St. George Street

Rationale

This is an ongoing campaign of the UTSU to create more communal space that our student groups, societies, council, unions and members at large can take advantage of for hosting events and creating a more spirited campus in the heart of a very decentralized, urban campus. The work last year brought forward relevant research and conversations from our Town Hall on Pedestrianizing St. George Street. This year, the Commission's focus is to encourage more student involvement in the campaign and facilitate a dialogue in the city, university and with relevant campus groups to settle on a vision and operation of a pedestrian-only street from College to Harbord.

The Commission will produce materials like buttons and flyers to educate members on this issue. Some ideas from students came included using our very popular Street Festival during UTSUFest to have students sign declarations demanding street closures.

Timeframe: All Year

Budget: \$1250

Priority 4 Transit Campaign: We Ride: Greater Transit Access (GTA)

Rationale

The vast majority of our membership commutes to campus. Students who live outside the downtown core of Toronto are commuting from Oakville, Brampton, Mississauga, North York, Scarborough, Milton, Ajax, Whitby, Pickering and many other regions and municipalities in the GTA. Many students are paying into several transit authorities every day in order to make the commute to campus. Coupled with the rising costs of education, unaffordable transit is a critical piece that must be addressed in our efforts to make post-secondary education more accessible. This campaign is targeted at students across the GTA, all of our campuses and at all colleges and universities in the region. It is being organized with the support of the Canadian Federation of Students-Ontario. A survey, paper and online, has been created along with many other materials including buttons, flyers and posters.

The funds proposed from this commission are largely to host membership-driven events and survey drives. Creating a Commuter Awareness Week has been proposed as a way to promote discussion and education.

Timeframe: All year

Budget: \$1000

Priority 5

Sweatshop Free Swag

Rationale

Several years ago, the UTSU successfully lobbied UofT to undertake a sweatshop-free policy in their purchasing and production of UofT apparel. As this was some time ago, we have noticed a lack of awareness within the membership at UofT about the necessity of ethical purchased apparel and products. The UTSU is proudly following its own policies to ethically purchase products for Orientation week and products throughout the year. This is a campaign that will look to educate the UofT community and student groups in ethical practices. Materials such as posters, flyers, buttons will be created as well as hosting student group workshops on ethical purchasing standards.

Timeframe: All year

Budget: \$750

Priority 6

Responsible Investment

Rationale

The University of Toronto has an annual operating budget of \$1.7 billion and students are concerned about how these funds are procured and invested. This initiative focuses on research, education and hopes to promote discussions throughout our membership to talk about the history and current practices behind investors into the university. Barrick Gold, a company who indirectly contributes to the University of Toronto on a regular basis through its founder Peter Munk, has been notable for its human rights abuses. This campaign will require research into the University's policies surrounding donors and investments. Creating materials such as flyers and posters for educational events and general awareness strategies will be necessary. If Freedom of Information requests will be needed to undertake of confidential university documents, these funds will also be allocated to pay for those administrative costs.

Timeframe: All year

Budget: \$750

Priority 7

Unpaid Internships

Rationale

Towards the end of the 2012-2013 academic year, the UTSU released an open letter to the Minister Yasir Naqvi voicing concern regarding the ongoing exploitation of youth and students through the practice of illegal unpaid internships in Ontario. This letter brought much publicity and media to the issue as news outlets and community groups were calling on the UTSU to be a leader among students regarding the issue. We have since been liaising with the Minister of Labour Yasir Naqvi about the issue. Our next steps are to build a coalition and work with not just student unions, but labour unions and a new group known

as the Canadian Interns Association. Working hand in hand with these various groups, the UTSU wishes to create materials, host fora and events to increase member awareness and encourage our members report companies are violating the Employment Standards Act through the use of unpaid internships.

Timeframe: All year

Budget: \$1250

Priority 8 Indigenous Solidarity

Rationale

Last year, the UTSU passed a motion to work in solidarity with various indigenous and First Nations groups in endorsing the Idle No More movement. In an effort to educate our membership, the Commission has proposed we host a very popular speaker who can speak to the injustices and attacks against the First Nations people of Canada. We are hoping to collaborate with community groups and student groups in hosting this event to discuss First Nations Rights and environmental justice.

Timeframe: All year

Budget: \$850

Priority Chart:

Priority	Expense
Disorientation	\$750
Task Force On Education	\$750
Pedestrianize St. George Street	\$1250
We Ride: Greater Transit Access	\$1000
Sweatshop Free Swag	\$750
Responsible Investment	\$750
Unpaid Internships	\$1250
Indigenous Solidarity	\$850
Total	\$8100

BUDGET PRIORITIES

**University of Toronto
Students' Union**

**Social Justice & Equity
Commission**

UTSU Budget Priorities 2013-2014: Social Justice & Equity Commission

Submitted By: Yolen Bollo-Kamara, Vice-President Equity
Submitted To: UTSU Board of Directors
Submitted On: August 21, 2013

Priority 1 eXpression Against Oppression

Rationale

The Social Justice and Equity Commission hosts eXpression Against Oppression Week in both the fall and winter semesters in collaboration with a number of groups on campus. XAO is a series of events that include workshops, movie screenings, group discussions on relevant topics and at least one high-profile speaker. Last year's keynotes were indigenous environmental justice activist Winona LaDuke and Rubin "Hurricane" Carter, who was involved in the civil rights movement in the United States and is known for being a former world-class boxer who was wrongfully convicted of murder. Resources are required for outreach and promotional materials, keynote speaker fees, and event logistics.

Timeframe: Fall and Winter Semesters

Budget: \$2500

Priority 2 Gender Equity

Rationale

Members of this Commission identified work on gender equity as a priority this year, particularly in the context of last year's concerns regarding a "men's rights" movement forming on campus and targeting women students and allies. The Commission seeks to provide space for students to discuss gender issues and ways to combat sexism on campus. The Sexual and Gender Diversity Office and the student group Feminist Engagement with Men and Masculinities are identified as potential collaborators for events. Resources will largely be allocated toward event logistics and outreach materials.

Timeframe: Throughout the year

Budget: \$750

Priority 3 Participation in Community Events

Rationale

The Commission strives to create opportunities for students to participate in community events and meet other students who are interested in doing the same. This includes

recognizing and celebrating Pride on campus through this year's second annual Pride Picnic, and building a float for the Toronto Pride Parade. Commission members would also like to organize a UofT contingent for Take Back The Night, and participate in the AIDS Walk for Life. Resources are required for outreach and promotional materials, food for pre- and post-events and the cost of building a float for the Pride Parade.

Timeframe: All year
Budget: \$3000

Priority 4	Collaborative Initiatives
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Rationale

The Commission would like to collaborate with on-campus partners on a number of social justice and equity-related events that happen annually and is also interested in new ideas for collaboration. This includes planning Ally Night as part of Queer Orientation, and events like the Trans Week of Remembrance, the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women. This also allows the Commission flexibility to work with other equity-seeking groups about other issues not specifically named here. Resources will largely go toward event logistics and outreach and promotional materials.

Timeframe: All year
Budget: \$3000

Priority 5	Film Screenings
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Rationale

This includes initial outdoor film screenings for August and September and then indoor screenings at various locations on campus, followed by group discussion. This is an opportunity to engage new people in the Commission and collaborate with groups to focus on relevant issues. Resources are required to acquire film rights, and for snacks and beverages for participants.

Timeframe: All year
Budget: \$1000

Priority 6	Mental Health
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Rationale

Mental health is an issue that affects many students, especially due to concerns with Counseling and Psychological Services. This initiative involves working with a number of students and groups to identify concerns and come up with solutions to improve services and support for students on campus. It also includes a campaign to destigmatize mental illness and ensure students have the resources to seek help if they need it. Resources are largely required for creating materials for outreach, but can also go toward supporting any events or initiatives that will further the stated goals of this campaign.

Timeframe: Throughout the year

Budget: \$750

Priority Chart:

Priority	Expense
eXpression Against Oppression	\$2500
Gender Equity	\$750
Participation in Community Events	\$3000
Collaborative Initiatives	\$3000
Film Screenings	\$1000
Mental Health	\$750
Total	\$11,000

BUDGET PRIORITIES

**University of Toronto
Students' Union**

Sustainability Commission

UTSU Budget Priorities, 2013-2014: Sustainability Commission

Submitted By: Benvenuto Triolo, Sustainability Commissioner
Submitted To: UTSU Board of Directors
Submitted On: August 21, 2013

Priority 1 Sustainable Food

Rationale

The Commission intends to raise awareness of sustainable food practices such as vegetarianism and veganism as well as promote locally grown foods, organic foods, and cruelty-free foods. Further, it will promote these practices on campus through events and education.

- i. In partnership with the UofT Veg Club, the Commission will host a movie night and potluck where attendees will learn about the health-related issues with modern animal products as well as the environmental ramifications of producing them. Movie will likely be Forks Over Knives. Each attendee will be encouraged to cook and share a vegan or vegetarian meal to show the diversity and deliciousness of non-animal food. Resources needed to provide snacks and beverages. Event will be held at the end of September.
- ii. In partnership with Dig In! Campus Agriculture, the commission will continue the upkeep of the Equity Garden. The budget will allow for new topsoil and several new plants if they are needed. A gardening day will occur where volunteers can drop in and help maintain the garden. The rain barrels will be used for watering the garden.
- iii. The success of Hot Yam! will be continued through advertising and volunteer work by the Commission.
- iv. Following the success from last year, the vegan barbeque will return this year to encourage non-animal food alternatives. Resources used to purchase food and drink for the event. The Commission will consider alternatives to paper and plastic cutlery and dishes.

Timeframe: All Year

Budget: \$550

Priority 2 Water Conservation

Rationale

The Commission intends to promote sustainable water usage, especially on campus. Now that plastic water bottles are banned on campus, it is important to reduce tap water waste and continue towards more sustainable practices.

- i. The Commission intends to repeat last year's Residence Challenge event, where residences on campus compete against each other to have the lowest water consumption per capita during one month. There may be a chance for collaboration with campus groups working on water consumption awareness. Resources are needed to produce educational and outreach materials, and to provide a prize for the winning residence. The prize could be money towards a party or an environmental project of the

residence's choice.

- ii. A movie screening, specifically advertised to participating residences, will teach students the importance of water conservation to help encourage better performance in the Residence Challenge. Movie is to be determined. Resources needed to provide snacks and beverages.

Timeframe: January - March

Budget: \$550

Priority 3 Environment and Energy Protection

Rationale

The Commission intends on planning events to ensure a sustainable energy future. More specifically, we will focus on initiatives that will educate students about non-renewable resources and non-sustainable corporate behaviour.

- i. In partnership with Toronto 350, we will help advertise and facilitate a screening of 350.org's *Do The Math* documentary on the importance of reducing carbon emissions. The screening will take place at the Bloor Cinemas and has already been well planned. Elizabeth May will speak at the event that will take place on October 15. Since the event is already well planned, the Commission will focus on advertising the event throughout campus. The cinema can hold 700 people and will have 2 screenings. Resources will be needed for advertising materials.
- ii. In partnership with Toronto 350 and possibly the UofT Environmental Action group (UTEA), the Commission will facilitate and actively engage in pressuring the University of Toronto to divest its resources in fossil fuels. Toronto 350 is currently finalizing a briefing that will be mailed to the University that will force the University to officially address the issue. The Commission will circulate this briefing to faculty, staff, and students to raise awareness of the issue and help grow support of the campaign. Following this, the Commission will gather support for a rally to put pressure on the University to divest from fossil fuels. Resources will be needed for educational materials, advertising, and rally support.
- iii. The Commission intends on protesting Barrick Gold, a mining company causing ethical concerns and environmental damages. There may be a chance to partner with the Indigenous Environmental Network for letter writing and rallying against this company. More details are to come.
- iv. The Commission will work towards conserving paper throughout the University by starting a campaign to ensure all paper used on campus is printed double-sided. As a first step, the Commission will write a letter addressing all faculty to consider a strict double-sided policy for essay and assignment submissions.

Timeframe: All Year

Budget: \$450

Priority 4 Sustainable Transportation

Rationale

The Commission intends on encouraging more sustainable transportation on campus, including increasing active transportation (e.g., walking, cycling) and developing more sustainable transit alternatives. As the University of Toronto is located in one of the largest cities in North America, it is important to be one of the leaders in reducing emissions from motorized vehicles and developing

programs for safe alternatives such as cycling.

- i. The Commission will host 2 summer bike rides in an attempt to familiarize students with cycling on and off campus. Both rides will require resources to pay for food and beverages. There may be a possible partnership with BikeChain. The first ride will take place in September or October and focus on recreational cycling in Toronto. The second ride will focus more on navigating Toronto streets for commuting and will take place in October or November.
- ii. The Commission intends on partnering with BikeChain to hold a winter cycling seminar. The goal is to teach every level of cyclist how to bike in all weather conditions. Resources are needed for snacks and beverages.
- iii. Following the winter riding seminar, the Commission intends on hosting a winter group ride. This will give students experience riding in cold or wet weather and encourage active transportation throughout the second school semester. We intend on purchasing rain ponchos for all those involved in the ride as incentive to come to the event and continue cycling in the winter. Hot chocolate and coffee are also to be served.
- iv. The Commission intends on promoting the use of the PRESTO card since it is a sustainable and inexpensive alternative to exact change or tokens. We would like to purchase a few PRESTO cards to give away as part of a prize during EcoFest or other UTSU events.

Timeframe: All Year

Budget: \$600

Priority 5

EcoFest

Rationale

The Commission intends on continuing the success of last year's EcoFest. EcoFest will include a week of activities, including The Amazing Eco Race, a competition between teams across campus to learn about sustainability. More details are to be determined.

Timeframe: September - October

Budget: \$600

Priority 6

Discretionary Budget

Rationale

The Commission intends on working closely with other sustainable and environmental groups throughout the University of Toronto and will include a budget for future events and initiatives that coincide with its goals.

Timeframe: All Year

Budget: \$750

Priority Chart:

Priority	Expense
Sustainable Food	\$550
Water Conservation	\$550
Environment and Energy Protection	\$450
Sustainable Transportation	\$600
EcoFest	\$600
Discretionary Budget	\$750
Total	\$3500