

# **University of Toronto Students' Union**

**Local 98, Canadian Federation of  
Students**

## **Board of Directors Package 8**

**February 12, 2014 | 16:00 |  
Anthropology Building,  
Room 120**

## **NCA Credo for Ethical Communication**

*Approved by the NCA Legislative Council in 1999*

Questions of right and wrong arise whenever people communicate. Ethical communication is fundamental to responsible thinking, decision making, and the development of relationships and communities within and across contexts, cultures, channels, and media. Moreover, ethical communication enhances human worth and dignity by fostering truthfulness, fairness, responsibility, personal integrity, and respect for self and others. We believe that unethical communication threatens the quality of all communication and consequently the well-being of individuals and the society in which we live. Therefore we, the members of the National Communication Association, endorse and are committed to practicing the following principles of ethical communication:

- We advocate truthfulness, accuracy, honesty, and reason as essential to the integrity of communication.
- We endorse freedom of expression, diversity of perspective, and tolerance of dissent to achieve the informed and responsible decision making fundamental to a civil society.
- We strive to understand and respect other communicators before evaluating and responding to their messages.
- We promote access to communication resources and opportunities as necessary to fulfill human potential and contribute to the well-being of families, communities, and society.
- We promote communication climates of caring and mutual understanding that respect the unique needs and characteristics of individual communicators.
- We condemn communication that degrades individuals and humanity through distortion, intimidation, coercion, and violence, and through the expression of intolerance and hatred.
- We are committed to the courageous expression of personal convictions in pursuit of fairness and justice.
- We advocate sharing information, opinions, and feelings when facing significant choices while also respecting privacy and confidentiality.
- We accept responsibility for the short- and long-term consequences for our own communication and expect the same of others.

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## RULES OF ORDER AT A GLANCE

To Do This:	You Say This:	May You Interrupt the Speaker?	Must You be Seconded?	Is the Motion Debatable?	Is the Motion Amendable?	What Majority is Required?
Object to incorrect procedure being used	Point of order	Yes	No	No	No	No vote taken, chair rules
Seek clarification from the previous speaker	Point of information	Yes, if urgent	No	No	No	No vote taken, chair rules
Object to something which prevents your continued participation (eg. excessive noise)	Point of personal privilege.	Yes	No	No	No	No vote taken, chair rules
Object to a motion being considered	I object to consideration of this motion.	Yes	No	No	No	2/3 Majority
Consider something out of its scheduled order	I move the agenda be amended in order to deal with the following item...	No	Yes	No	No	2/3 Majority
Overturn the ruling of the chair	I challenge the chair on...	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Majority
Change a motion	I move that the motion be amended to read...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
Have a motion studied more before voting on it	I move that the motion be referred to...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
Postpone further discussion on a motion until later in the meeting	I move that the motion be tabled until...	No	Yes	Only to time	Yes	Majority
Postpone consideration of a motion until a future meeting	I move that the motion be postponed until...	No	Yes	Only to time	Yes	Majority
Raise a matter previously tabled	I move that motion...be lifted from the table.	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
Reconsider a motion already voted on earlier in the meeting	I move that motion...be reconsidered.	Yes	Yes	Yes (if original motion was)	No	Majority
End debate on a motion	I call the question.	No	Yes	No	No	2/3 Majority
Ask that everyone's vote on a particular motion be recorded in the minutes	I call for a roll call vote.	No	No	No	No	No vote required, chair rules
Recess the meeting	I move that the meeting recess until...	No	Yes	Only to time	No	Majority
End the meeting	I move that the meeting adjourn.	No	Yes	No	No	Majority

# **Board of Directors University of Toronto Students' Union 2013 – 2014**

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## **AGENDA**

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

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

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

#### **MOTION**

Moved: Wathey

Seconded:

Be it resolved that the agenda be approved as presented.

### **3. EXECUTIVE REPORT**

#### **MOTION**

Moved: Wathey

Seconded:

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

### **4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

#### **MOTION**

Moved: Wathey

Seconded:

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

- i.* Board of Directors, *January 24* (p. 16).
- ii.* Bursary & Grants Committee, *February 7* (p. 27).
- iii.* Elections and Referenda Committee, *January 22* (p. 30).
- iv.* Policy & Procedures Committee, *February 6* (p. 34).

### **5. STUDENT UNION AUTONOMY**

### **6. FYI – NEXT BOARD MEETINGS**

### **7. OTHER BUSINESS**

### **8. ADJOURNMENT**

# EXECUTIVE REPORT 2013/2014

FEBRUARY 12, 2014 | 16:00 | ANTHROPOLOGY BUILDING, ROOM 120



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# EXECUTIVE REPORT

## Letter from the Executive Committee

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Happy February everyone!

Even though it has only be a short time since our last meeting in this package, you will still see some of our most recent developments across the university and the UTSU's work to improve the university and community at large.

Winter Week of Welcome was a very successful way to begin the year, however we've already jumped back into attnending meetings, improving our services, and organzing more events!

We're continuing to educate peolpe about our most recent victories, which include flat fees and the end to Access Copyright. We've even met the president of UofT to bring our advocacy efforts!

We have been organzing for eXpression Against Oppression week, which incldues events such as a night celebrating the lives of immigrants and refugee students as well as a screening of the award-winning film, Fruitvale Station.

We have also selling Raptors tickets to games against the Golden State Warriors and the Oklahoma City Thunder, which are both already sold out!

Finally, the work does not stop for us even over reading week as we are preparing for our annual Montreal Reading Week Trip from February 19 to 22. The Montreal trip is always a great time!

As always, please feel free to contact us or stop by our office to speak to our executives, associates, staff and volunteers!

All the best,

The 2013-2014 Executive Committee



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## XAO: A NIGHT OF EXPRESSION - CELEBRATING THE LIVES OF IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE STUDENTS

February 12 | 7pm- 10pm | The Cat's Eye Pub & Student Lounge

eXpression Against Oppression is a series of events that focus on various social justice and equity issues on campus and our communities. It is happening this semester from February 3-7!

The focus of the event will be on story telling and sharing experiences with each other. That being said, we are open to a number of different mediums, such as spoken word, dance, music, photography, etc! If you would like to speak or perform, please email [jesse@utsu.ca](mailto:jesse@utsu.ca).

## XAO: FRUITVALE STATION FILM SCREENING WITH DIRECTOR RYAN COOGLER

February 13 | 8pm- 11pm | OISE Auditorium


Join students from across campus for a screening of Fruitvale Station, followed by a Q&A with director and writer Ryan Coogler!

Fruitvale Station tells the true story of Oscar Grant III, a 22-year-old Bay Area resident, who crosses paths with friends, enemies, family, and strangers on the last day of 2008.

Tickets are 5\$ in advance for students with a T-card, or 10\$ at the door! 10\$ in advance without a T-card, or 15\$ at the door.

You can purchase tickets in advance at the UTSU office (12 Hart House Circle)

Hosted in collaboration with the Black Students' Association and the Association of Part Time Undergraduate Students.



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# NIGHT OF EXPRESSION

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## CELEBRATING THE LIVES OF IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE STUDENTS

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

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AND THE ASSOCIATION OF PART TIME UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS PRESENT:

# FRUITVALE STATION

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## FILM SCREENING

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**8:00 P.M. | OISE AUDITORIUM G162  
THURSDAY FEBRUARY 13, 2014**

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## UTSU UNITY BALL

February 28 | 6pm | 89 Chestnut Residence Ballroom

Early Bird tickets: \$25 \*deadline TBA

Regular tickets: \$30

Table of 8 \$160

Tickets will be available soon at UTSU

12 Hart House Circle

9:00am to 6:00pm

Buffet Halal Dinner, Awards, Dance, Performances, Candy Bar. Reception 6:00pm Dinner 7:00pm

The UTSU recognizes the achievements of Campus Groups annually through the UTSU Clubs Leadership Awards. There are two categories of awards: Campus Life Awards and Commission Awards.

Nominations will be on <http://utsu.ca/section/1219> soon. Award winners will be announced at our Fifth Annual Unity Ball Semi-Formal on February 28, 2014 at 89 Chestnut Street.

## MONTREAL READING WEEK TRIP

date: Wed. Feb 19, 2014 to Sat. Feb. 22, 2014

Book Tickets online: <https://www.formstack.com/forms/?1592885-eqqHRrl6xf>

\*Pay at the UTSU Office

Trip includes:

- Modern, video-equipped highway motor coaches (pick up & drop off 12 Hart House Circle)
- 3 Nights at Downtown Hotel Espresso
- 3 Nightclub events (No cover + Line bypass)
- Free Daily Montreal Tours with stops at Schwartz Eatery & Banquise Poutine

Add-Ons:

- Skating @ Park Laforntaine (\$7.00 Skate Rental)
- Ski, Snowboard or Tubing at Mont Avil (tubing is \$25.00 extra)
- Optional: Quebec City (extra \$50.00)

Last day to purchase tickets Friday February 14, 2014.

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THE FIFTH ANNUAL  
**UNITY BALL AWARDS**

DANCING, CANDY BAR, DJ & LIVE MUSIC

**FEB. 28. 2014**  
89 CHESTNUT ST.  
RECEPTION AT 6:00PM  
HALAL BUFFET DINNER

VISIT [UTSU.CA/UNITYBALL](http://utsu.ca/unityball)  
FOR NOMINATIONS

EARLY BIRD TICKETS: \$25, \$160 TABLE OF 8, AFTER FEB 21: \$30, \$200 TABLE

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DAILY TOURS  
& QUEBEC  
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FEB 19  
-  
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# EXECUTIVE REPORT

## Campaigns, Advocacy & Meetings

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### MEETING WITH UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO PRESIDENT MERIC GERTLER

On January 22, the UTSU Executive Committee had its second official meeting with University of Toronto President Meric Gertler. The meeting included discussion about several opportunities for collaboration with the University administration, including lobbying for transit discounts and improved transit infrastructure, and for OHIP for international students. There was also extensive discussion about the coordination of a working group that would include student unions, governors and administrators to address the problem of chronic government underfunding. President Gertler expressed significant interest in this idea. The UTSU will be following up with his office to ensure that these opportunities to work together on points of mutual interest are realized. For more information, please contact President Munib Sajjad at [president@utsu.ca](mailto:president@utsu.ca).



### THE COUNCIL ON STUDENT SERVICES MEETING

The Executive Committee has four voting seats on the Council on Student Services. CoSS serves a dual purpose of both ensuring student involvement in decisions to increase non-tuition ancillary fees and serves as a body of oversight and consultation for wider student services within the University. This body is responsible for oversight of administration-run student services such as Hart House, athletic facilities, and the services offered by the Office of Student Life, which include the Career Centre, the Centre for International Experience and the Sexual and Gender Diversity Office. The Council is mandated by the Government of Ontario and is the only committee at the University of Toronto where the majority of members are students. At the Monday, February 3 meeting, several presentations were given from the Office of Student Life, Hart House and Athletics and Recreation to explain each of service's budget. The Union collaborated with the University of Toronto Mississauga Students' Union, the Association of Part-time Undergraduate Students and the Graduate Students' Union to put forward two motions that were passed. The motions asked that for CoSS recommend to the University Affairs Board and to the Governing Council to allocate a better space as determined by the Transitional Year Program (TYP) community if TYP is to be moved from 49 St. George Street. The motions also recommended that the University investigate properties that have been newly acquired by the University as potential new homes for the Transitional Year Programme. The intent of the motion was to ensure the continued success and autonomy of TYP, and facilitate its ability to provide adequate services to students enrolled in the faculty. For more information, please contact President Munib Sajjad at [president@utsu.ca](mailto:president@utsu.ca).

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## Campaigns, Advocacy & Meetings

### MEETING WITH VICE-PRESIDENT AND PROVOST CHERYL REGEHR

On February 5, the Executive Committee met with Vice-President and Provost Cheryl Regehr. The Executive had the opportunity to thank the Provost for discontinuing the University of Toronto's agreement with Access Copyright, and to request that students be included in the process to create a new copyright model at the University of Toronto. There was also discussion about the Student Commons project, with the Executive requesting a timeline on its approval at governance. For more information, please contact President, Munib Sajjad at [president@utsu.ca](mailto:president@utsu.ca).

### MEETING WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO MISSISSAUGA STUDENTS' UNION

On February 7, the UTSU met with the University of Toronto Mississauga Students Union. Items of discussion included the recent referendum to expand the UTMSU Student Centre, the Montreal Reading week trip, the Unity Ball, as well as input on governance processes at the UTM and Scarborough campuses. For more information, please contact the President, Munib Sajjad at [president@utsu.ca](mailto:president@utsu.ca).



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University Of Toronto Mississauga  
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### MONTREAL READING WEEK TRIP OUTREACH

Over the past several months, the Executive Committee, board members and associates have been doing outreach to inform students about the upcoming Montréal Reading Week trip. In attendance will be hundreds of students from the St. George, Mississauga, and Scarborough campuses. For more information, please contact Vice-President Campus Life Yasmeen Emadi at [vpcampuslife@utsu.ca](mailto:vpcampuslife@utsu.ca).

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### UNITY BALL PREPARATION

The fifth annual Unity Ball awards semi-formal will be held on Friday, February 28, 2014. This red carpet-themed formal is a night dedicated to outstanding clubs, and individual members of the University of Toronto who contribute to building campus life. This year, the Unity Ball will also feature a People's Choice Award. Early bird tickets are available until February 21. For more information regarding nominations and performances, visit [www.utsu.ca/unityball](http://www.utsu.ca/unityball) or contact the Vice-President Campus Life, Yasmeen Emadi at [vpcampuslife@utsu.ca](mailto:vpcampuslife@utsu.ca).

### STUDENT CONSTITUENCY MEETING

On Wednesday, January 22 Agnes So, Vice-President University Affairs attended a student constituency meeting organized by the student governors of the governing council. University of Toronto President Meric Gertler, Governing Council Chai Judy Goldring and the Governing Council Secretary Louis Charpentier were also in attendance. Discussed topics included tuition fees for undergraduate, graduate and international students. Meeting attendees also discussed the lack of funding for post-secondary education from the government. This meeting was helpful in developing ideas to create a future joint student and administrative working group to lobby for more funding for universities. For more information, please contact Vice-President University Affairs Agnes So at [vpua@utsu.ca](mailto:vpua@utsu.ca).

### VOLUNTEERING AT THE CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

On January 21, the UTSU, including several members of the Blue Crew, volunteered at the Church of the Redeemer on Bloor and University Avenue. Attendees helped prepare meals for homeless people. After the meals were served, the volunteers helped clear the dining area. For more information, please contact Vice-President Internal & Services Cameron Wathey at [vpinternal@utsu.ca](mailto:vpinternal@utsu.ca).



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### PROVOSTIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

On Monday, January 20, Vice-President University Affairs Agnes So attended the Provostial Advisory committee meeting at the Simcoe Hall. At this meeting, Provost Cheryl Regehr gave an update on Access Copyright. So inquired about alternatives for students who choose not to use turnitin.com for their assignments. So also relayed concerns from students in the Transitional Year Programme about the upcoming forced relocation of its current building. For more information, please contact Agnes So, Vice-President University Affairs at [vpua@utsu.ca](mailto:vpua@utsu.ca).

### STUDENT ACTION COMMITTEE

On Monday, January 20, Agnes So, Vice-President University Affairs was invited to speak at the Ryerson Students' Union's Student Action Committee meeting. The topic of this meeting was the issues that international students face. So spoke about her experience as an international student, work that the Union and the Canadian Federation of Students has been undertaking for international students and challenges that international students face. For more information, please contact Vice-President University Affairs Agnes So at [vpua@utsu.ca](mailto:vpua@utsu.ca).


### TUITION COALITION

On Tuesday, January 21 Agnes So, Vice-President University Affairs organized the first tuition coalition meeting at the Sidney Smith lobby. In this meeting, a jeopardy game was designed to educate and engage students on some information of facts and trends on tuition fees. There were also discussions on challenges and barriers that students at University of Toronto are facing. There will be more meetings in the future to allow discussion on strategies in lobbying for more accessible and affordable education. For more information, please contact Vice-President University Affairs Agnes So at [vpua@utsu.ca](mailto:vpua@utsu.ca).

# VICTORY!

## WE CHANGED FLAT FEES!

IN 2015-2016 STUDENTS WHO TAKE 3 COURSES WILL SAVE UP TO \$13,000  
FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AND \$2,300 FOR DOMESTIC STUDENTS!



## CONGRATULATIONS! STUDENT ACTION WORKS!

LET'S KEEP THE MOMENTUM GOING! JOIN THE TUITION COALITION:  
SID SMITH LOBBY | JANUARY 21 | 4:00PM

STOP UNFAIR FEES, STOP UNFAIR WORK!




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### EXPRESSION AGAINST OPPRESSION

XAO is a series of events that focus on social justice and equity issues relevant to our campus and our communities. This semester's XAO began with a collaboration with Crafty Crabs, a peer support group for folks living with social anxiety that is based at the Centre for Women and Trans People. On Monday, February 3, the University of Toronto Students' Union and Crafty Crabs co-hosted the inaugural crafting workshop of this group, which was called "Jarring Your Anxieties." There was a great turnout at this event, and attendees had the opportunity to discuss methods of self-care while designing glitter jars to take home. On Wednesday, February 12, XAO continues with a performance night at the Cat's Eye, which will focus on the experiences of immigrant refugee students. This event is held in partnership with the World University Service of Canada (WUSC) local committees at the University of Toronto. WUSC offers the Student Refugee Program through which the Union sponsors one student refugee every year to attend the University of Toronto. Lastly, on Thursday, February 13, the UTSU will be hosting a screening of the film Fruitvale Station, in collaboration with the Association of Part-Time Undergraduate Students and the Black Students' Association, in recognition of Black History Month. The film tells the story of the final day of Oscar Grant, who was murdered by police at Fruitvale subway station in Oakland, California, and raises issues of racial profile and police brutality. The union is pleased to have writer-director Ryan Coogler in attendance, who will share remarks and take questions at the event. For more information, please contact Vice-President Equity Yolen Bollo-Kamara at [vpequity@utsu.ca](mailto:vpequity@utsu.ca).



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# EXECUTIVE REPORT

## Services

### NEW WEBSITE

The new website will officially launch on February 10, 2014. The website overhaul has been an ongoing project since the summer of 2013. We are finally proud to present our new, comprehensive, user-friendly and up-to-date website to improve our communications. For more information, please contact Vice-President Internal & Services, Cameron Wathey at [vpinternal@utsu.ca](mailto:vpinternal@utsu.ca).

### SERVICES REPORT FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY

Montreal Reading Week Trip: 68  
Cineplex Tickets: 488  
Good Food Box: 25  
TTC Tokens: 467  
TTC Student Passes: 547  
Photocopies: 49864  
Ripley's Aquarium: 111  
Raptors (Golden State Warriors): 25  
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# **MINUTES**

**University of Toronto  
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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**January 24, 2014**



# MINUTES

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

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## IN ATTENDANCE:

Waiz Akhtar, University of Toronto  
Mississauga  
Nabil Arif, University of Toronto Mississauga  
Nia-Imara Barberousse, Faculty of Music  
Frishta Bastan, University of Toronto  
Mississauga  
Joseph Bodley, Ontario Institute for Studies  
& Education  
Yolen Bollo-Kamara, Vice-President Equity  
Vanessa Bridge, Faculty of Engineering  
Cullen Brown, St. Michaels College  
Suyoung Aaron Chin, Faculty of Pharmacy  
Ben Coleman, Arts & Science At-Large  
Benjamin Crase, Trinity College  
Yasmeen Emadi, Vice-President Campus  
Life  
Shak Gobert, Victoria College  
Fatima Zahra Hamaimou, University of  
Toronto Mississauga

Dalia Hashim, New College  
Nadiv Hossain, University College  
Vere-Marie Khan, St. Michaels College  
Silviu Kondan, New College  
Mateusz Krawczyk, Professional Faculty At-  
Large  
Sanchit Mathur, Faculty of Engineering  
Catherine Nguyen, Faculty of Dentistry  
Josephine Petrolo, Woodsworth College  
Tannishta Pramanick, Woodsworth College  
Munib Sajjad, President  
Agnes So, Vice-President University Affairs  
Melissa Theodore, UTMSU Representative  
Htay Tint, Transitional Year Program  
Will Warnica, Innis College  
Cameron Wathey, Vice-President Internal &  
Services  
Billi Wun, Faculty of Law  
ZiJian Yang, Woodsworth College  
Ben Coleman, Arts & Science At-Large

## BY PROXY:

Khalid Khan, New College to Dalia Hashim,  
New College  
Helen Phan, Professional Faculty At-Large  
to Cameron Wathey, Vice President Internal  
& Services  
Aimee Quenneville, University College to

## GUESTS:

Umair Qadeer  
Jesse Leduc-Robert  
Nzube Ekpunobi  
Fiona Del Rio

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting is called to order at 16:18.

*Hamaimou and Gobert enter the meeting at 16:24.*

## 2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

### MOTION

Moved: Wathey

Seconded: So

Be it resolved that the agenda be approved as presented.

## CARRIED

*Hashim & Pramanick enter the meeting at 16:27.*

## 3. EXECUTIVE REPORT

### MOTION

Moved: Wathey

Seconded: Sajjad

Be it resolved that the Executive Report be approved as presented.

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## DISCUSSION

Members of the Executive Committee highlight sections of the report.

Theodore states that there is an upcoming University of Toronto Mississauga Students' Union (UTMSU) referendum to expand its student centre. She states that voting days will be Tuesday, January 28 to Thursday, January 30, 2014.

Emadi states that the last set of long-term and start-up clubs funding cheques will be distributed over the next week. She further states that clubs must have attended club executive training sessions in order to be eligible for funding.

Bollo-Kamara states that Expression Against Oppression week events will be occurring during the first two weeks of February.

Wathey states that Fireball, the semi-formal hosted by the University College Literary and Athletic Society, is on Saturday, February 2.

Emadi states that tickets for the Montreal Reading Week Trip continue to be sold. She states that students can access the forms online. She states that the Unity Ball is on February 28, and Board members are encouraged to attend and invite club executives.

So states that a presentation was delivered to the Governing Council in coordination with the UTMSU, Scarborough Campus Students' Union (SCSU) and Graduate Students' Union (GSU) outlining the services and advocacy provided by the central students' unions at the University of Toronto. She further states that governors asked questions about issues regarding international students and residence. She also states that they asked issues with which we may work in coordination. She states that further meetings are scheduled. So also states that another meeting has been scheduled between central students' union representatives and President Gertler.

Bollo-Kamara states that efforts to support students enrolled in the Transitional Year Programme (TYP) are ongoing. She states that TYP is being forced to move from its current location to 123 St. George Street against their will. She further states that there are concerns that the new space cannot adequately meet the needs of students, staff and faculty. She further states that TYP has faced staffing, the stagnation of its budget, and threats to its autonomy. She states that coalition work with the Transitional Year Programme Preservation Alliance and all members of the TYP community to ensure the continued success of this program will continue.

Bollo-Kamara states that there was a memorial held on December 6, the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women, held on the anniversary of the murder of fourteen female students at L'Ecole Polytechnique in Montréal. She states that the University of Toronto marks this occasion annually with a vigil and other events. She states that the UTSU was involved in the planning committee for this event, and that she had the opportunity to facilitate a discussion on taking action to end violence against women.

Bollo-Kamara states that a memorial for the late Nelson Mandela that was held on campus and that she was in attendance. She further states that she represented the Union to a Torontot-wide vigil where she made a speech on a panel that included the Consular General for South Africa.

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Wathey states that the Executive Committee attended the Canadian Federation of Students National General Meeting in November. He further states that Jessica McCormick of the Memorial University of Newfoundland and Bilan Arte of the University of Manitoba were elected as the National Chairperson and National Deputy Chairperson, respectively.

Emadi states that the Winter Week of Welcome was held during the second week of January. She further states that the pancake brunch, clubs and career fair, concert, street festival, and Varsity Blues volleyball games were all very successful, and that much positive feedback was received from attendees.

So states that she and Bollo-Kamara continue to attend meetings of the Student Society Summit. She further states that the meetings have progressed to addressing very specific points of contention, with the stated goal of clarifying the positions of each divisional society and students' union.

Emadi states that hundreds of students studying late at night were served sandwiches, snacks and beverages at Kelly Library, Gerstein Library, Ivey Library, the Cat's Eye at Victoria College, Sanford Fleming, and the Pharmacy Building. She states that the Blue Crew program, launched this year, has been very successful in recruiting volunteers for UTSU's Got You and other events.

Triolo presents the sustainability report. He states that the Sustainability Commission has recently launched a campaign to encourage students to use reusable containers in campus cafeterias and at food trucks as an alternative to Styrofoam and other disposable containers. He states that the Commission has been working to support Toronto 350's campaign calling upon the University of Toronto to divest from fossil fuel companies.

Wathey states that there was a meeting with the University of Toronto President Meric Gertler on Wednesday, January 22, 2014. He states that the discussion centered around points of collaboration, including lobbying for transit discounts and improved transit infrastructure, increased government funding for post-secondary education, and for OHIP for international students.

Wathey states that the Executive Committee has been working hard to develop a new website, which will be launched during February. He states that the new website has a very user-friendly interface, and works well on smartphones and tablets. He further states that the website will allow for better, more frequent event updates.

Coleman asks if students will be able to make purchases from the website.

Hudson explains that for an initial period purchases from the website will remain as they are. She states that the purchasing feature will be updated at a later date.

## CARRIED

*Brown enters the meeting at 16:40.*

*Yang enters the meeting at 16:43.*

## 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

### MOTION

Moved: Wathey

Seconded: Mathur

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Be it resolved that the January 24, 2014 minutes package including the following documents be approved by the UTSU Board of Directors:

- i. Board of Directors, November 19 (p. 20).
- ii. Executive Committee, *January 15* (p. 28).
- iii. Elections & Referenda Committee, *January 8* (p. 33).
- iv. Clubs Committee, *December 6, 10, 13, 16 & January 6, 20* (p. 37).  
*Page 65 change for BLOGUT*  
*Page 64 change from Vita*  
*ZiJian Yang's name spelt wrong in the club's committee meeting*
- v. Social Justice & Equity Commission, *December 2 & January 20* (p. 88).
- vi. Campus Life Commission, *January 9* (p. 100).
- vii. Academic & Student Rights Commission, *December 13* (p. 104).

## DISCUSSION

Coleman asks to externalize the Elections and Referenda Committee minutes. Coleman states that he would like to know whether it is possible to track when students are accessing the voting website.

Hudson states that it is possible to track when votes are cast, but not when students are accessing the website.

## CARRIED

### 5. ARTS & SCIENCE AT LARGE APPOINTMENT

#### MOTION

Moved: Wathey

Seconded: Sajjad

Be it resolved that Nzube Ekpunobi be appointed to fill the vacant Arts & Science At-Large Director position for the remainder of the 2013-2014 academic year.

*Ekpunobi provides a presentation of his goals and priorities.*

## CARRIED

*Hossain enters the meeting at 17:12.*

### 6. MOTION TO RECESS

#### MOTION

Moved: So

Seconded: Krawczyk

Be it resolved that the meeting be recessed for 15 minutes.

## CARRIED

*The meeting resumes at 17:21.*

*Del Rio enters the meeting at 17:21.*

### 7. MOTION FOR CHANGES TO BYLAW V – BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO BE PUT

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### TO A REFERENDUM

#### MOTION

Moved: Coleman

Seconded: Brown

*Whereas at the Union's Annual General Meeting this year, the general membership passed motion 3, to investigate the board and commission structure;*

*Whereas this report is likely to suggest various bylaw changes, including changes to Bylaw V, which dictates the make-up of the board;*

*Whereas any changes to bylaw V would fundamentally affect the way that the members are represented, it is important that the board seeks a broader approval from the members on their implementation; whereas it is important that any changes to bylaw V that result from the investigation be put to the membership in a referendum due to the importance of these changes;*

*Whereas it is of additional importance that Bylaw V changes be done through a referendum because of the nature of our AGMs, which have been highly politicized and have not run smoothly, for various reasons;*

*Whereas a general meeting is not an adequate way to make crucial bylaw changes in a way that will result from respectful and well-reasoned public debate;*

*Whereas the proxy system for general meetings violates the one vote per person principle in practice, and recurrent issues with abuse of this accessibility policy from many different interest groups would cloud the legitimacy of a vote on such reforms;*

Be it resolved that any changes to Bylaw V – Board of Directors that may result from the investigation of the board and committee structure must be put to a plebiscite for approval before Annual General Meeting.

#### DISCUSSION

Coleman states that the structure of the board is essential to the way the union functions. He further states that before any changes take place, it is important to engage the membership and get their input. He further states that board changes should be put to a referendum.

Yang asks if it is better to be addressed at the Annual General Meeting or by the Board.

Sajjad states that at the Annual General Meeting, there was a motion for a similar referendum to this, which was overturned. He further states this motion could mean even small changes to the Board structure, such as when a position to represent students in the new Faculty of Architecture was created, would require referenda.

Petrolo asks whether Coleman has any suggestions for ensuring students are informed about what they are voting on.

Coleman states that the intent of this motion is to get as much feedback and support from the membership before altering the Board structure. He further states that the Board should ensure that it receives adequate feedback from students before implementing changes. He further states that a plebiscite will ensure that students are engaged and informed about the changes to the Board structure.

#### CARRIED

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### 8. MOTION TO HOLD AN INFORMATION AND Q&A SESSION FOR BOARD MEMBERS ON THE HEALTH AND DENTAL PLAN

#### MOTION

Moved: Coleman

Seconded: Kondan

*Whereas the health and dental plan is the most important service that the UTSU provides;*

*Whereas it is important that the board has adequate information to help members use the plan and to fulfill their responsibilities in setting the rates of increase for health and dental insurance;*

*Whereas members often ask questions about the health and dental plan when board members are doing outreach, usually about specific details regarding coverage or usage of the plan;*

*Whereas the board should do more to promote the plan, help members use it, and help members opt out of the plan before applicable deadlines;*

*Whereas effectively promoting the plan and assisting members with usage and opt-outs requires that the board be well-informed about the plan;*

Be it resolved that an information session on the UTSU health and dental plans be held for the board of directors early in the winter semester, and in August for the 2014-15 board; and

Be it further resolved that this session cover the following topics:

- i. Coverage of the health and dental plans;
- ii. How to file claims and otherwise use the plans;
- iii. Our current contractual and practical relationship with our plan provider
- iv. The financial management strategy for the health and dental plans, including likely rate increases for next year, and strategies for risk mitigation;
- v. Resources and information available to members and to the board;
- vi. an open forum open to students about informing

#### DISCUSSION

Coleman states that he often receives questions from students about the health and dental plan. He further states that the purpose of this motion is for the Health and Dental Plan Coordinator to host an information session about the plan, so that Board members are better equipped to do their jobs.

Krawczyk states that this would be a great way to engage students.

Hashim asks whether this session would be mandatory for board members.

Coleman states that it is meant to be optional for board members.

Bollo-Kamara states that perhaps the information session should be open to all students who have questions about the health and dental plan.

Petrolo states that the session should also include information about travel insurance.

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Bollo-Kamara states that it would be a good idea to hold this session later in the winter semester, when final numbers are available for health and dental plan usage.

### MOTION TO AMEND

Moved: Bollo-Kamara

Seconded: So

Be it resolved that the first resolution be amended to remove the word "early"

### CARRIED

### CARRIED

## 9. MOTION TO ENDORSE FOSSIL FUEL CAMPAIGN BY TORONTO 350

### MOTION

Moved: Bollo-Kamara

Seconded: Brown

*Whereas the University of Toronto Students' Union's Sustainability Policy states that the UTSU shall "lobby all levels of administration within the University to implement sustainability initiatives and projects;" and*

*Whereas the University of Toronto is heavily invested in the fossil fuel industry; and*

*Whereas global fossil reserves contain 2,795 gigatonnes of carbon dioxide, about five times what studies show can be safely emitted; and*

*Whereas governments and organizations around the world have recognized warming of 2°C as the threshold where climate change will become dangerous; and*

*Whereas Toronto 350 has developed a brief to be submitted to the Governing Council of the University of Toronto, asking that the University do the following:*

- i. Make an immediate statement of principle expressing the school's intention to divest its direct holdings of stock in the 200 fossil-fuel companies from around the world with the largest reserves;*
- ii. Immediately stop making new investments in the industry;*
- iii. Sell its direct holdings in the 200 companies over five years;*
- iv. Sell its stock in Royal Dutch Shell within one year.*

Be it resolved that the University of Toronto Students' Union officially endorse the brief submitted by Toronto 350 and the fossil fuel divestment campaign; and

Be it further resolved that the University of Toronto Students' Union lobby the University of Toronto administration to redirect investment from fossil fuels to alternative forms of energy that are compatible with climate safety.

### DISCUSSION

Del Rio speaks about the Toronto 350 campaign for the University of Toronto to divest from fossil fuel companies. She states that Toronto 350 has worked to put together an extensive brief that will be submitted to Governing Council, entitled "The Fossil Fuel Industry and the Case for Divestment."

Bollo-Kamara states that the University of Toronto should divest from the fossil fuel industry to minimize its ecological footprint and be part of the solution to ensuring a sustainable planet

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in the long term.

Pramanick asks if the brief includes research about the potential impact of divestment on the University's portfolio.

Del Rio states that the brief includes detailed research into responsible investment and alternatives to fossil fuel companies.

Coleman states that there is strong evidence to suggest that divestment from fossil fuel companies will be better for the University in the long term.

Wun asks why Royal Dutch Shell is referred to specifically in the motion.

Del Rio explains that this company is one of the worst violators of regulations around human rights and environmental protection.

Sajjad states that the University of Toronto must be held accountable for its impact on the environment.

Bollo-Kamara also agrees.

Cruse states that the University's investment portfolio is determined by professionals, who have experience in managing risk and making profit. He asks whether the UTSU is qualified to advise the University on its investment policies.

Fiona asks him to clarify the question.

Cruse states that the suggestion that the University redirect its investment to green energy initiatives is contradictory since many of their investors are fossil fuel companies. He states that this is unethical.

Brown states that the issue is whether or not students support investing in the fossil fuel industry. He states that the clear answer is no.

Cruse states that it would be a different case if people are voting based on ethical principles.

Wun states that he is not speaking in favor or against the motion. He states that the paradox in which fossil fuel companies invest in green energy initiatives is explained by regulations that require or incentivize investments in renewable energy.

Sajjad states that student funds should never be invested in projects that continue colonialism and ruin the land, health and livelihood of entire communities of people. He states that it is this motion is based on a principled position to support human lives and social justice over profit and greed.

## **CARRIED**

## **10. NEXT BOARD MEETING**

Wathey states that he will be creating a Doodle poll to schedule Board meetings for the



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remainder of the semester.

### 11. OTHER BUSINESS

Warnica states that taking a position against the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities decision to include students at private institutions under eligibility requirements for the Ontario Tuition Grant should be considered.

Sajjad states that the Ministry of Training, Colleges, and Universities have made some questionable announcements lately, including announcing that volunteers for the Pan Am games will get an additional six months to pay off their student loans, as opposed to actual compensation or debt forgiveness.

Tint states that he is looking for support for the Transitional Year Program's call for a separate representative on the Governing Council.

#### MOTION

Moved: Wathey

Seconded: Bastan

Be it resolved that the UTSU support TYPs call for a seat on the Governing Council .

#### DISCUSSION

Coleman states that changes to Governing Council representation would involve reopening the University of Toronto Act, which is provincial legislation. He states that this is unfavorable. He states that there are other problems, including the fact that international students are barred from participating in Governing Council. He states that despite this, opening the Act could cause further problems, and is ill advised.

Kondan states that the motion allows the UTSU to take action a very important issue. He thanks Wathey for bringing it up.

Bollo-Kamara states that this could be part of a longer-term strategy to support students in the Transitional Year Programme, in addition to ensuring that they have access to adequate space, staffing and other support necessary for success. She states that any attempt to increase equity and student participation, whether for international students or TYP students, should be supported, even if it means opening the UofT Act. She states that the Act was last amended in 1971, and that the University of Toronto has changed significantly since then.

#### CARRIED

Sajjad states that he is concerned about the manner in which The Varsity newspaper contacted Board members for comment regarding their participation at meetings. Sajjad states that some board members are unable to attend meetings for valid, personal reasons. Sajjad states that he is disappointed that some board members have responded to the Varsity in an unfair and hypocritical manner.

Brown says that it is unfair to point fingers, but that there are concerns about board member attendance at meetings. He states that he understands that the Executive Committee is doing its

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part to ensure Board members attend meetings.

Kondan states that he agrees with Brown that some Board members have not actively participated this year.

Sajjad states that The Varsity's line of questioning constituted personal attacks.

Bollo-Kamara states that The Varsity's questions were intrusive and inappropriate. She further states that Board members are expected to attend every single meeting. She further states that this expectation is communicated clearly, but that there are exceptional circumstances that prevent attendance, which Board members occasionally express privately to members of the executive. She further states she welcomes suggestions about how to further engage the Board and improve participation. She states that Board meetings are not the only form of Board member participation, and that Board members have other responsibilities that they must adhere to. She states that some Board members who have low meeting participation have high participation in other ways.

Petrolo states that she was contacted by The Varsity with a strict deadline and she was not able to get back to them in time. She further states that she does not have to defend herself to The Varsity.

The Chair states that in future, items that require lengthy discussion or involve taking positions should be submitted as agenda items.

## 12. ADJOURNMENT

### MOTION

Moved: Hashim

Seconded: Arif

The meeting is adjourned at 18:55.

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**BURSARY & GRANTS  
COMMITTEE**

**February 7, 2014**

## MINUTES

Bursary and Grants Committee of the University of Toronto Students' Union  
Friday, February 7, 2014 | 12:00 | University of Toronto Students' Union Office

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### IN ATTENDANCE:

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

### BY PROXY:

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

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting is called to order at 12:10.

## 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

### MOTION

Moved: Wathey

Seconded: Lorn

Be it resolved that the agenda be approved as presented.

### CARRIED

## 3. INDIVIDUAL ACADEMIC ENDEAVOUR GRANT FINANCES

Wathey states the mandate of the committee according to the Union's Bylaws & Policies. He further states that the committee has been allocated \$3000 according to the 2013-2014 Operating Budget. He states that the deadline for grants applications is March 3, 2014. He suggests that the committee reviews each application as group for this meeting. He further states that the committee can fund up to \$100 for each application and choose to boost or reduce funds based on merit.

Tint states that he will suggest this application to his classmates in the Transitional Year Program.

Wathey states that some applications are not eligible for funding. He states that this bursary is geared towards funding academic conferences.

Wathey states that this committee is allowed to change the policy around the applications. He states that each application should include a purpose for the grant request, budget statement and any additional information about the conference.

## 4. INDIVIDUAL ACADEMIC ENDEAVOUR GRANT ALLOCATIONS

The Committee members examine grant requests and allocate funding. No grant requests were denied. Some requests were tabled until more information is gathered.

## 5. INDIVIDUAL ACADEMIC ENDEAVOUR GRANT PROCESS REVIEW

### DISCUSSION

Wathey states that there is still more time before the Individual Academic Endeavour grant deadline is due and that there will be another meeting. He further states that he would like the committee members to review the process and experience sitting on the

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committee. He states that the Bursary and Grants Committee was created last year. He further states that the policy can be modified and the Individual Academic Endeavour Grant application can be adjusted to make the process easier for applicants and the Committee.

He states that a policy could be implemented to ensure that only the most economical mode of transportation is reimbursed, unless there is fair justification in the application. He states that a larger brainstorm should take place to look at ways to expand the grant. He states that Committee members can provide recommendations at the next meeting, which will be held after the Individual Academic Endeavour grant deadline has passed.

## **6. ADJOURNMENT**

### **MOTION**

Moved: Lorn

Seconded: Tint

### **CARRIED**

The meeting adjourns at 12:46.

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**ELECTIONS & REFERENDA  
COMMITTEE**

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### ATTENDANCE

Joseph Bodley  
Munib Sajjad  
William Warnica

### NON-VOTING

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

### PRESENT BY PROXY

Maaham Malik to Munib Sajjad

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

## 2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

### MOTION

Moved: Sajjad

Seconded: Warnica

Be it resolved that the agenda be approved as presented.

### CARRIED

## 3. DISCUSSION ON FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

Sajjad asks if there is an update with regards to the booking of space for a polling location at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE).

Bodley stated that he has not yet followed up.

Flor states that in the fall, that polling location could not be booked because it conflicted with another event.

Bodley states that he will try to ensure that the space is booked.

Sajjad asked where the best space at OISE would be for a poll.

Bodley states that the OISE 5<sup>th</sup> floor may be the best spot. He states that the Student Teachers' Union (STU) would promote the elections and the elections polls to ensure that students are aware of the new polling location.

Flor states that there is a conflict at the Bahen poll for one day. She states that the Office of Space Management (OSM) has suggested booking a poll at Koffler for that day.

Sajjad states that it would be good if the poll did not have to move from Bahen on any day, as this may confuse voters. He suggests that Flor follow up with OSM to determine whether there are any alternative highly visible, easily accessible locations available at Bahen.

## 4. ERC MEETING DATES

Sajjad states that he would like to suggest regular meeting times over the next couple weeks. He states that he will follow up with members with solidified dates once he has the entirety of their schedules.

## 5. SCHEDULE OF COMMON COSTS

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Sajjad states that the Chief Returning Officer recommended removing the Schedule of Common Costs from the Elections Procedure Code. He states that previous Elections and Referenda Committee member Benjamin Coleman has suggested a method for making the Schedule useful. He distributes background information and a written submission provided by Mr. Coleman.

Flor states that there was difficulty creating a schedule of common costs in the fall elections due to the various variables that candidates could request with respect to printed items.

Bodley suggests that the Schedule of Common Costs should be removed.

Hudson states that the problem that the Schedule is attempting to solve is a perceived advantage that people running in slates have. She reads out the "purpose" section of the document Mr. Coleman prepared.

Bodley states that he thinks the Schedule of Common Costs is still too complex.

### **6. ONLINE VOTING UPDATES**

Hudson states that she had a meeting with staff at the University's Privacy Office. She states that they did not seem to be aware of the University's issue with sending out an online message to eligible voters. She states that when she explained the issue, she was told that they would be willing to assist in a discussion with the University about options that would satisfy everyone's needs.

Bodley asks if the STU can request the online message from the UTSU.

Sajjad states that it would be great if each constituency would tell their members about the election and send emails to their constituents about the elections. He states that if the STU wants to request online messages, that this may be helpful in order to convince the administration to allow the UTSU to use the email system.

Hudson states that the Privacy Officer suggested meeting with the Provost directly with different options.

Sajjad states that the next meeting with the Provost is in two weeks.

### **7. EPC REVIEW**

Warnica asks why post-campaigning demerit points are low.

Hudson states that the rule is to encourage people to clean up their materials.

Flor states that the demerit points could be increased.

Sajjad states that post-campaigning does not have much effect on the outcome of the elections themselves. He states that the idea is just so students will clean up after themselves.

Bodley states that it is annoying when candidates do not clean up their materials.

Flor states that it also encourages candidates to remove websites and online materials. She states that one team could be seen as gloating if their materials were not removed.



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Sajjad asks if demerit points should be increased for post-campaigning. He suggests an increase of two (2) points to five (5) points.

Warnica states that there are 15 demerit points for campaigning within 6-metres of a polling booth. He states that there are only 10 demerit points for personally campaigning to a student while they are voting online. He states that the demerit points should both be the same, since they are both dealing with the same issue.

Warnica asks why scrutinizing is not mentioned in the Elections Procedure Code. He suggests including it in a "Best Practices" guide.

Hudson suggests that Flor draft some language for approval by the Committee.

### MOTION

Moved: Warnica

Seconded: Bodley

Be it resolved that Article VI Section J of the Elections Procedure Code be amended such that any violation of post-campaigning results in five (5) demerit points.

Be it further resolved that Article VI Section Section J of the Elections Procedure Code be amended such that any violation involving personally campaigning to a student while they are voting online results in 15 demerit points.

### CARRIED

### MOTION

Moved: Sajjad

Seconded: Bodley

Be it resolved that Article VI Section 2(c) of the EPC be removed.

Be it further resolved that Article VI Section 2(d) be amended to read:

The calculation of candidates' expenses where there is no receipt shall be made according to the Fair Market Value of all purchases, services, donations and items, which are deemed by the ERC to be used for the purposes of the campaign.

### CARRIED

## 9. ADJOURNMENT

### MOTION

Moved: Warnica

Seconded: Bodley

The meeting is adjourned at 19:02.

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**University of Toronto  
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**POLICY & PROCEDURES  
COMMITTEE**

**February 6, 2014**

## MINUTES

Policy and Procedures Committee of the University of Toronto Students' Union  
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### IN ATTENDANCE:

Silviu Kondan, New College Director  
Cameron Wathey Vice-President Internal & Services  
Catherine Nguyen, Faculty of Dentistry Director  
Sandy Hudson, Executive Director (non-voting)

### BY PROXY:

Melissa Theodore, UTMSU Designate  
to Cameron Wathey Vice-President Internal & Services

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting is called to order at 20:36.

### 2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

#### MOTION

Moved: Wathey

Seconded: Kondan

Be it resolved that the agenda be approved as presented.

### CARRIED

### 3. OVERVIEW OF POLICY AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE

Wathey states the mandate of the committee according to the Union's bylaws and policies. He further states that the purpose of the committee is to facilitate the submission of policies to the Board of Directors and the Annual General Meeting. Wathey states that at the Annual General Meeting, a motion was passed to investigate the structure of the Board of Directors. He states that Ekpunobi has been doing research and has provided the committee with a report on his findings.

Kondan states that the report should also investigate the University of Waterloo and Wilfred Laurier University.

Hudson explains that last year, members of this committee expressed concerns that Arts and Science students are overrepresented compared to other professional faculties. She states that the committee considered representation for certain types of groups including residence students, commuter students, mature students and other types of students.

Nguyen asks why it was recommended to restructure the board.

Hudson states that there were concerns with the UTSU structure and the motion was passed to address this issue and to examine more efficient, representative possibilities.

Kondan asks if there any other responsibilities that this Committee has.

Hudson states that this Committee reviews the policies and bylaws and can provide suggestions, which would then be submitted to the Board of Directors for approval.

Wathey states that the Clubs Committee has the ability to change the Clubs Policy, and provide broader recommendations on other Union policies as well.

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Hudson states that this Committee can also implement policy related to specific issues, such as the existing policies on sustainability and international students.

Wathey states that the committee should read over Ekpunobi's recommendations.

Hudson states that the UTSU is federally incorporated under the Canadian Corporation Act. She further states that the federal government has implemented changes to the Act, and that incorporated organizations must change their by-laws and policies accordingly and apply for continuance by October 2014. She states that the UTSU has undertaken a legal review of its by-laws and policies to ensure that it is in compliance by that date. She further states that a member, Mr. Michael Wainberg submitted further recommendations. She details the recommendations in turn.

Wathey states that the Policy and Procedures Committee's focus will be both long-term and short-term policies. He further states that this committee will meet again shortly as there are many policies to discuss and review.

## **7. ADJOURNMENT**

### **MOTION**

Moved: Kondan

Seconded: Nguyen

The meeting adjourns at 21:17.

### **CARRIED**