

Minutes

Annual General Meeting of the Erindale College Students Union

Thursday, November 13, 2014 • Davis Building, Council Chambers, Room 3130 • 5pm

Attendance:

Executives

Hassan Havili	11
Bryan Chelvanaigum	10
Genny Lawen	11
Uranranebi (Ebi)	
Agebeyegbe	11
Melissa Theodore	11
Francesco Otello-DeLuca	11
Amir Moazzami	1

Division I

Mohammed Dine	11
Maheen Farrukh	

Division II

Abdul Hadi Tariq	11	9
Daniel Lyght	11	0
Marium Assaad		11
Rishabh Dev		8

Division III

Frishta Bastan	8
Maaham Malik	11
Ming Zang	0
Naveed Ahmed	11
Nirmal Patel	1
Rldwan Olow	11
Belal Raifai	11

Division IV

Salem Aboghodieh	0
Athika Azhar	0

UTSU Designate

Grayce Slobodian	Voting
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Executive Director

Walied Khogali	Non-Voting
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Division v

Simon Feng	0
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Speaker

Christopher Thompson	
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Members

Abbas Godharnela	1	Akshay Hariharan	1	Bethel Soressa	1
Abdul Hodi Tariq	9	Ameera Mariewski	1	Bhuavana Tantry	1
Abdulla Omari	1	Antoinette Da Silva-Carter	5	Cao Lopes	1
Abdulsabar Nasser	1	Apeksha Arora	11	Catherine Tessier	1
Abisola Olaniyi	1	Ariana Serapiglia	11	Chidimma Mualdo	1
Adenika Salami	1	Asam Hassar	1	Christina Phan	1
Adil Abraham	11	Auane Massceodine	1	Diamond Agyapong	11
Afra Yousaf	1	Ayesha Anand	1	Dzor Godula	1
Aiba Al-Ahar	1	Aziza Islam	10	Efamussia Monterio	1
Aimon Coalla	1	Belal Raifai	11	Emaan Abbasi	8

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Emerson Calcada	11	Marika Erwin	11	Tamam Khalaf	11
Fardi Tiaerz	1	Marium Hussain	11	Tobi Ogude	1
Fatima Hamaimou	1	Mehak Kawaha	11	Tyel Reyneso	1
Fawzia Yusuf	1	Menatalla Elnaka	1	Tyler Chadee	1
Francisco Santos	11	Mirna Ezzat	11	Vaibhaw Narang	11
Frishta Bastan	8	Mohamad Dine	11	Vaishanui Raja	6
Heraa Quadri	1	Mohamed Mahsour	9	Valentina Botero Gutierrez	10
Hoda Khan	11	Monique Swaby	1	Victoria Trotman	1
Ibraheem Balogun	1	Mustapha Tteghi	11	Vinaykumar Thaplyal	10
Ivan Mansuev	1	Nadia Bosa	1	Wero Aumerally	1
Jaial Ad Noubani	1	Nicole Penny	4	Yahya Al Mashani	9
Jessica Chu	11	Nirmal Patel	1	Yohanna Bierski	1
Joanne Evangelista	11	Noha Mahdi	1	Yuri emoro	1
Joseph Feldmeyer	11	Nour Alideeb	10	Zeineb Hammaimou	9
Judy Vanessa Kattar	11	Ovijah Vijayakumaran	11		
Kamal Mohamood	1	Prince Dim	1		
Karen Fernandes	9	Reem Ghalib	1		
Karim Salhab	11	Reem Baruni	1		
Kau Makuei	6	Ricardo Charlton	1		
Kauylin Gundersen	11	Ridwan Olow	11		
Kellen Haugthan	6	Roshain Fisher	1		
Kpithlever Chavez	1	Ryan Persaud	10		
Kyuson Lim	1	Sarah Elborna	11		
Lucas Wiekowski	1	Sharon Oseivhi	10		
Maaira Hussain	1	Shreya Narang	11		
Mahmoud Sarouji	1	Summer Yang	1		
Mahyra Mostafa	11	Sunny Gill	1		
Maria Iqbal	1	Suravi Aryal	11		
		Tasneem Abdelnaleam	1		

Guests

Cat-Mark Criger – *Traditional Aboriginal Elder*

Cameron Wathey- *Vice President Internal and Services – University of Toronto Students' Union*

Yolen Bollo Kamara – *President – University of Toronto Students' Union*

Attendance in person:

126

Total Attendance by Proxy:

567

Total Attendance:

693

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:18 pm

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**MOTION**

Moved: A. Abraham Seconded: K. Ali

Be it resolved that the Agenda be approved as presented.

VOTE**ALL IN FAVOR****MOTION PASSES****3. PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS**

H. Havili: Welcome everyone, thank you for coming out to the 2014-15 Annual General Meeting brought to you by the University of Toronto Mississauga Student's Union. I want to thank our members and students for attending and for their participation during this meeting. I would also like to thank each one of you for participating in our events, campaigns, and for running our services throughout the year. Before I go on, I just want to personally thank the UTMSU executives for all of their hard work, UTMSU associates, UTMSU coordinators, volunteers, orientation leaders and full-time staff of UTMSU.

Please review the Annual report, I will go through the most important points. I usually don't like to write speeches, but I have a few points down on my paper. I wanted to talk about the student centre. I just wanted to address what the Student Centre means for me. The student centre is a home, a home for all of us. We have a lot of activities, a lot of events that take place in the student centre throughout the year. Every single year, we all have a goal in common. We recognize clubs, academic societies, UTMSU levy groups, and different societies within the student centre such as CFRE, the Medium, ECSpert, SEC, and everyone else. The student centre serves as a home for 13,000 students on campus. One goal was to expand the student experience; one way we did that was by holding events at the student center. We made sure students were participating in events at the student center. We had students hold events at the student centre. Students often booked the meeting rooms, used the available catering options via the Blind Duck, Thank you to Shane Madhani and the rest of the Blind Duck Staff for their hard work in providing the best services to the UTM community. The student centre has been my home for the last four years; I have seen the red room with bean bags turn into a quiet study space for students. I've been able to witness the Student Centre go from old furniture to fresh new furniture. It's a wonderful place to be, if you do have time, just go to the student centre. Please stop by and make the student centre your home too. Please drop by your students' union office and say hi to us, say hi to everyone there, and enjoy your time there. Moving away from the student centre, onto campaigns. One campaign I'd like to talk about is the heated bus shelter campaign. To me, the heated bus shelter means so much to me and many of you because at last year's AGM, that was the topic of discussion. We discussed the benefits a heated bus shelter would be to the students, and at first the question was whether or not students here felt the need for a heated bus shelter. And to my surprise, many students went up to speak on the microphone. I was very surprised how many students believed the heated bus shelters were a great idea. That provided the passion and inspiration our team to continue lobbying for the heated bus shelters which became a reality and now so many students benefit from our collective advocacy. We were able to collect 2000 signatures from students all over the

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campus. We had well over 20 student volunteers participating in our campaign. To stand in solidarity with students, we collected petitions and we organized in the old bus shelter itself to put sticky notes to inform other students about the issue. We handed out hot chocolate to all students in the cold. Not to my surprise, all of the sticky notes were gone in the morning. But, at the end of the day, it worked because influence informed and motivated students to voice their opinions and university administrators finally supported our call for heated bus shelters at our campus. So thank you everybody. Has anyone used the bus shelters yet? I believe it just started snowing today, there are two housings for students to sit or stand in. A little black button is present in these housings to provide heat to the shelter. Another topic I'd like to talk about is the food services on campus. A lot of you are aware that we are pushing for a new agenda to the food services providers, to university administration, and to members of the food operations office on this campus. What I would like to do is hand over the microphone to our Vice President External – Mr. Ebi Agbeyegbe because I feel he would be better able to present this topic. He has particularly been very passionate about our advocacy work on behalf of all of UTMS Students.

E. Agbeyegbe: Thank you, Hassan. Last year one of the main concerns raised by students was the food services on campus. Whether it is the food options available, or prices of food, or the services provided. Over the summer, we came up with a plan on how to tackle the concerns raised about food services on campus, and since the beginning of September, we have been encouraging students to voice their concerns and opinions to us. We have asked for students to provide a list of options they would like to see. Students have stated they wanted vegan options, vegetarian options, and sustainable food options. Students were also concerned with the prices of food options on campus. Students were largely in favor of affordable options. We had a couple of town halls for students to voice their opinions. We worked with the University administration to encourage students to complete food services surveys to better understand the needs of UTM students. The results can be viewed online at <https://www.utm.utoronto.ca/hospitality/CFSAC> . Over 2500 students responded. One popular option amongst students is Thai Express. Cross your fingers, we might be seeing this soon. Moving on, the contract was extended for a full year with Chartwells. Next year, there is an RFV process going on. We are looking forward to making sure that students' priorities are also the priorities of administrators when it pertains to the management of food service operations at UTM. We want to make sure that food options will be much better for the incoming years and we want to make sure everybody's needs are met. If you are interested in joining this campaign, or you want to voice your opinion, or you have any questions please come talk to Hassan or myself to learn how to get involved. This is an ongoing process and you will be informed about every step on the way to our goal. We need students to keep pushing and keep talking, and we will keep fighting.

H. Havili: We all tasted the food provided today, and we can do better than that, you all know that. The next campaign I want to talk about is Generation Vote. Does anyone here know what that is?

Tasneem: Generation Vote was about encouraging students to vote during the municipal elections. It was a campaign to encourage university students to participate and be informed about the municipal and provincial elections coming up and the issues that are relevant to students so they do vote.

H. Havili: Thank you, Tasneem. So Tasneem has just summarized what is Generation Vote and the importance of informing students about provincial and municipal elections. The idea was to make sure that student issues are relevant to policy makers and that we have the support of the broader community. We have a short video to show everyone.

(Video about Generation Vote - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ToYF4lavs8I>)

H. Havili: UTM, we like videos. We realize videos are an effective way to communicate to students because it is quick, easy, and accessible. Most of us are spending so much time on our computers and laptops, right? We will be continuing to do that because we have amazing videographers, KC and Matt, who have been doing a wonderful job. So, another campaign that we are working on is improved access to WiFi. This is something we have been working on since last year. When it comes to past victories, this has been one area where improvements can be seen. I believe the WiFi services have significantly improved. Another two important campaigns that we have been working on are the Mental Health Awareness campaign, and the No Means No campaign. These two campaigns will be elaborated by our Vice President Equity, Melissa Theodore.

M. Theodore: Let's talk about Mental Health. Mental health has been one of our priorities for this year, what we would like to do is launch some elements of the campaign in January 2015 through information sessions on our peer to peer support groups. These sessions are safe places for students to come together who are facing difficulties such as depression, anxiety, self-harm, family issues, disordered eating, mental illness, stress, or anything causing distress. We are identifying this as one of our main priorities because we do not have many services for students who are experiencing these difficulties on campus. For example, the HCC has a four week wait time for anyone who does not identify themselves in crisis. We believe that the University should not be a space for stress, but it is for many, and we want to create something that will help students cope with any challenges they face on campus. We will be launching this peer to peer support group in January 2016. I'd like to invite Genny to talk about our ongoing destressors that we began this year.

G. Lawen: UTMSU is known for holding exam destressors. We distribute food during exams. We also started this baggy system where a small sack of snacks such as juice, a granola bar, a pack of gum, and other inspirational booklets in there. There are inspirational quotes on the baggies so that we can distribute them at night. Not just me, but the whole team agrees that we should do this throughout the whole year because we stress during exam time, we stress during midterm season, or when the first essay is due in October. We are going to do the same thing this year during exam period. Because students need energy to keep studying. We are going to give you inspirational quotes to remind you keep going because everyone has potential. Even stuff like laughing, getting together in the presentation room, getting together in general will decrease your stress. Breathing exercise, it is known that breathing exercises will decrease stress. Yoga, exercising, anything to get active. Any suggestions that will help us de-stress, please let me know so that when you are in the library at 7:30 pm during the exam period, you come by the student centre, and we are there to help you de-stress. We are all competent individuals, and these will help us during the year.

M. Theodore: I would also like to raise awareness of a website that has just been launched by the university, please visit <http://mentalhealth.utoronto.ca/>. The university has identified that they can see rooms for improvement in each area of our institution, and they would like to take the further step to address it, and we would like to work with them to achieve that goal. Moving onto the No means No campaign, I know that this is a very sensitive topic to speak about, if you'd like to leave the room if you don't feel comfortable, please do so. The No means No campaign is based on consent. Consent during, before, or after sexual activities, or just consent for one's body. Everyone has rights to their own space and body, and we need to acknowledge that. We want to raise awareness about rape culture. That's primarily what the No means No campaign means on this campus. We want to challenge victim blaming, deconstruct rape culture sexual harassment through cat calling, acquaintance/friend date rape, and we would like to provide support to victims of sexual assault, harassment, and other likewise issues. I would especially like to thank members of the Woman's coalition. We launched a coalition this year and the participants have been very helpful, I would really like to thank everyone who has participated in this campaign. We raised a list of sexual assault demands to the university, and

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we got a lot of yes's. I won't be sharing it today but I will be sharing it on our Facebook page so please check that out. Throughout the No means No campaign we have been giving out pillow cases. We have wristbands in the pub, we have posters everywhere, and we also have stickers. If you want to grab any of these things, please let me know. If you would like to join in this coalition, please let me know.

H. Havili: So these are some of the campaigns, there is also the Let the Children Play campaign, the Know Your Rights campaign, the 1.0 drop credit/grade forgiveness, and that's in regards to collecting petitions. We can go on and on about campaigns, but the best thing to do is ask questions during the allocated time or come talk to us and we will guide you during every step. We are moving on from campaigns and we will be moving onto events. We are going to start off with this event that is very special to my dear friend, Francesco Otello-DeLuca. He has been an orientation leader for many years and still continues to be an orientation leader. But first, we will like to present a video.

(Video of Frosh 2014 - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6ja5hKQ5B_Q)

H. Havili: And that my friend is the definition of family, thank you. I'd like to give a special thank you to two individuals, Jessica Wood and Emile Sagba – our UTMSU orientation coordinators for their commitment in supporting first year student's transition to the University. Unfortunately, they are not here today. Now onto Fran.

F. Otello-DeLuca: Watching these videos still remind me about my Frosh, because that is what Orientation week is all about. Giving the incoming first year students the best first year experience to start off their university experience. It was to help first years have fun, make new friends, and transition into post-secondary. That video went through all the things we did during Orientation week. There was UTM's Got Talent, Cheer off, UTMAC Games. This year we introduced a house cup. We had 52 groups, within those 52 groups, they were broken into 8 different Dynasties. The Dynasties would face off for the cup. In this way, we integrated everyone into one common goal for the cup. Friends were formed amongst groups in the dynasties, and in a way, we formed families through intimate groups throughout each Dynasty. This year we also were able to bring in Fefe Dobson, Mia Martina, and DJ Danny D. This is the first year we have been able to do this for a couple of years, and it was a great way to greet the incoming students.

H. Havili: Thank you Francesco. One more question for you. Before Orientation week was held, we held another event during the summer, this event happens every 4 years, what event is this and why do we hold it?

F. Otello-DeLuca: That would be the World Cup. So, as many folks know we did hold World Cup screenings at the Student centre. We screened every single game in the presentation room. We decorated the room with all the countries that participated in the World Cup. For the more popular matches, we provided food and prizes for students that came out to participate in the World Cup screening. For the World Cup final, for the very first time ever, we held a UTM Bloc party. Where we had free food and a bunch of snacks. We also had prizes. Many came to attend the Bloc Party. We realize that our campus is very diverse, and this was a great opportunity for students to meet and greet.

H. Havili: Another question, Francesco. You created this, what is this?

F. Otello-DeLuca: I believe you are talking about Leafs/Raptors night; this is a night where we keep the pub open later to screen the Leafs or Raptors games. It was a great way for students to support their teams and to de-stress during exams. There was free food, snacks, friends, and prizes to win during half time of the matches.

H. Havili: Francesco, when you graduate, there is an event that is held just for you. What event is that?

F. Otello-DeLuca: That would be the graduation formal, which coming up this June. This is similar to when you were in high-school and you had prom. This is an opportunity for everyone to come out and have a good time. We give everyone that comes out a gift. At the most recent formal, we gave out photo frames. You were able to take photos there and you can put those pictures into these frames. It was family, food, and a nice way of saying good bye to UTM.

H. Havili: Shout out to the graduating class and the upcoming graduating class. Please bear with me everyone, I know this is a lot of information but this is one of the only chances for us at the UTMSU to present to you, students, about what we have generally done over the year. This is also a chance for us to let students know how they can also get involved. We talked about Orientation week, grad formal, and now we are going to move onto an event that happened on October 30th and 31st, the Haunted Carnival.

A. Moazzami: So, what happened was is we held a Haunted Carnival on October 30th and 31st. Essentially, this wasn't possible without the help of the Haunted Carnival committee, and the help of the clubs at UTM and UTMSU. We had free popcorn, a cotton candy machine, and we had a fantastic performance from ECASA. SAP and SAA did a great job as well with the Thriller dance class. JSUS, oh man, they put so much effort into the Haunted House. It scared a lot of people so that was good. All in all, it was a fantastic event. Another event that Francesco set up was the Halloween pub, which occurred right after the Haunted Carnival, which had a fantastic turnout. A special shout out to Francesco and Vanessa for helping me out with the Haunted Carnival. We held a part-time reception along with APUS, Association of Part-time Undergraduate Students. Essentially, it was a lot of fun. There was a lot of food, cake, along with a live Jazz singer, named Alex Ferd, who gave an amazing performance. We also had future Mayor Bonnie Crombie come in.

H. Havili: Great, how is everyone? Tired? Does anybody need to stretch? Okay moving on, everyone, who likes fruits? Who likes vegetables? Pies? Well we don't have any of that right now, but I'd like to pass the microphone onto Genny, V.P Undergraduate Academic Affairs to talk about the Farmer's Market.

G. Lawen: Hi everyone, so with the Ministry of Environment. We held 2 successful Farmer's markets. One was on September 17th, and the second was on October 23rd. We had multiple vendors that brought fresh vegetables, fruits, jams, ciders, and for those with a sweet tooth, during the second we had vendors selling pies, tarts, and muffins. It was a really great initiative. There is a body of students that push for environmentally friendly options. Everyone loved it and we want to hold more markets. Thank you for everyone that came out to support the vendors. Thank you to all the volunteers that helped out. The volunteers are the reason we have events, they are a huge help. I want to thank the executives for helping, the U.A team, and especially Vanessa, my associate.

H. Havili: Thank you Genny. Now Melissa, what do we think about the system?

M. Theodore: Why don't we ask everybody here that?

H. Havili: Everyone, what do we think about the system?

Crowd: F\$%k the System!

H. Havili: Okay! So onto Disorientation with Melissa.

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M. Theodore: On that note, every year under the equity portfolio, we hold two events. One is held in the fall, called DisOrientation week and Expression against Oppression which is held in the winter. What is DisOrientation week? DisOrientation week is a week dedicated to orientating students towards activism, social justice, action, and knowledge. This year, the theme was unlearn. What we meant by this was unlearning certain social constructs and relearning equitable orientations. Hopefully if you attended the events you were able to gain some knowledge and deconstruct some ideas that you have around the world because for us to do anything we definitely have to deconstruct our biases and acknowledge our powers and privileges that we have in order to move forward. We hold many events throughout the week. The first one was a pee in peace campaign. The second was "carry that weight", which was essentially a No means No march on campus, deconstructing my skin, the roots on my skin, indoor cleansing with the food centre, and the Open Mic night. Thank you to everyone who performed, attended, and stayed until the very end. The show went until very late but it was very good. The last event was putting faces to mental illness. It was really good, but I really think that Expression against Oppression will be much better. So what do we think about the system?

Students: F\$%k the system!

H. Havili: Okay Ebi, step up to the microphone one last time to speak about Global Village, which was a great event.

E. Agbeyegbe: Thank you, Global Village was an event for international students throughout the campus. We identified that international students do not get involved with the campus as much as local students. What we tried to do was hold a meet and greet for international students to converse and make new friends as well as meet other international students. We held it yesterday upstairs in the Student Centre. We want to ensure international students are having good experiences on campus and address any issues international students face. This wouldn't have been possible without the team. Thank you so much to my associate, Aziza, for helping put the event together. Can we have a little applause please? Moving forward, we want to make sure international students feel welcome on campus. If any international students want to get involved or have any problem, please come find me. We need a lot more fantastic students on campus.

H. Havili: I will move onto three more events and I will quickly summarize them just for the sake of time. In case anyone is tired, we want to get to the fun stuff. We want students to ask questions during the microphone time to speak about experiences inside the classroom and outside of the classroom. You folks are the eyes and ears on the campus; we need you guys to address issues. So, welcome week. Welcome week was very fun. Any clubs here? Societies? Each one of you is a member of an Academic society and you have the option to join clubs. So what we do in welcome week is that we allow clubs, academic societies, and students an opportunity to participate in a weeklong event. Where they can sign up for memberships via differently clubs and learn about information from other societies. Many students, especially first year students, benefit from this because students are able to meet with others students that share interests in similar activities and hobbies. It helps you create an identity and adjust to the university lifestyle. We provide a chance for students to bond with their student body through activities and clubs. We held a successful first pub. We also wanted to give out something to our students, since we are trying to be a water bottle free campus; we decided to give out well over 1000 reusable water bottles. This was during the Friday of welcome week, and we also gave out water bottles during Orientation. I want to quickly talk about our MLSC partnership. The UTMSU has a partnership with the MLSC where we purchase tickets for games at a discounted price. We purchase subsidized tickets and sell them to students. Which we also provide transportation there and back. The first time we tried this was when we bought tickets for the Toronto F.C game on July 23rd. At first we were iffy but the turnout was great and we sold all of the tickets. Students went, had fun and came back. Another event we had was the Toronto Maple Leafs game, which has never been done. Any leafs fans? That happened on October 3rd, the day after

my birthday. It was a good time, no doubt. One other thing that we experimented this year was a Toronto Raptors night held on February 27th against the Golden State Warriors. Multicultural fest, which is coming up soon, it gives different cultural clubs a chance to interact and meet with other clubs on the campus. We have well over 30 clubs on campus. Fashion, art, music, and cuisine are only some of the things that will be displayed during this event. We will be hosting a global market the first two days. International food day on the Wednesday. Campus wide cultural show on Thursday, and other wonderful events on Friday. That's enough of events, now moving onto services. I know a lot of services access the services offered at the info booth. Keep on using the infobooth, we are going to continue to provide services for you with the help of the Services Manager Nausheen and Bryan the V.P of Internal Services, and the entire team. Another service I want to talk about is the health and dental plan that every student has. Every student in UTM has a health and dental plan that is available to them. I am not too sure about the details, but if there are any questions, you can come to room 115, and see Ms. Linda Feener. Thank you! I am going to pass on the microphone to Bryan Chelvanaigum, to talk about his favourite service.

B. Chelvanaigum: Thank you, Hassan. Hello everyone, let's talk about the MiWay uPasses. I know a lot of people here use the UPass program and for the last couple of years we have faced different challenges. One prominent issue is fraud, which has been occurring frequently. Since these issues have approached us, we have been working on a potential merger. The merger will be between the uPass and the ISIC card. The uPass provides transportation and the ISIC provides discounts, these two services will be merged together. There will also be a photo attached to the uPass. So with this merger, we are not only tackling fraud, but also the matter of uPass is not accepted at Zoom bus transit and Oakville transit. My two associates that will be helping me with this merger are Hoda and Vinay Kumar. Talk to them, approach them, and come to ministry meetings if you want to find out more. We all love uPass!

H. Havili: Thank you, Bryan. We all really appreciate you for this program. I am sure many students benefit from this service. As well as all the other services such as the heated bus shelters. Another service I wanted to mention which is not listed at the current presentation is the services provided by the Blind Duck, I'd like to shout out to Shane. Thank you for the great food and the great service. Please keep continuing to provide us the amazing food. Another service is the printing services at the student centre. We removed the photocopying center and moved it into the student centre to be a printing centre. There is a membership program where students can purchase credits and use them towards their printing services. It is the cheapest printing services on campus, 5 cents per a page, so if you need printing please come to the student centre. Commissions meeting is happening on November 18th, please come out to that.

Ministries, we have nine different ministries at the UTMSU. These are opportunities for students to come and get involved with the student body. It is also an opportunity for students to talk about social justice, equity, student services, environmental outreach, and activist issues shared amongst all students on our campus. If you want to get more involved in a ministry, once again, please come see me after the meeting. Now moving onto committees. Committees are very important and we organize committees to get things done. For instance, when we raised the issue of a heated bus shelter we formed a committee for this particular topic. We wanted a haunted carnival so we had a haunted carnival committee, an orientation committee, women's coalition, racial coalition, and we also have a parking fees committee. These are basically working groups, aside from ministries that are more committed to social issues. One of my favourite committees is the breakfast committee. Shout out to the breakfast committee. Come out every Wednesday at 10 am for free breakfast! Student centre decorations, I don't know if anyone has noticed but we have been putting decorations that suit certain times of the year such as Halloween, in November we are doing DisOrientation, and in December, Christmas! We are going to do it every month as I think it is a nice way to enhance the student centre and increase student spirit, because I feel it has been a lacking aspect of my four years here. We

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have also been getting new furniture for the student centre. We bought new couches, tables, and we have been trying to increase the space in the student centre. We have had talks about increasing space on our campuses, but how about we increase the space in the student centre first.

For clubs and societies, we have opened a forum for students to talk amongst each other about issues on campus. Issues range from services on campus, to events, booking rooms, etc. Please I encourage all students to get involved. UTMS what? UTMS-YOU! We have just been trying to reconnect students with the student centre because it is not about us, it's about you. One more thing, everyone grabbed a shirt when they walked in. Did anyone read the back? No? It says Guardians of the University. The reason we chose that was because we should look at ourselves as ambassadors and we are all Guardians of the University, we look after the interests of students, and not just students but the entire community on campus. We can make an influence, we can make decisions on this campus, and we have strength in numbers. When we host committees, have work groups, hold rallies, go to side-rallies, or organize events; we do this for you. We want you to do the same for students everywhere on this campus. Strength in numbers, and stand in solidarity.

C. Thompson: Okay, now to the fun stuff. We are opening the floor for questions, if you'd like go up to the microphone and state your first and last name.

Z. Hammimou: So I am holding with me right now a voter card, I represent 8 other students and myself. It's been suggested to me to bring up the drop 1.0 credit campaign. I was just wondering how the progress on it? Because a lot of students are applying to graduate school and would like to know due to a bad mark on their transcript. Secondly, there is something in the pub called a Moroccan Lamb Burger. Personally, I am Moroccan, and I know that isn't Moroccan. So either we take out the Moroccan part, or we bring Moroccan food.

G. Lawen: Thanks for your question, in terms of the 1.0 drop credit/forgiveness, I know this is a very popular campaign because it is important and we are one of the only universities in North America that do not have this program. In terms of the progress, there isn't much progress since last year. What we are doing currently is educating students about it. What we realized is that to get this option, we have to have it approved at the Dean's Office. In order to have a reason to approve this program, administrative has to see that a lot of students want this change in the grading practices of the University. They know that we are trying to promote this change in academic policies, but we need more active students. They need to see a lot of students supporting this idea. That is why we are signing petitions. If you do see a lot of us asking you to sign this petition, please sign this. Talk to your classmates, your friends, and your study partners to get the message out. Another plan we want to go through with this is having another negotiation with the Dean's office but instead we will go in intending to have a genuine conversation. Because the 1.0 drop credit/forgiveness program is only one of the many issues. The issue of the Credit/No credit is often brought up because the deadline is too early. Or to look at the LWD, because to get a LWD, it doesn't look good on the transcript. So we want to look at the options and do it through a petition process. If you could petition a suspension to the registrar, why not petition a bad mark. If you have any other suggestions, please come to the ministry of UA from Monday at 2. Many students who have come are ministers and have offered ideas about how to approach this idea and have the Dean consider it. If you can't come to the ministry, please come talk to me afterwards. You can even email me, but that is the update on the 1.0 drop credit.

N. Ahmed: I'd like to first thank the executive team for all of their hard work and UTMSU for organizing this AGM. So how is everybody doing today? First, I would like to ask you all a question. How many of you are involved with the UTMSU or are participating in extracurricular aside from academics? Majority? Well let me tell you something, whatever you are doing right now will not be on your transcript when you go, it will go unnoticed. I am here to talk about

something called the co-curricular record. This is a program started by the university in 2013. What this means is that basically when you do extracurricular activities, you can put that in your transcript and that will be really beneficial to say an employer. So recently when members of the UTMSU discussed this idea with the UofT administration, they dismissed this idea of the UTMSU and their clubs and societies getting placed on the co-curricular record. That makes me feel pathetic, because majority of students are involved with the UTMSU. Also, the UTSU, with a similar system downtown, does get their work placed on the co-curricular record for their workers and volunteers. So what I would like to encourage you to do is to come out to the town hall and bring this issue to the administration. We want to fight for our rights and we want to get recognised for the work we do.

H. Havili: Thank you, Naveed. Assuming we are talking about the same UTM town hall which is organised by the UofT administration that is happening on November 26th at Spiegel hall.

Grayce Slobodian: My name is Grayce Slobodian, and I am the VP external from UTSU. I just want to speak about the CCR program. Yes, CCR was introduced last year at UTSU, we are working hard to get the same program down here at UTM and down in UTSC. We want to make sure that everyone's work is recognized on the CCR. Because it is ridiculous that we are all considered UofT students but only downtown is provided this opportunity. We are working very closely with the UTM and UTSC to bring this program to all campuses. There are people that want this, and it is very obvious.

T. Agoude: I have two questions. First, how does one become a frosh leader? Second, can we get the uPass to work for TTC?

C. Thompson: First question to Francesco, and second question to Bryan.

F. Otello-DeLuca: Thank you, to become a Frosh leader you have to keep an eye out for our website. Towards the end of March, and beginning of April, we send out applications that you can hand in online or you can come by the info booth at the same time and pick up and drop an application there. Then, from the applications we choose individuals for the interview process which is done in groups. Last year, we had almost 300 people so don't miss out on this opportunity.

C. Thompson: Second question to Bryan. Then one more question and we will move on to the next line item, then other business.

B. Chelvanaigum: Currently, the Canadian Federation of Students is lobbying for a GTA transit pass. This will allow connection between Oakville, Brampton, Toronto, and Mississauga. But with the uPass itself, it only covers between the Mississauga Borders. So the Brampton-Mississauga border and the Oakville-Mississauga border.

Y. Bollo Kamara: Hi everyone, I am Yolanda and I am the president of the UTSU and we represent over 50,000 full-time undergraduate students. I just wanted to shout out to the UTMSU, all the executives, coordinators, and volunteers for all their hard work. Everyone is doing such amazing work to represent the UTSU down here in Mississauga. I had a question for Melissa very quickly. I just wanted to recognize Melissa for doing her work on sexual assault; I feel that is very important, especially for someone like the V.P equity. I was just wondering if you could go over what exactly are the kinds of services you are trying to implement this year and for years to come.

M. Theodore: Thank you, Yolen. I am just going to read out the demands. I won't go into detail about the demands. Mandatory assault training for all students, sexual assault training for all students, 24 hour hotline for students who have concerns regarding rape, sexual assault, and

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sexual harassment, a survival support group on campus, annual external reviews of reports made to campus police, intense training for the UTM campus police, staff, and members of the administration on how to approach sexual assault, intense training for student leaders on how to deal with sexual assault, improved campus lighting, making sure emergency buttons work, and in my opinion the most important one is introducing a task force on campus to advocate about sexual assault, which will hopefully lead to a committee within the governing council of the UTM. The march we held during DisOrientation week was called "Carry That Weight". It was to stand in solidarity with students at the Columbia university. The issue was a young student named Emma was raped on her campus and the university is not handling the situation well. She is currently in classes with the person who raped her. Essentially what she did was carry a mattress to her classes to raise awareness, and others helped her carry the mattress to show her that she is not alone. Any incidence that happens does not only affect the individual, but the community in large.

Y. Bollo Kamara: Thank you for that. I also just wanted to comment to see so many of you here at the UTMSU AGM, and I also recognize that many of you also came down to the UTSU AGM. We really appreciate to see so many students engaged and who want to see the student union as a better place. So shout out to all of you.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – AGM 2013

MOTION CARRIES

Moved: H. Havili

Seconded: C. Moraldo

Be it resolved that the minutes for the 2013 Annual General Meeting be approved as presented.

C. Thompson (Speaker): The minutes have been posted up online for three weeks now, members have the opportunity to go online and review them for themselves.

VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR

MOTION PASSES

5. RECEIPT OF THE 2013-2014 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – UTMSU & BLIND DUCK

MOTION

Moved: H. Havili

Seconded: K. Salhad

Be it resolved that the audited financial statements of the Erindale College Students Union (operating as UTMSU) and the Blind Duck for the fiscal year ending April 30th 2014 be received as presented.

B. Chelvanaigum: Alright, so I will start with the UTMSU financial statement first. So this financial statement has been prepared by our auditor, Mr. Charles Havil. They were posted online as well. What I will be doing today is summarizing. It is the financial statement of last year, 2013-2014, not the fiscal year. So it is broken down in terms of revenue and expenditures. There has been a slight increase in terms of revenue, which is just based on inflation and membership of the university, so enrollment of students. Expenditures are based off different schedules you'll see on the screen. Going onto schedule A, what we have is the breakdown of the revenue, or the incidental fees that are given to us. What we also have listed is the expenditures. What you might notice in this statement, for instance services, you'll notice is that it is slightly less than last years.

That is because at the UTMSU right now, we have very stable services. Currently, we are working on maintaining them and improving them to the highest quality to make sure students get the most out of it. Another thing you might see is that there is no expenditures is repair maintenance, you will understand why when I get to the next schedule. Moving onto schedule B, once again, in terms of expenses, it has increased. So the ministries section went out, and that is due to the increased participation of students in ministries. Participation in more lobbies, events, and just contribution to services. That's why there is a slight increase in expenditures of ministries. So we had a successful graduation formal as we do every year. Also, orientation, what do you think about orientation? Moving on, schedule C shows the revenue and expenditures of the student centre. One of the biggest expenses is for the repair and maintenance. That is because we had to repair the roof of the student centre. Moving onto Schedule D, what we have here is the academic society's expenditures. On campus, we have a total of 90 academic societies. The university does provide them funding, but in order to ensure they succeed we match dollar for dollar what the university provides to help support different academic societies. I just want to shout out to the executives of these societies for all their hard work. That's it, in terms of the UTMSU financial statement.

Next, I will talk about the 2013-14 Blind Duck financial statement. Before I start, I would like to state that this is reflecting of Shane's work, a big round of applause to his hard work. This one is very simple, last year, for the first time we did make a surplus without UTSU support. This year, for a second year in a row, we were able to achieve a similar surplus. What that does is that it makes the Blind Duck financially stable, allowing us to provide consistently great food. It will allow us to provide more healthy food, and to contribute to the staff at the blind duck. We acknowledge that we don't have many options but putting the surplus into the staff reduces the wait time for students and increases quality of service. Because of that, we were able to hire a new chef for the Blind Duck who will be cooking food at the Blind Duck. Aside that, in terms of the Blind Duck financial statement, expenses are in terms of the equipment in the kitchen, which some are on lease. And some are damaged, meaning we have to replace them every year. That is it for the financial statement of the Blind Duck.

C. Thompson: Now we can open the floor, you can step up and direct your question to the appropriate person.

Naveed Ahmed: Hello, my name is Naveed. UTMSU board of directors, division 3. So Mr. Bryan, I would like to point that there has been excess spent on elections. By 11,700 dollars, I would like to know how the money was spent on the elections.

B. Chelvanaigum: This expense is reflected based on the amount of poll clerks we hire during elections. There was an election in March for the executive and other members of the board directors' election and we also had the student centre referendum where we had a poll clerks, CRO, and DRO. There is a lot of work put into preparing these elections all in one week. Polling stations are open from 9am-5pm and we have to make sure poll clerks are there waiting for students to vote. We just want to make sure at each time slot there is a poll clerk available.

Naveed Ahmed: The second question is about the financial statement of the Blind Duck. So the office general segment, there has been an increase in expenditure by 4,000 dollars. The increase is quite large to me, I would like to know what exactly it's being spent on.

B. Chelvanaigum: So when we talk about office general, this is different things that you use within. For the purpose of the blind duck, the manager requires a computer, with printing services, for tickets and also documents. Especially with more events happening in the Blind Duck, the costs unfortunately do go much higher. The price of items is also increasing.

N. Ahmed: I am still not satisfied with that answer, Mr. Bryan.

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C. Thompson: Let us just have the Blind Duck manager explain the situation.

Shane: In order to tell you exactly, I would have to look into it. But general to me is that every year we have to replace old equipment in the kitchen, in the last couple of years we had to buy brand new equipment. I am pretty sure that this is what contributes to the increased expenses of Office and general. One piece of equipment can come up to 7,000 dollars. The new deep fryer itself was around 2,000 dollars.

M. Malik: Hi everyone, my name is Maaham Malik, and I sit on the board of directors, division 3 for the UTMSU. My two questions are for Bryan. First question, in section A, looking at finances under expenditures, there is services. I am guessing that means UTMSU services. I want to know why there is an increase of 66,171 dollars between the years of 2013 to 2014.

B. Chelvanaigum: So that does not mean that we provided less service, it just means that we have more stable service now at the UTMSU. The past year has been focused on just making these services better.

M. Malik: Just a question linked to that, I noticed this year the printing centre isn't even open. Does that have anything to do with the increase?

B. Chelvanaigum: The print centre has been moved inside the student centre. The reason for that is that we want to improve the printing services so we wanted an employee to assist with students trying to print documents.

M. Malik: My second question has to do with section B. Under social activities and planning, and expenditures. For orientation this year, there is a 37,564 dollar difference. I was just wondering what this 37,000 dollar went towards and what was the difference between orientation this year and last year?

B. Chelvanaigum: Sponsorship, this section has to deal with the amount of sponsors we have. This year we happened to have more sponsors.

M. Akbal: I had three questions: First, what are UTMSU's plans for its current surplus? Second, where can members get information for the revenue and expenditures of the food bank? Lastly, on page 12, what happens to the funds that are leftover at the end of the year?

B. Chelvanaigum: So the first question, the surplus usually goes back to the opening budget. That is to cover expenses that we can't foresee. For example, the roof issue noted earlier. Or it stays in the operating budget for the next team of executives for a better budget to work with and better run their campaigns, events, and services for students. In terms of the food bank, the revenue will be the levy that is collected. You will see that when we pass the operating budget. You will see a final operating budget and you can see the amount of money that was spent by the food bank. Lastly, what usually happens with the leftover is that it goes back to the opening budget. In reference to last year, the reason for this was that students arrived late. That's what the leftover was used for.

V. Narang: It is more of a request; the blind duck should replace the stage. The stage has been used many times, but it feels as if you are standing on duct tape.

B. Chelvanaigum: Duly noted.

K. Shahab: I am looking at the financial statement here, and it says that the photocopier is around 8,000 dollars for 2013. But the year before was 16,000. A Xerox machine costs about three grand, I just want to know the details of this expense.

B. Chelvanaigum: What this is is the photocopier we use at the UTMSU. When we need documents, agendas, posters, or anything in regards to regular operations at the UTMSU, we use this photocopier. It runs on a pay per-copy basis. The fact that it is going down means that we are using less and less paper each year. There is no point for us to purchase the machine is because every year, they come out with a new one. The advantage of not buying the machine is that if there are any problems with the machine, we can have it fixed for free and still run on the paper-copy basis system.

H. Havili: In terms of the photocopier, we could be generating a lot more money by charging students more money. What we are actually doing is reducing the cost to 5 cents per a page. We are providing a service to students that we are not trying to generate revenue from. It has been an issue for students, not just this year, but past years. We wanted to provide this service for students and make it more accessible by placing it in the student centre.

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6. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS FOR 2014-2015

MOTION Moved: B. Chelvanaigum Seconded: N. Penny

Be it resolved that Charles Havill Chartered Accountants be appointed as the external auditors for the Erindale College Students Union for fiscal year ending April 30, 2015.

M. Malik: I looked into the minutes of last year, and I noticed it was the same auditor as the year before. My question is why we chose this auditor for auditing our statements, have we looked into any other alternatives, and is there any checking system to see if the auditing is done right.

B. Chelvanaigum: Seeing as how the auditor has worked well with us for the past few years. Seeing as how the executive team has a relationship with them, that is why we decided to go with the same person.

C. Thompson: Because this is an extended question, I will pass this onto Walied.

W. Khogali: The current auditor has been auditing for the UTMSU for some years now. They have presented a recommendation to management which has been approved. I think they are one of the best auditors out there, they do not cost much and they do their due diligence to ensure the statements represent the financial operations of the organization. I just want to state that the financial statements are discussed amongst the executives before the AGM, and have been voted in favor for. So we will always have an open mind to explore other potential auditors, but for now the agreement between the executives and members is to continue to use this auditor because they have been doing a good job.

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7. OTHER BUSINESS

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B. Chelvanaigum: I just have an announcement for all staff at the UTMSU. Starting in January, we will be moving our wage to 12 dollars an hour. Thank you.

R. Olow: Hello, my name is Ridwan Olow. I just wanted to thank all of the executives for putting this together and for all their hard work. We have two new board members Mohammed and Farheen, who had an amazing two weeks of campaigning for the elections. I just had a statement and I just wanted to raise awareness of a progress Abbas and myself are starting tomorrow at 3 pm. It is called the Let's Talk program. It will be held in the student centre green room. It's not like a ministry meeting, it's more like an open forum that you can come and voice any new ideas and concerns you have.

Priteek: Good evening everyone. First of all, I would like to thank the executives for organizing this AGM; it had a great turnout this year. My name is Priteek, and this is Ivan. We come from the UTM Chess club. We have come here with an issue of our own; UTM has been home to the largest chess club in Canada for the last 40 years. This club does not belong to the UTM, it is part of a larger club; the Mississauga Chess club. It is external to UTM, but it meets here every week for the past 40 years. We have some very good chess players that come from UTM at the very junior level. Our club has been heavily dependent on the Mississauga Chess club for our formation and executive membership at tournaments. What happened this year, after 39 years of service, the business and conference services have told the Mississauga Chess club that they will be paying 288 dollars per person for parking. Previously, they have been charged 15 dollars a year per a person. This is an increase of 20 times. They have increased parking fees for Mississauga Chess club members. This club has over 400 members, so this is a huge increase in revenue. Obviously, the Mississauga Chess club cannot afford this and they are being thrown off campus for this, inevitably. They have come to us to ask us for help, and our membership is associated with theirs. Since we are basically joined with them, our membership is the same, our resources are common, and our inventory is common. I have come today to ask you all for help, because I have spoken to Hassan about this, and we had a meeting with the Mississauga Chess club president. And we decided that we will try to petition this and talk to the administration of UTM, and try to renegotiate the terms involved. If it really comes down to it and we need student support; I hope all students come to support us. Thank you.

J. Chu: Hi, I'm Jessica Chu. My question is that every year the student union has a referendum for the student centre expansion. After seeing the financial statement of the Blind Duck, would it be of interest if we focus on just expanding the pub?

H. Havili: That would potentially be a good idea, but we need to first measure what students think on campus. The first step would be educating students on any issues that may arise due to long wait lines and smaller space available in the pub. We need to address the issues to students to see if they are trying to grab a meal, what potential problems they might run into. Part of the expansion project last year was to increase the blind duck. I think I will have a detailed conversation with the Blind Duck manager and the executive team.

V. Kumar: My name is Vinay Kumar. My first question is towards the clubs, I was just wondering whether or not we are recognizing more or less clubs this year from last year.

F. Otello-DeLuca: From last year to this year, we currently recognize more clubs compared to last year. Currently we stand at 94 clubs, and there is more expected coming in the next semester.

V. Kumar: Thank you. Second, I wanted to talk about a project I have been working on. I am part of the internal portfolio and I looking to start a program called "UTMSU's Charity Project". If any of you are interested in charity or volunteering, and have ideas for charity work for local Mississauga charities. You can always come to talk to Hoda or myself. Finally, I have a speech I'd like to share. My name is Vinay Kumar, and I am the associate to the V.P Internal Services. I'd like to share my experiences of volunteering with the UTMSU and how I got involved in the union. First year, I didn't have too many friends and I wasn't too involved. It was the summer of the first year that I started to volunteer for the UTMSU. The experiences have helped me a lot. I learnt to voice myself and I learnt to take a stand on issues, particularly social justice issues. These things include increasing tuition fees. I'd like to thank everyone that had a part in building the character I am today.

On the side note, I made a lot of friends when I joined the UTMSU. My face book statuses went from 0 to 100 real quick. Anyways, I'd just like to say thank you to everyone who has been a part of this union. If anyone is thinking of getting involved, this is an awesome opportunity and I really recommend you try it.

Kira Sertan: Hi everyone, my name is Kira Sertan. I am the president of the Association of Part-time Undergraduate Students. We are called APUS, we represent students on all three campuses. We focus on students with disabilities, mature students, and student parents. I just want to say thank you so much for putting together this very productive meeting this evening and thank you for inviting us. It's been amazing working with the executives and the board since May. We worked on a number of initiatives, like pride, week of welcome, and the part-time reception. We really enjoy just partnering with the UTMSU, and we are looking forward to working with you all for the remainder of the year.

N. Penny: My name is Nicole Penny; I am a second year student at UTM. I just wanted to briefly touch on my experiences at the UTMSU in hopes that there are some students who are looking to get interested but don't know how. I work within the UTMSU as the associate of VP Campus Life. My first experience with the union was different than most. The summer I was going into my first year of university, I was really excited on embarking on my new university journey. I actively liked all their social media links, not really knowing what they really were or where I would be today. For that, I am thankful for social media because that is where it all started. It is such a powerful tool that we all have access to. I was scrolling my twitter feed that summer in a dentist office and I saw that the UTMSU was hiring for an info booth position. What the job description was, I didn't know, what my job duties would've been, I didn't know. Shortly after opening the link on my phone I quickly knew that yes, I did want to apply. I mean what were the chances of a first year, not exposed to the university environment, of getting this job. I was quickly contacted for an interview, and several days later I got the job; all before registering for frosh week. This was my first interaction with the union and it is still something that I really think about. I often wonder where I would be today if I didn't open that twitter link. I was always very ambitious in high school, but I wasn't sure if I wanted to be the same kid in university. I didn't know whether I would want to be the student that went to class and went straight home, or be the ambitious and involved student I was in high school. Upon being told that I was the first first-year student to be hired for this position, I slowly realized that the student union was the place I wanted to be. A place of institution that I felt I truly belonged to. It was there that I realized I did not want to be the student that laid low and just went to school to study and go home. I wanted more, and I was given the opportunity to experience more. Slowly, but all at once, I learnt about the culture of UTMSU, their values, roles, ambitions, and missions. I wanted to be challenged every day, and I wanted to meet people and make connections. The people at the beginning of the year and who I only saw through a glass window of transparency became my book of knowledge, my source of information, people who helped me realize what I wanted my major to be, and most of all, they became my friends; the people I want to see the most when I come here. I enjoyed my position at the info booth. I met many students and made many connections with the university administration and faculty. Most of the people I made connections with are people I speak to daily. Nothing is a better feeling. I then went to Montreal with the UTMSU, which is happening again this year, and had an amazing time. The bonds and connections I made and strengthened there will provide memories that I will never forget. This year I left my position at info booth and have decided to take the role of associate to the VP of Student Life, Francesco Otello-DeLuca. This has been the most rewarding experience thus far. I have been so privileged to work under this portfolio alongside him and others in the office. The things I have learnt and people I have met all bring something to the table that enrich my life daily. It is impossible to describe the incredible amount of joy and feeling of belonging at my position at the UTMSU office. For those who do not know, it is an open door policy. For those of you who do not know, drop by and give us a visit. Become inspired and if you want to get involved it would be through volunteering through an event. You can come to ministries, make friends, and get a laugh. The possibilities are endless, and folks I promise there is something for everyone. They all inspired me and I hope I have inspired you to get involved. Please contact me if you wish to speak further. Thank you.

V. Katar: Hi everyone, my name is Vanessa Katar, I am also a second year student as well. I just had two issues I wanted to discuss with the UTMSU. The first is in regards to the medium, which is the paper here on campus. The Medium does cover a lot of things that happens on campus, and I think that is great to let

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students know what is going on. But I had concerns regarding their board of directors and how to run. As a student on campus, I would love to run for a position as board of directors on The Medium, but I cannot because I am employee of the UTMSU. I believe this is incredibly unfair. Not only can I not run as an UTMSU employee but also UTSU employees cannot run for a position. Nor can any members of UTMAC, CFRE, or member of any society. I think this is a concern since, despite anyone's political affiliations, I think everyone has the right to run for this. The 3 dollars and 66 cents charged to run the Medium every year paid by students gives every single student the right to partake in running for this position. The second concern is in regards to a privacy breach at UTAPS. UTAPS is a funding that the university provides through bursaries. I read through the Medium a few days ago and noticed that 79 files containing information about student funding was sent to unintended recipients. This is unacceptable. I think these need to be looked after because a lot of students were affected. I want to know what UTM students were affected and if the UTMSU could lobby the administration about security breaches and see if we can help the students affected by this.

C. Thompson: Thank you for your point. Microphone number one now.

Sharon: My name is Sharon, and I just want to share a short story with you. A quick question to you all, how many students here are international students, or students away from home? I am one of them. I came to UTM three years ago, and it was all a very stressful experience. I was anxious, and I didn't know where I was or what I was doing. New friends, new place, new society, and a new culture. I found my home, away from home, at the UTMSU. It gave me a new personality, a new life, new friends, and new goals. I started my life here, away from academics, with extracurricular. Two clubs started it all for me. My first experience was frosh and extended to clubs week. I joined different clubs, participated in many volunteering positions, I became the executives of clubs, and then I started working with the union. Now I, with Francesco the VP of Campus Life, we organize the clubs week. I could see it in the eyes of first year students what I was feeling during first year when I looked at the clubs. I said to myself "I want to join these clubs because they are of my interest." Or that it relates to my culture or nation. I think it's incredible to have 94 clubs on campus, to represent different interests of the variety of students. I think it's one of the best things our union has provided to students.

C. Thompson: If anyone has a quick question or comment, we will allow them to go. What we will do is formally adjourn the meeting and then show the surprise right after.

Kelvin Oron: Hi, my name is Kelvin Oron. My question is there any way that the University of Toronto Mississauga can profit off the parking instead of the City of Mississauga?

E. Agbeyegbe: Basically, yes. Parking is a whole different thing when it comes to the university. Every department is different. They do run it to make a profit for the parking and transportation department.

A. Moazzami: I just wanted to add something real quick; they do make a lot of profit. So much so, a lot of your money does go to them for parking. Essentially, a big way to bring that down is to attend the "reduce parking fees" committee every Thursday at 2 pm. That is probably the best way to get this thing resolved. The university gets all the money for parking fees, but the tickets go straight to the City of Mississauga.

N. Penny: In 2013, if anyone is aware, the varsity newspaper held a referendum from January 20th to the 30th. As a student last year I was not made aware of this referendum. I find it very concerning that not only myself, but many other students did not know the semester fee they paid extra for the varsity was going to be increased and did not have the information about this. Students did not know it was a priority to increase fees. Individuals may rebut and say the increase is only a dollar extra from students, which may not seem like much but multiplying it by 13,000 students provides a much larger budget. 13,000 students who were not informed. I feel that students need to be informed and educated, and their decisions must be respected. Another thing is not just referendum concerns, but student papers in general and cohesions between student organizations. We pay students to the Varsity Medium, the UTMAC, and UTMSU if you are an undergraduate student. Shouldn't all of these organizations work together? Shouldn't we be lobbying to the admin that all of us are working together so no student is left behind or excluded. It sort of concerns me when the varsity does not run articles as accurately as they should be. When a member of the public does bring up incorrect points, no corrections are made. On behalf of the varsity, only 8 corrections were made between September 8th and

November 8th. While it is great that the varsity is providing valuable information to students, when issues of correcting are brought up, no action is taken. I do hope in the future that they acknowledge these corrections and act diligently instead of ignore them.

Ray Khan: Hi, my name is Ray Khan, I am the president of the ICCIT society. I also represent several other clubs on campus. Clubs and societies on campus have run tones of events, and we have expenditures of a couple hundred to a couple thousands. It is very hard to get our events going just because of a lack of funding. While it is very hard to ask UTMSU for more funding as we have a limiting budget, I wanted to know if there were any other measures to help us mitigate costs of events. For example, the UTMSU runs several events where they distribute t-shirts, flyers, and water bottles. I was wondering if we could have access to the vendors that provide you folks these services.

F. Otello-DeLuca: I and the team and also the other member of the clubs committee are trying to put together binder of all the services that we use. We are also going to add in any discounts or deals we know about and consistently contribute to the binder. Once we are finished we will provide a binder to each and every club. We are doing this to ensure that clubs will have the best possible chance to bring back great experiences to members and students.

N. Ahmed: Hello everyone, I promise I am here for the last time. I would like to raise a concern, and also give a comment. First, my concern is about international students, and I am glad Sharon has brought this up. I personally am a international student as well and I really empathize with her experiences because I have gone through that as well. It really upsets me to not see international students getting involved with the UTMSU. Especially since UTMSU are here fighting for International student issues. I am, in a way, trying to advertise my ministry. During this ministry, myself and other international students tackle issues and one of the issues is the UHIP. God forbid if something were to happen to me tomorrow, the UHIP would not provide any insurance for me and the costs would be up to me. Other things like the fact that international students cannot sit on the governing council. Since we pay the majority of the revenue that the university collects. We have a huge stake at UofT across. There is no reason why an international student cannot represent themselves or others on the council. Secondly, I would just like to say that this is my second year, and I really enjoyed my experiences at the UTMSU. It's been a really good journey, and so far I would like to go on with it. I love UTMSU.

A. Omari: Three minor points, first off thank you to everyone for putting up with me. Second, in regards to the newspaper, the House of Commons, or any body of government, when there is an issue an inquiry board is formed. Then, they will investigate that particular issue and will release a non-binding set of conclusions. These conclusions do not have to be adopted, but must be available for public scrutiny. I recommend that the UTMSU, taking a perspective to help students, should take on this position as the inquiry board. We exercise our right to form a inquiry board in regards to the recent allegations about the Varsity Medium. This inquiry board will consist of members form UTMSU, the Varsity, student body, and other groups that are involved with the Medium. My final point is as people here on campus. We are united by two things: facts and the fact that we are all here in Canada for whatever reason. I would say that as a union, it is our job to hold what we all hold in common. We should hold onto the fact that we are all united here not because we are all students, whether international or not, but that we are all here and that we are all UofT student; two things that we should all be proud of.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

Moved:

H. Havili

Seconded:

A. Salami

Be it resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:31 pm

VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR

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MOTION PASSES