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# UTMSU BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING #8

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<b>#1.</b>	<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>
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Meeting called to order at \_\_\_\_\_

<b>#2.</b>	<b>APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA</b>
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**MOTION**

Moved:

Seconded:

Be it resolved that the agenda be approved as presented.

**VOTE**

In Favor:

Opposed:

Abstentions:

<b>#3.</b>	<b>EXECUTIVES REPORTS</b>
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**MOTION**

Moved:

Seconded:

**VOTE**

In Favor:

Opposed:

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<b>#4.</b>	<b>MINUTES PACKAGE ADOPTION</b>
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**MOTION**

Moved:

Seconded:

Be it resolved that the Minutes Package be adopted as presented

**VOTE**

**MOTION**

<b>#5.</b>	<b>2019 SPRING ELECTION RESULTS</b>
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**MOTION**

Moved:

Seconded:

Be it resolved that the UTMSU Board of Directors accept the report of the Chief Returning Officer for the UTMSU 2019 Spring Elections.( Page in the board package).  
Be it further resolved that the UTMSU Board of Directors ratify the results of the UTMSU 2019 Spring Elections.

**VOTE**

In Favor:

Opposed:

Abstentions:

<b>#6.</b>	<b>DESTROY VOTING BALLOTS</b>
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**MOTION**                      **Moved:**                      **Seconded:**

Motion to destroy the ballots after the meeting for confidentiality reasons.

**VOTE**

In Favor:                      Opposed:                      Abstentions:

<b>#7.</b>	<b>OTHER BUSINESS</b>
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<b>#8.</b>	<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>
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**MOTION**                      **Moved:**                      **Seconded:**

Be it resolved that the meeting be adjourned at \_\_\_\_\_

**VOTE**

In Favor:                      Opposed:                      Abstentions:

<b>VALIDATION</b>			
Felipe Nagata President			
<b>NAME AND POSITION</b>		<b>SIGNATURE</b>	<b>DATE</b>

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<b>#2.</b>	<b>APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA</b>
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**MOTION**

Moved: Y. Li

Seconded:

B. Du

Be it resolved that the agenda be approved as presented.

**VOTE**

**ALL IN FAVOUR**

**MOTION CARRIES**



<b>#3.</b>	<b>Executive Reports</b>
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**MOTION**

Moved: L. Arbaji

Seconded: Z. Jamaledine

Y. Li - Since the last board meeting, we celebrated Chinese New Year and soldout tickets in two days. We used the Blind Duck Pub. Had our first Health and Dental Committee meeting. We had our first EARC meeting for the UTMSU elections coming up.

L. Arbaji - We started our Black History Month with 6 events so far. The Lego workshop went great today and a brunch on wednesday! We completed our survey for for the Campus Racism thing. Had our first green grants committee meeting today.

Z. Tasabehji - We had our multicultural week despite the snow. We had a one of the biggest brunches and a good show. We have Montreal coming up next week. This week, we have Valentines Dayt in collaboration with 9 clubs and a carnival in the student centre. I have been working on some events for March. We are going to be launching our soccer tournament, our film fest, and a fashion show event in collaboration with a bunch of clubs. There's also a Raptors game coming up

A. Posada - I have been working on the Self-Assigned Sickness. What it looks like now, you will be able to do two requests online, self-assigned, without having to go to the doctor or physician. You explain in a why you are taking that assignment or midterm off, anything but exams, and you get two per semester, and you can do so without the necessity of proof. If you go passed the two, you can still make a request, but they have the right to say that it is happening too often, and request a note from a physician. That's what it's looking like right now. The HCC supports it. The Dean's office likes this possibility as well. We will hopefully see it brought up in a chairs meeting coming up soon in March. In terms of Mental Health Awareness Week, we are looking to also tie in physical disabilities and eliminating that stigma. There will also be a destressor carnival. We had a discussion with the Mental Health team about Mental Health Online training, similar to the academic integrity training module. The mental health training would be for faculty, clubs, student leaders, etc. Scripts for the Academic Integrity modules are done, and the presentation is being worked on. So far it looks great. The Academic Integrity room has been set up upstairs.

A. Abdullah - The Students Choice Initiative and changes brought upon us by the provincial government have become our top priorities. I would say 99% of my work has been organising, rallying, educating, talking, UofT Meetings across student unions and student leaders. Recognising that obviously, most of the changes directly effect us with the opt-in model next year. Our funding model will be decided not just at a UTM level, but also at a central level, so it's important that we're staying connected with all three campuses and that there is a collective effort in working with our administration. This week we're focused on outreaching. Thursday, we're going to do a campus assembly to let groups know what the students' union is doing. The Week of Welcome is when the MP's come back to Queen's Park. There is a lot of uncertainty about the

union and how it's going to be functional and operational next year. It is worth noting that there were updates about what was deemed essential and non-essential and who is being targeted. As of now, other than the IEC, every student led organisation has been targeted. So that includes The Medium, UTMAC, the UTMSU. These changes seems to be becoming less about saving student money which is the prerogative that they ran with, because the things deemed essential, ie. the Student Pass, the Athletics, were the most expensive things. What started off as a means to save student money quickly turned into an initiative to shut down student led and run organisations. Based on some of the emails Doug Ford sent out amongst his party, he labelled student unions as all having nonsensical Marxist ideologies. I don't believe he knows the definition of the word, but it makes it clear that it is an attack on student led bodies. This is a dangerous turn in the way things are being framed. Unfortunately, despite most student unions across the province acting in the best interest of students, there have been some isolated incidents which have been used to drive the narrative. Ryerson being one in particular with their national scandal, and it being used to label all unions as Marxist. Marxism doesn't really tie into a lot of the work we do, like the Food Bank, Equity Work, WUSC Programme, Free Breakfast, Mental Health Support, Academic Support. It is about recognising that Student Unions and Labour Unions as being very vocal in opposition to not just this government, but any government. For now, it is the Student Unions being targeted, but for all we know, it could be Labour Unions targeted next. All student unions would be deemed non-essential across the province. We are going to have to break down our fees and determine what can remain essential. For instance, Athletics and Recreation, we need to determine what can be considered essential recreation. Do clubs count as recreation? Health and Counseling, does support from the Union count as that? Academic Support, does our Academic Rights coordinator count as essential then? The reality is that the union has so many different portfolios and areas of work, that under this guideline, some of our work would be deemed essential and some of it would be non-essential. There's no way to separate it, because there's a general membership fee that funded everything.

F. Nagata - My portfolio is pretty much the same as the union. Munib and I have been meeting to determine strategies to help with the next year's operations. Had a lot of meetings with the central admin and the vice provost. We also went to campus affairs and talk with QSS. We are also trying to meet any UofT admin that would publicly support the union. The local admin is generally supportive, but Sydney Walsh, the Vice Provost, has pointed out to us that the policy is a lot more strict than they were expecting it to be, making it even more difficult for student unions.

M. Sajjad - In conversations with the Vice Provost, we were asked what was quantified in our budget as essential. To me, everything is essential to some extent. Advocacy services are important. The things that we do to help subsidise the cost of food in our pub, and our general operations, and the general services that we have, and the free events that we have, that's what is being quantified in our budget. They want us to break it down even more. The trouble is that our operating budget has \$130,000 in clubs funding, and that does not include the staffing costs that we have to run clubs funding. There's also a significant amount of money that we collect from the Academic Societies Levy. There's also a subsidisation on orientation that we collect as a levy. There's also a subsidisation from the Blind Duck Levy that's also collected from every student to make meals cheaper and better food options on campus. That's the stuff that's not being quantified on paper, and being deemed as essential or non-essential. There are lapses in

what we're seeing, and I don't know if you folks know, but we are one of the largest employers on campus too. From the Duck Stop, the Front Desk, the Info Booth, the Office Staff, all the full and part-time staff, the kitchen staff, that's about 150 people. There are 150 people that depend on us for their work and their experiences, not to mention the various volunteer opportunities too. But like, I sat in every single meeting today in awe about how the government is not looking to consult anyone, make decisions that are intelligent, or speak to people in post-secondary, because everything is being done out of ideology. It is a very sad reality, and pretty much the whole university is scared and shocked by this disgusting way of defunding education. This is something we have to present to you as the Board, because you are responsible for this Not-For-Profit Corporation. You have people's lives in your hands as a Board. You have a legal responsibility to see what you could do to save this organisation and to make sure that it stays on for the sake of the thousands of students that depend on us. Whether it's the UPass that we run, Clubs Services, Clubs Levy, or the people that you give income to so they can live their lives and start families and buy homes. The reality may be that people will not have jobs in the Students Centre next year. Some of our fees are somewhat protected, but the curious thing about that is that it is unknown if even the Student Centre itself is protected, because we collect a management levy fee to run the student centre to make sure we have services running. We have the print centre because of it, we have offices, we have maintenance. That's the stuff even the university does not know, and it may even be an opportunity for the university to take over our work, and make it a part of their fold. But one thing we have to understand is that our space is run by students, for students. It is the only thing on this campus that is run by students. Yes, there are staff that are not necessarily your typical undergrad, but they help make this work. What role are you going to play in defending your students right to organise and students rights to associate.

<b>#4.</b>	<b>DISCUSSION ABOUT STUDENT CHOICE INITIATIVES</b>
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**MOTION**

Moved: Z. Jamaledinne      Seconded: V. Gomes

M. Sajjad - I just wanted to say that next week, staff and executives are going to be looking into the financial realities. So thinking, what if 40% of students opt out? 50% of students opt out? 60%? What fees can be contributed to maintain services and base club funding. There will be a complete overhaul to protect what we have. In my personal motivation, I want to protect Academic and Clubs Society Funding, and make sure the organisation is alive.

Z. Jamaledinne - You said the UPass was mandatory, but wouldn't that fall under one of our services?

F. Nagata - We have a conversation with Mark Overton, who said that they would take over that service as the university to help us, for now.

A. Abdullah - This is concerning, because it means we would no longer be the owners of the programme, but rather, just the distributors of it. We would need to relinquish authority and control over it by transferring it over the university. Currently, the university is just a facilitator. This would also continue to make unions seem obsolete. If we don't have the UPass, then students will have even less willingness to opt-in to paying their union dues. It is worth noting that what we're seeing here in Canada with the Student's Choice Initiative is similar to what happened in New Zealand in 2012, which now only has two remaining student unions in the whole country after a 5-6 year period. It is not realistic to believe students will opt in when they see the value in things. It is a vicious cycle. The less we provide, the less students opt in, which in turn means we have no choice but to provide even less the following year, until eventually it shuts down. How do we operate? Do we operate as a member non-member system? Do we have to charge increased prices for food or printing to non-members? Student Centre Access? The way we operate, we operate for everyone. We try to cater for everyone. How are we going to change our mission statement to only cater to 50% of our population. That's something that goes against everything the union stands for. We have to come up with something to determine how the university will continue to exist. The best we can hope for is to survive until Doug Ford leaves, and hope that policies can be reverted.

Z. Jameledinne - How would do opt-in system work?

F. Nagata - The provost explained to us that now on ACORN, you can unselect what you're paying into in the same place you're paying student fees.

M. Sajjad - From the meeting, I've gathered that the University is not looking towards being an advocate for Unions. They are only looking to protect their operating grants. The University has published a policy announcement on twitter and various press conferences, but this knowledge came to us from representatives at the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS). The University is on the receiving end of finding out all this information. If you read the Varsity, it was unveiled that enforcement officers will not be hired by the government to make sure universities are in compliance, however, if even one student goes to the government and says "I was forced to pay a fee", they will take it up on the university, and make them pay back the student whilst also taking away their operating grants.

B. Du - When students are presented with the choice, will they really be made fully aware of the services they might lose by not paying?

F. Nagata - I believe there will be a paragraph description available to read beneath each option. They are also investigating the possibility of being able to opt-in later. So say you see your friends enjoying frosh, you can opt-in once you've seen the value of the union. This isn't ideal, because it means we see a lot less stability in the budget.

B. Du - How are we going to enforce this model?

A. Abdullah - We have yet to figure out. It may not be something like membership cards.

V. Gomes - When will the opt-in system be implemented?

F. Nagata - The system will be in place by July, and will be effective for the fall semester. Keep in mind, that policy makers do often go back on what they say. For example, the transit pass was not included in essential fees. And then 5000 people protested, and all of a sudden, the transit pass was deemed essential. Showing our frustration is not for nothing. Again, politicians might go back on their decision

Z. Jameleddine - Would it be possible to go on a small strike before going on a major strike to illustrate the importance of the union?

F. Nagata - Yes, we can do a campus walkout, we can do a strike, we can shutdown the union and all its services. While great ideas, we can't do anything without first getting the student population aware and down to do it first.

Z. Jameledinne - Considering the University is willing to take over a lot of our services, shouldn't we not go on strike now to show the students what we were providing? Won't people who paid for classes not want to leave?

M. Sajjad - This is more a conversation for the assembly. We need to shift the conversation to the quality and accessibility of their education and their loss of grants. That is what is going to get people motivated, knowing that they're going to be paying more interest on more loans, and receiving less grants. All grants were pretty much gutted. I was looking at a CBC article, and it said over 19,000 UofT students were receiving that Free Tuition Grant, also known as the Ontario Student Grant, which was covering most if not all of their tuition, not including ancillary fees or book costs. So if you talk to a student and they say that they paid for their class so they're not going to leave, the motivation should be a question of how much more punishment are students willing to accept.

S. Gill - I think we can use both things. We can directly motivate students who are actively using the services. We can possibly consider motivating staff to participate by paying them while we have them not come into work. We need a huge tangible thing, because not everyone is going to be moved by talking about fees. I know people who don't care, because they've already seen the fight against the fees for four years and never went to it. But these people are more concerned with the small things, like getting a burger at the Blind Duck, or the 5 cent printing. We would need to do something huge, like putting caution tape all around the student centre to get the attention of the people.

B. Du - So we could also start raising awareness at the services by putting up notices of what the services may look like in the future. So like, showing what the new food prices will be at the Blind Duck Pub next to the current price, or the new price for printing. Posters and signs to draw some attention.

M. Sajjad - These are all great ideas that we should bring to the assembly. We've been looking into a lot of things, including financial models would look for the pub. What if there was tiered

pricing? For members, you get a cheaper meal. Non-members, you may have to pay a lot more. This is where students will see the burn of opting out of the UTMSU. The rhetoric thus far has been opt out, but it is an opt-in system. If the decision is made at the time of financial billing, it's going to be an opt-in, without actually knowing what the losses are. I think if we organise the right way, we can fight this policy in the next year. I have even heard provincially, the possibility of seeking legal action. Is this even constitutional? Does this go against the charter rights to assemble or associate? This idea that Doug Ford is putting out there that student unions are Marxist, shows it's clearly an ideological thing, which goes against Charter Rights we have beyond the scope of political ideology. This is a conversation we're going to be having with other student unions across the province to see what we can put resources into. Anything like this would result in hundreds of thousands of dollars in legal fees that we would not be able to take on alone.

M. Nimi - How will we get students informed?

A. Abdullah - We started heavily outreaching today. In each building, we have an outreach captain, some execs, and some of our more experienced staff. With them, we have around 50-60 volunteers, to help out. We'll be spread out throughout the days in every single building. Our goal is that every single day in every single building between the hours of 11-4, we have at least 3-4 people going around with clipboards, petitions, talking to students. We're not trying to sell anything, this is not an event or service. This is just an honest conversation about raising awareness of the assembly. The reality is that this policy is already out there, but it's currently still in a placeholder stage, which means we still have a chance to put pressure. Our focus is on educating everyone, because we can't get the Bill voted down, as it is a policy change already in effect. We have to build something long term that we can sustain for the next few years if we hope to operate in even a slightly similar capacity. Whatever we can do to make sure no student is surprised by the changes, whether it means campus rallies, banner drops, hosting things in popular spots at school and talking on megaphones. These are all ideas that came from our volunteers and staff, so there is a movement and energy.

F. Nagata - You as board members, it is your fiduciary duty to be engaging the students as well, to do what you can for the students that elected you. We hope that you can join us in our outreaching efforts, but I can't impose that on you. Maybe even just three hours a week.

<b>#5.</b>	<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>
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**MOTION**

Moved: B. Du

Seconded S. Hijazi

Be it resolved that the meeting be adjourned at \_\_7:20PM\_\_\_\_\_

**VOTE**

**ALL IN FAVOUR  
MOTION CARRIES**

<b>VALIDATION</b>			
Felipe Nagata President			Feb. 11 <sup>th</sup> 2019
<b>NAME AND POSITION</b>		<b>SIGNATURE</b>	<b>DATE</b>

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# **DIRECTORS MEETING #7 AGENDA**

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**#1. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order at 3:12 p.m.

**#2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**MOTION**

Moved: F. Nagata

Seconded:

Be it resolved that the agenda be approved as amended.

**Motion to add Line Item 13.A**

**MOTION**

Moved: A. Abdullah

Seconded: Z. Jamaledinne

**VOTE**

**ALL IN FAVOUR**

**MOTION Carries**

**VOTE**

**ALL IN FAVOUR**

**MOTION CARRIES**

<b>#3.</b>	<b>EXECUTIVE REPORT BACK</b>
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A. Abdullah - The main focus is organising around the provincial government. Building coalitions to create an action plan with students and not for them. We had a chance to meet with the MPP in our riding, and plan to meet with other MPPs to see the nature and intentions behind changes, and why there was such limited student consultation. Other than that, I've been working on some WUSC events for student refugee awareness month. We will also be hosting a some alumni and some folks from advocacy groups who have been involved with the refugee crisis in the CCT Atrium. It's to get the word of WUSC out there and show the impact and benefits of the programme. We are also having out subsidised skate and lunch in collaboration with IEC. Tickets are \$5 and includes transportation, lunch, and skating. Also, we had an Ontario General Meeting with the CFS, where we saw student leaders across student unions across Ontario come together. The announcement occurred during the first day of the conference, which was convenient timing, because it became what everyone talked about. There were also some workshops with MPPs like Jill Harden who worked with the CFS previously. When there were elections for the new Ontario Chairperson, it was announced that it would be Felipe Nagata. The treasurer will be Febrise. Kayle is a National Executive rep, and is currently at the GSA which is the Guelph Students Association.

Y. Li - Working a lot on the Chinese New Year events which will take place at the Blind Duck Pub this friday. There will be Hot Pot for people in attendance and they can watch some performances. Also discussing collaborating with the the games club.

Z. Tasabehji - I have been working on multicultural week for the last few weeks, which will be happening net week. We have the showcase on Monday, Food Buffet and parade on Tuesday, and an addition to Free Breakfast Wednesday, which will be a multicultural brunch. That night, there will be a cultural show and a fashion show. After that, we have the Montreal Reading Week Trip. Coming up in March, there will be a bunch of collaborative events, such as a soccer tournament. That will be in collaboration with LASA, MESA, and UTMAC. We also have a film fest event, a fashion show,

A. Posada - Course retake passed the campus council. Starting from May, there will be the second attempt option. As for the self-assigned sickness notes, we have drafted some proposals. We have talked to ten departments as of now, the Dean's office, and re looking to launch some pilot projects. There are some issues there and everybody knows it, but it's about finding the solutions to them. December was unfortunately a big month for academic offenses. I

don't like seeing it, but it points to a bigger issue we have on campus, which is a lack of knowledge about academic integrity. This harkens back to the Academic integrity training module we've been working on. We've finally finalised the scripts. The online training module would ideally be administered by classes for partial credit and force them to learn what academic integrity is. We have moved into movie production. We did a whole bunch of destressors, with an animal show! Worked with some teams for late night dinners. Had destressor bags. Mentorship, we learned a lot from the first semester. We have passionate people, but we need to revitalise the administrative side.

L. Arbaji - In the beginning of this month, we reopened the food centre and fed over 70 people. We have introduced new produce like meat, cheese, eggs, milk, etc. We completed our Task Force surveys to send to societies and send to their memberships. This is a survey to gage if there's a feeling of increasing on-campus racism. We have finalised our Black History Month plans, starting with the opening ceremony, a buy-black market in CCT which will take place three times a week, games night, networking, Lego event, and a closing ceremony as well. Our bursaries were released the other day for the Winter Term. Just a note, last semester we distributed about 125 bursaries. We are hoping to distribute to to even more students for this semester. They are up on our website and the deadline is February 22nd.

F. Nagata - I'm just starting back on the student centre expansion, however, the focus has kind of changed recently given the government announcements. We are working on lobbying efforts, building a coalition. It is important you know as our board that this organisation is under attack, and may cease to exist next year. The reality is that if the UTMSU becomes optional, then it will not be here next year. There is this threat, and it's important you let the people that voted for you know what is going on. Apart from that, Free breakfast is going well.

<b>#4.</b>	<b>MINUTES PACKAGE ADOPTION</b>
	#1. Emergency Board Meeting #3
	#2. Emergency Board Meeting #4
	#3. Board Meeting #6
	#4. Executive Committee #15
	#5. Executive Committee #16
	#6.. Executive Committee #16
	#7. Bursary Committee #4
	#8. Bursary Committee #5
	#9. Clubs Committee #9

**MOTION**

Moved: V. Gomes

Seconded: A. Rando

**VOTE**

**ALL IN FAVOUR**

**MOTION CARRIES**

<b>#5.</b>	<b>STUDENT SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP FEE</b>
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**MOTION**

Moved: F. Nagata

Seconded: Z. Jameledinne

Be it resolved that the UTMSU board of directors approve a cost of living increase to the UTMSU society be from \$14.86 per session, per full-time student, a member, to the newly adjusted rate, \$15.20 with CPI increase based on the Ontario December 2017 to December 2018 consumer price index determined by Statistics Canada.

Be it further resolved that the UTMSU board of directors approve a cost of living increase to the UTMSU society be from \$1.10 per session, per part-time student, a member, to the newly adjusted rate, \$1.13 with CPI increase based on the Ontario December 2017 to December 2018 consumer price index determined by Statistics Canada.

M. Sajjad - You'll see a series of motions regarding the fees and levies that students pay towards the UTMSU. It goes into significant subsidiaries like the Food Bank, the WUSC programme, the UPass. So we're obliged to provide motions to you to pass for inflationary increases that are set by referendum when these fees were started to begin with. That includes our students union fee, that includes our food bank fee, ECSpeRT, as well as the UPass fee. Now, these are set by the costs of living which is determined by statistics gathered by Statistics Canada. There will be a series of motions that break down each. If you calculate it, it is an increase of 2.3%, which checks in with the office of the vice provost, and Statistics Canada's increase in the CPI from 2017-2018.

Z. Jameledinne - If we don't have a Students Union next year, will all this not count?

M. Sajjad - These fees are the overall membership fees that everyone pays into for overall operations. Everything is covered in the membership fee with the budgets we are working with from the start. We imagine with an opt-out clause, the fee will maintain the same, but an opt-out feature would involve opting out of the membership fee and all fees pertaining to the UTMSU. So the amount that the fee will change will remain the same.

**VOTE  
ALL IN FAVOUR  
MOTION CARRIES**

<b>#6.</b>	<b>ACADEMIC SOCIETY FEE</b>
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**MOTION** Moved: F. Nagata Seconded: L. Arbaji

Be it resolved that the UTMSU board of directors approve a cost of living increase to the UTMSU student society fee designated for academic societies from \$.1.08 per session, per member to the newly adjusted rate \$1.10, with CPI increase based on the Ontario December 2017 to December 2018 consumer price index determined by Statistics Canada.

M. Sajjad - Similar nature. Every student here paid an academic society fee, which is then matched by the Dean's office. We pay half, they pay the other half.

Z. Jameledinne - So will students get to pick and choose what they opt in and out of?

C. Scott - The main thing that you folks control is how much a society fee is charged. These are set in the original referendum. The only way to change that is through another referendum. A lot of student fees are tied to CPI. This was all included in the original proposal. It is up to you as the board to approve the changes. The government is making it so students can decide whether or not to pay those fees.

Z. Jamaledinne - Are these brought forth every year?

C. Scott - These are standard motions brought forth every year.

M. Sajjad - We have to send this to the campus affairs committee and they send that to the campus council.

**VOTE  
ALL IN FAVOUR  
MOTION CARRIES**

<b>#7.</b>	<b>FOOD BANK FEE</b>
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**MOTION** Moved: F. Nagata Seconded: A. Posada

Be it resolved that the UTMSU board of directors approve a cost of living increase to the UTMSU student society fee designated for the food bank from \_\$0.59\_\_ per session, per member to the newly adjusted rate \_\$0.60\_\_, with CPI increase based on the Ontario December 2017 to December 2018 consumer price index determined by Statistics Canada.

**VOTE**  
**ALL IN FAVOUR**  
**MOTION CARRIES**

<b>#8.</b>	<b>STUDENT REFUGEE PROGRAM FEE</b>
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**MOTION**                                         Moved:           F. Nagata                                         Seconded: L. Arbaji

Be it resolved that the UTMSU board of directors approve a cost of living increase to the UTMSU student society fee designated for the student refugee program from \_\$1.16\_\_ per session, per member to the newly adjusted rate \_\$1.19\_\_, with CPI increase based on the Ontario December 2017 to December 2018 consumer price index determined by Statistics Canada.

**VOTE**  
**ALL IN FAVOUR**  
**MOTION CARRIES**

<b>#9.</b>	<b>ECSpeRT</b>
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**MOTION**                                         Moved:           F. Nagata                                         Seconded: A. Posada

Be it resolved that the UTMSU board of directors approve a cost of living increase to the UTMSU student society fee designated for the LEVI group Erindale College Special Response Team from \_\$0.56\_\_ per session, per member to the newly adjusted rate \_\$0.57\_\_, with CPI increase based on the Ontario December 2017 to December 2018 consumer price index determined by Statistics Canada.

M. Sajjad - This is the Emergency Response First Aid Team. Other campuses have similar programmes, but they are a levy collecting group that is student organised and run. They have an office upstairs. They ran a referendum under our procedures, which means we thus collect the fee and are responsible for inflationary costs.

**VOTE**  
**ALL IN FAVOUR**  
**MOTION CARRIES**

<b>#11.</b>	<b>MISSISSAUGA U-PASS TRANSIT FEE</b>
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**MOTION** Moved: F. Nagata Seconded: L. Arbaji

Be it resolved that the UTMSU board of directors approve a cost of living increase to the UTMSU student society fee designated for the Mississauga from \_\_\$116.40\_\_ per Fall and Winter sessions, per member to the newly adjusted rate\_ \$125.13\_\_, with CPI increase based on the Ontario December 2017 to December 2018 consumer price index determined by Statistics Canada.

Be it resolved that the UTMSU board of directors approve a cost of living increase to the UTMSU student society fee designated for the Mississauga from \_\_\$154.50\_\_ per Summer session, per member to the newly adjusted rate\_ \$164.54\_\_, with CPI increase based on the Ontario December 2017 to December 2018 consumer price index determined by Statistics Canada.

**Motion to amend to separate the clause to have a Fall-Winter version and a Summer version**

**MOTION** Moved: Z. Jamaledinne Seconded: V. Gomes

M. Sajjad - The language more accurately refers to periods of 4 months. So the \$116.40 would be collected for the September to December period. And then \$116.40 is also charged to each student for January to the end of April. So Summer would also be called a session as well. If we don't pass this motion, the UTMSU will have no choice but to take that cost. That would be hundreds of thousands of dollars that the UTMSU would be obliged to pay because of the contract.

**VOTE**  
**ALL IN FAVOUR**  
**MOTION Carries**



M. Sajjad - All students under the referendum are charged this fee to have access to the universal transit programme that we have in the works with the city of Mississauga. This fee is established with contract and referendum rules that have been voted on by folks like yourself. The last referendum was in 2010. While the referendum states we can go increase it by up to 9%, the contract has us increasing it by 7%, which is something we negotiated well with the city of Mississauga. We are currently asking for 7.5% which would include some of the administrative fees that we'd have to take on by hiring about 60 students, and helping pay for a UPass coordinator, usually done under the member services position. For the Summer Session, the city of Mississauga is asking for a 6% increase, and so we are asking you for a 6.5% increase, similarly due to administrative costs to actually run the programme and actually have students distribute. One more thing regarding fees. As you folks know, a separation occurred, and as stipulated, we are going to be collecting that fee, but that would be September onwards. After working with the Vice Provost students office, and governing council to separate those fees that you pay directly to us. A similar motion around membership fees will come to our board as a symbolic move to send to the university to call upon these cost of living increases to the fees that are being paid to the UTMSU.

**VOTE**

**ALL IN FAVOUR**

**MOTION CARRIES**

<b>12)</b>	<b>Health and Dental Ad-Hoc Committee</b>
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**MOTION**

Moved: A. Abdullah

Seconded: Y. Li

Be it resolved that the following Board of Directors be approved to sit on the Health and Dental Ad-Hoc Committee of UTMSU for the Winter Semester of the 2018 -19 Academic Year:

One (1) director from Division I: S. Hijazi

Two (2) directors from Division II: Z. Jamaledinne and V. Gomes

A. Abdullah - The UTMSU will be moving forward with creating and sending out an RFP to all the Health and Dental providers for there to be a plan by September 2019. We will be working on receiving proposals and presenting them to the board, and then the full board will make the final decision. The committee will do all the research and communicating.

Z. Jamaledinne - We need to choose the health and dental plan the benefit the students the most. I've been hearing about this since the beginning, since the meetings taking place at the UTSU. I've been following it for a while, just because it has been interesting to see how our organisation has worked.

V. Gomes - Likewise, I believe the Health and Dental services are very crucial to students. In the previous years, we only had a certain amount of flexibility because we were tied to St. George. We have a chance to finally make our own that is more tailored for our students. Ever since the separation, I've been curious about what will actually be happening. I am passionate and interested in distinguishing what services are needed, and how much funding can be allocated for individuals.

F. Qavi - I'm interested in figuring out what students really need from their health and dental care.

M. Nimi - We've been talking about Health and Dental Plans since the Fall term. I think the health and dental plan is especially important for students, and I think we should benefit from these plans, considering we have international students, and domestic students, and not everyone can afford. I have students best interests at heart, and I'm willing to do my best.

C. Scott- The votes are in, and Zeina and Valentino will be the reps.

S. Hijazi (Proxy) - Being in charge of this would allow me help develop my researching skills. I am interested in bringing students the best with any plans being brought forward.

B. Du - The Health and Dental Programme is one of the big things that changed with the separation. It is very time consuming and requires a lot of effort. I currently only take 4 courses per semester, which gives me more availability to participate in UTMSU activities, and this requires a huge time commitment. I am also interested in the committee, because I believe this is a good opportunity to become more aware of the situation after the separation. I joined the UTMSU to help students, and this is what I was elected to do.

**VOTE**  
**ALL IN FAVOUR**  
**MOTION CARRIES**

<b>13)</b>	<b>Bursary Committee</b>
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**MOTION**

Moved: Y. Li

Seconded: F. Nagata

Be it resolved that the following Board of Directors be approved to sit on the Bursary Committee of UTMSU for the Winter Semester of the 2018 -19 Academic Year:

One (1) director from Division I: S. Hijazi

Two (2) director from Division II: Z. Jamaledinne and A. Rando

One (1) director from Division III:

L. Arbaji - Bursaries are for people in need for books, childcare, accessibility, or being international. This committee reviews bursary applications and decides who gets how much.

C. Scott- I am making a ruling, and feel free to object. This agenda needed to be updated to reflect the changes to Directors and the Divisions.

**VOTE**

In Favor: ALL  
MOTION CARRIES

Opposed:

Abstentions:

<b>#13.</b>	<b>Presentation of the January Announcement</b>
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A. Abdullah - Before we get into the emergency motion, there are some highlights to discuss given the recent announcement. Some announcements have come from the government, and they impact not just OSAP, but also us as a students union. There is a 10% reduction in fees for all domestic students. International students are not included. This is for the year 2019-2020. The year after, tuition will be frozen for the year 2020-2021 at the same rate as the next year.

F. Nagata - Me as an international student, apart from not getting the change, the university is seeking funding from somewhere else because of this decrease on tuition. This is because our regulations and fees stop at 20%, which is unlike every other programme which is 5%. We have a lot more regulation to our fees. I pay \$40,000, so it could potentially increase by \$8000.

A. Abdullah - Some other things that came along with the changes were changes to the OSG that were flat and non-income based. Families from families making under \$50,000 will pay a minimum of 10% loans, which eliminates the idea of 'free tuition' which the Liberal government introduced. This is the best case scenario. For second-entry students, which not many students at UTM are, the ratio will be 50% loans and 50% grants. The amount students are expected to earn whilst in school to help subsidise their education that is also keeping in line with the minimum wage, will go from 3000 to 4000. Not including parental contributions from individuals who have been out of high school for over four years, has been changed to six years. We are expecting this to affect mature students, as it will factor parental income with or without their actual support. This disregards whether parents do or do not actually contribute, unless you are legally emancipated. The previous debt cap was \$10000 per year. In the past, it was \$7000 was the maximum in loans a person could get, and anything beyond that was grants. Now this cap is unlimited, which means you could have 0% loans and 100% loans, which has never been the case before. Technology allowance of up to \$500 per year, which helped subsidise technological equipment meant for students who required. This is now offered only once, instead of each and every year. Interest on student loans will now accrue immediately upon graduation, and will no longer have the previously in place 6 month grace period on the provincial portion of the loan. There was a change that loans only had to be repaid upon the individual making \$35,000 or more per year, but this has been reverted back to \$25,000 per year.

F. Nagata - So this is what all of us are really worried about in terms of the UTMSU operations. This does include our union, even though it has not been officialised yet. People may opt out of the UTMSU, which means we may have a huge chunk of our budget being taken away from us. Which in turn means a lot of our services like the UPass may be in jeopardy in the next year. There's a lot that goes into it.

A. Abullah - The government has announced that some services will be essential. So that's your gym membership, Health and Wellness, and anything that's academic related. So like, the RGASC.

These will be deemed essential, and anything else will be deemed non-essential. That includes the UTMSU, The Medium, CFRE, The Varsity, and potentially the Career Centre, IEC, SEC. These are all student groups that are funded through very small portions of your fees, which are now deemed non essential. We don't know who is going to determine what is and is not essential. It may be the university, it may be the government, we don't have legislation on the table just yet. Obviously, recognising that when we come onto our campus, we do more than just go to our classes. We go here, we build a community, every organisation help build the essence of being here. Our clubs and societies funding, our bursary funding, our health and dental plan, transit fees, to our WUSC programme, our general operations, our frosh week, and our services we run throughout the year, are threatened by students opting out, because we know longer have financial stability to potentially run these things. When students start opting out of the transit, our premiums will shoot up to the point where it's a possibility that the UPass programme may have to be cancelled all together. Every student is impacted by these changes. If it's not OSAP, then it's a club or society. If it's not that, you're an international student and your tuition could shoot up because the university has to make up their lost revenue somewhere. If it's not that, it's the loss of a job, because the UTMSU provided over 100 student jobs throughout the year. We are the biggest student employer on campus. We are anticipating a lot of cuts to our staff. Maybe access to bursaries, or the food centre.

F. Nagata - We hope that this news doesn't make you sad, but angry and excited. The government has been cutting investments into post secondary education, which is scary, but then again, the only people that should be fighting against this our us at this table. We were elected to do so. We are going to be taking steps forward. Right now, the Executives and I are planning a coalition at UTM, to make sure all the voices are united. Please come out to a rally on Friday we are partaking in. We are also going to be having weekly meetings on this coalition. We can talk about sending letters to our local MPPs, or outreaching to students to make sure the government is feeling the pressure. Most student unions in the country are being affected by this, and are trying to unite to have a single student voice. These changes not only affect us, but it affects our levy groups and our societies, it even affects the services the university provides for us.

A. Abdullah - It's also recognising that we don't know where hits are going to come from and where students are going to be targeted. There is already word of programmes that are currently not deregulated being turned into deregulated programmes. So a regulated programme that pays around \$8000 in tuition could become deregulated and potentially cost \$14000 the next year, because the entire model around that programme will change. This is something we're hearing is already starting to happen at UofT. Even if you are a domestic student, who gets a 10%

deduction, that doesn't mean the programme won't be switched to a professional faculty. All of this is scary, it's unprecedented, and that's why this student led rally is so important to come out to.

F. Nagata - Atif is organising most of the fight against the government. So if you want to get involved, please talk to him.

F. Qavi - If students are all opting out of the UTMSU, will we see the Blind Duck Pub go?

M Sajjad - The Pub is our subsidiary, and we want to make sure that it's financially solvent and sufficient. Obviously, a big chunk of our revenue does come from food and catering. If you look at the budget alone, a big chunk of it comes from a student levy. It doesn't go by cost of living, but it does go to \$110,000. This number increases with enrollment, but not the cost of living. If people opt out of the UTMSU, they opt out of every subsequent levy, that is also a part of Pub access. It's scary, but we may have to raise prices much higher than usual. That levy was subsidizing food costs which in turn combats food insecurity on campus. We don't know, we'd have to come up with projections and come up with ways on how to manage this. Create incentive programmes. But right now, nothing is good for the UTMSU. Even the cost of our Duck Stop is being competitive with items you would find on campus by being subsidised at very high rate.

A. Abdullah - We are working with a coalition to come up with a campaign to raise awareness about the value of membership and to raise awareness of the services the UTMSU provides.

<b>a)</b>	<b>Executive Review Committee</b>
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**MOTION**  
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Moved: A. Abdullah

Seconded: L. Al

Be it resolved that the UTMSU condemns these changes as put forward by the Ford government. Be it resolved that the UTMSU establish a local coalition of student unions, labour unions, and faculty associations, and community groups. Be it further resolved that the UTMSU investigate a legal challenge against the Ontario government.

A. Abdullah - We've already talked about how these changes impact us negatively in every single possible way. Next year, as a student union, as a community, as a campus, it is important we call out the changes and say it's not right, and that it's not something that is in the best interest of students. Especially taking away students autonomy in student spaces. Today we're fighting the changes, but if we don't exist, who is going to do that tomorrow? There has to be a space for students to come together. We also need to make sure we come together as a united front, whether that be the campus newspaper, the SEC, the Arts and Sciences Union downtown, anything that is being affected, we want to come out as a united front to say it is impacting so many parts of students lives. If it is up to the administration to deem us essential, then what's the plan to approaching this. As for the investigation, that is just a matter of reviewing the legislation

in a legal manner. We have a lot of intricacies at work, and have contracts with the administration and external parties.

**VOTE**

In Favor: ALL  
MOTION CARRIES

Opposed:

Abstentions:

<b>#16. ADJOURNMENT</b>
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**MOTION**

Moved: F. Nagata

Seconded: A. Rando

*Be it resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 4:48p.m.*

**VOTE**

**ALL IN FAVOUR**  
MOTION CARRIES

<b>VALIDATION</b>		<b>DATE</b>
Felipe Nagata President		January 23rd, 2019
<b>NAME AND POSITION</b>	<b>SIGNATURE</b>	<b>DATE</b>

**Clubs Committee Meeting #10 - Agenda**

Clubs Committee Meeting #10 of the University of Toronto at Mississauga Students' Union  
Monday January 21, 2019 • UTMSU Office, Student Centre, UTM Campus

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**Attendance:**

Zahira Tasabehji - VP Campus Life (Chair) (yes)  
Yan Li - VP Internal & Services (yes)  
Felipe Nagata – President (yes)  
Valentino Gomes - Division II Board Member (no)  
Zeina Jamaledine - Division III Board Member (yes)  
Aidan Rando - Division III Board Member (no)  
Sheri Hijazi - Division I Board Member (yes)  
Ramzi Thabit - Clubs Coordinator (non-voting) (yes)  
Munib Sajjad - Executive Director (non-voting) (no)

<b>#1.</b>	<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>
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*Meeting called to order at 2:11 p.m.*

<b>#2.</b>	<b>APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA</b>
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**MOTION**                                      Moved: Z. Tasabehji                                      Seconded: F.Nagata

Be it resolved that the Agenda for Monday January 21, 2019 UTMSU Clubs Committee Meeting #10 be approved as presented.

**MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA**

**MOTION**                                      Moved: Z. Tasabehji                                      Seconded: Y. Li

Be it resolved to add an motion: DEM is asking for Collaboration funding.

**VOTE**

**ALL IN FAVOUR**

**MOTION CARRIES**

**VOTE**  
**ALL IN FAVOUR**  
**MOTION CARRIES**

<b>#3.</b>	<b>Collaboration Funding – In Camera</b>
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**MOTION**                      Moved: Z. Tasabehji                      Seconded: F. Nagata  
Be it resolved that Boss Women UTM and Creatives for a Change receive \$25 in Collaborative funding .

**MOTION TO MOVE INTO CAMERA ---2:14 P.M.**

**MOTION**                      Moved: F. Nagata                      Seconded: Z. Jamaledine

Be it resolved to move into camera at 2:14 p.m..

**VOTE**  
**ALL IN FAVOUR**  
**MOTION CARRIES**

**MOTION TO MOVE OUT OF CAMERA ---2:43 P.M.**

**MOTION**                      Moved: V. Gomes                      Seconded: S. Hijazi

Be it resolved to move into camera at 2:43 p.m..

**VOTE**  
**ALL IN FAVOUR**  
**MOTION CARRIES**

**VOTE**  
**ALL IN FAVOUR**  
**MOTION CARRIES**

<b>#4.</b>	<b>Collaboration Funding – In Camera</b>
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**MOTION**                      Moved: Z. Tasabehji                      Seconded: Z. Jamaledine  
Be it resolved that Boss Women UTM and Tamil Students Association receive \_\$46.54\_ in Collaborative Funding.

**VOTE**  
**ALL IN FAVOUR**



**MOTION**

<b>#5.</b>	<b>Collaboration Funding – In Camera</b>
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**MOTION**                      Moved: Z. Tasabehji                      Seconded: Y. Li  
Be it resolved that Erindale Hong Kong Students Association and International Cantonese Union receive \$\_1000\_\_\_ in Collaborative Funding.

**VOTE**  
**ALL IN FAVOUR**  
**MOTION PASSES**

<b>#6.</b>	<b>Emergency Funding – In Camera</b>
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**MOTION**                      Moved: Z. Tasabehji                      Seconded: S. Hijazi  
Be it resolved that The Citizens Foundation receive \_\_\_\_\_ in Emergency Funding.

**MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA**

**MOTION**                      Moved: Z. Jamaledine                      Seconded: V. Gomes

Be it resolved to table this motion to the next meeting.

**VOTE**  
**ALL IN FAVOUR**  
**MOTION CARRIES**

**VOTE**  
**ALL IN FAVOUR**  
**MOTION CARRIES**

<b>#7.</b>	<b>Emergency Funding – In Camera</b>
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**MOTION**                      Moved: Z. Tasabehji                      Seconded: Y. Li  
Be it resolved that UTM Chinese Christian Fellowship up to \$420\_\_\_ in Emergency Funding.

**VOTE**  
**ALL IN FAVOUR**  
**MOTION CARRIES**

<b>#8. Club Audit – Funding Approval – In Camera</b>
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**MOTION**                      Moved: Z. Tasabehji                      Seconded: F.Nagata  
Be it resolved that the Clubs Listed in Appendix 18 pass the 2018-2019 Audit and receive their 40% Funding.

**VOTE**  
**ALL IN FAVOUR**  
**MOTION CARRIES**

<b>#5. Collaboration Funding – In Camera</b>
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**MOTION**                      Moved: Z. Tasabehji                      Seconded: Y. Li  
Be it resolved that DEM receive \$\_750\_ in Collaborative Funding.

**VOTE**  
**ALL IN FAVOUR**  
**MOTION CARRIES**

<b>#10. ADJOURNMENT</b>
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**MOTION**                      Moved: Z. Tasabehji                      Seconded: V. Gomes

*Be it resolved the meeting be adjourned at 2:36 p.m.*

**VOTE**  
**ALL IN FAVOUR**  
**MOTION**

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<b>Zahira Tasabehji</b> <b>VP Campus Life</b>			Monday January 21, 2019
<b>NAME AND POSITION</b>		<b>SIGNATURE</b>	<b>DATE</b>

**Clubs Committee Meeting #11 - Agenda**

Clubs Committee Meeting #11 of the University of Toronto at Mississauga Students' Union  
Friday March 1, 2019 • UTMSU Office, Student Centre, UTM Campus

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**Attendance:**

- Zahira Tasabehji - VP Campus Life (Chair ) (YES)
- Yan Li - VP Internal & Services (YES)
- Felipe Nagata – President (YES)
- Valentino Gomes - Division II Board Member (YES)
- Zeina Jamaledine - Division III Board Member (YES)
- Aidan Rando - Division III Board Member (YES)
- Sheri Hijazi - Division I Board Member (YES)
- Ramzi Thabit - Clubs Coordinator (non-voting) (YES)
- Munib Sajjad - Executive Director (non-voting) (NO)

<b>#1. CALL TO ORDER</b>
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*Meeting called to order at 3:16 p.m.*

<b>#2.</b>	<b>APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA</b>
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**MOTION**                                      Moved: Z. Tasabehji                                      Seconded: V. Gomes

Be it resolved that the Agenda Friday March 1, 2019 UTMSU Clubs Committee Meeting #11 be approved as presented.

**VOTE**  
**ALL IN FAVOUR**  
**MOTION CARRIES**

<b>#3.</b>	<b>Collaboration Funding – In Camera</b>
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**MOTION**                                      Moved: Z. Tasabehji                                      Seconded: Y.Li

Be it resolved that Erindale Punjabi Association and Hindu Student Council \_up to \$800\_ in Collaborative funding for their collaborative Pub Night, based on financial needs.

**MOTION TO MOVE INTO CAMERA ---3:18 p.m.**

Be it resolved that move into camera at 3:18 p.m.

**VOTE**  
**ALL IN FAVOUR**  
**MOTION CARRIES**

**MOTION TO MOVE OUT OF CAMERA ---3:42 p.m.**

Be it resolved that move into camera at 3:42 p.m.

**VOTE**  
**ALL IN FAVOUR**  
**MOTION CARRIES**

**VOTE**  
**ALL IN FAVOUR**  
**MOTION CARRIES**

<b>#4.</b>	<b>Collaboration Funding – In Camera</b>
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**MOTION**                      Moved: Z. Tasabehji                      Seconded: F. Nagata  
Be it resolved that UTM Against Dragons, Quidditch Club, and UTM eSports receive up to \$500 in Collaborative Funding for the Toronto Comic Con Event.

**VOTE**  
**ALL IN FAVOUR**  
**MOTION CARRIES**

<b>#5.</b>	<b>Collaboration Funding – In Camera</b>
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**MOTION**                      Moved: Z. Tasabehji                      Seconded: A.Rando  
Be it resolved that Filipino Students Association, Canadian Asian Students Association, Vietnamese Students Association, and UTM K-Bang receive up to \$400 in Collaborative Funding .

**VOTE**  
**ALL IN FAVOUR**  
**MOTION CARRIES**

<b>#6.</b>	<b>Collaboration Funding – In Camera</b>
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**MOTION**                      Moved: Z. Tasabehji                      Seconded: Y. Li  
Be it resolved that UTMSU and ICU receive up to \$1200 in Collaborative Funding .

**VOTE**  
**ALL IN FAVOUR**  
**MOTION CARRIES**

<b>#7.</b>	<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>
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**MOTION**                      Moved: Z. Tasabehji                      Seconded: Z. Jamaledine

*Be it resolved the meeting be adjourned at 3:43 pm*

**VOTE**  
**ALL IN FAVOUR**

**MOTION**

VALIDATION				
Zahira Tasabehji VP Campus Life				Friday March 1, 2019
NAME AND POSITION		SIGNATURE		DATE

**Executive Committee Meeting #17 - Agenda**

Executive Meeting #17 of the University of Toronto at Mississauga Students' Union  
Thursday, January 31st, 2019 • UTMSU Office, Student Centre, UTM Campus

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*Attendance:*

- Felipe Nagata – President ✓
- Yan Li - Vice President Internal & Services X
- Leena Arbaji – Vice President Equity ✓

Andres Posada – Vice President University Affairs & Academics ✓

Atif Abdullah – Vice President External ✓

Zahira Tasabehji – Vice President Campus Life ✓

Munib Sajjad – Executive Director (non-voting) ✓

<b>#1. CALL TO ORDER</b>
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*Meeting called to order at 12:45PM*

<b>#2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA</b>
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**MOTION**

Moved: F. Nagata

Seconded: L. Arbaji

BIRT the Agenda for the January 31st, 2019 U.T.M.S.U. Executive Committee meeting #17 be approved as presented.

**VOTE**

**ALL IN FAVOUR**

**Motion Carries**

<b>#3. Black History Month</b>
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**MOTION**

Moved: L. Arbaji

Seconded: F. Nagata

BIRT that the up to \$3000 be allocated to Black History Month

L. Arbaji - So the cost for the month is projected to be \$3000 for the 7 events we have planned. The opening ceremony, the interactive Lego workshop, a facilitated discussion after a viewing of a documentary called The Thirteenth, a game night with a self-care portion to that, a 'Power of the People', and multiple 'Buy Black' Markets, and the closing ceremony. We are going to try and work within this budget, and it should work for the first two weeks. If we need any more, we will pass

A. Abdullah - Are these events for black students only? Or are allies welcome?

L. Arbaji - Allies are welcome

A. Abdullah - What's this Lego thing?

L. Arbaji - It's an event where an artist facilitates a 90 minute workshop that allows students to learn about afrofuturism. It is about understanding the past and seeing the light of the future. Open to all people. I

think they get to keep the lego sculptures by the end.

F. Nagata - Did you reach out to any collaborators?

L. Arbaji - Hart House is facilitating theirs in Toronto and Scarborough has one at their campus, and now we have one here at UTM. We reached out to others, and they are providing promotions. Hart House will be here

**VOTE**  
**ALL IN FAVOUR**  
**Motion Carries**

<b>#4.</b>	<b>Campaigns and Advocacy</b>
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**MOTION**                                      Moved:A. Abdullah                                      Seconded: F. Nagata

BIRT up to \$5000 be allocated to Direct Action and Response to the announcement from the Ministry of Training Colleges and Universities regarding OSAP and student services from Line Item 8.10, Campaigns and Advocacy Commission.

A. Abdullah - The key word is up to. This is enough to ensure we have enough materials, posters, and other things to push out this campaign. If we have future rallies on campus as well, it's necessary to have the funding to organise and host these sorts of things, keeping in mind that every time we do host these events, there are certain costs that come with it. Considering we bring together volunteers and staff, we want to make sure that they're all kept warm, that they have a means of transportation to get from the campus to downtown. We want to make sure we're allocating proper resources and proper finances for these important campaigns.

F. Nagata - Is this for the entire semester?

A. Abdullah - Yes. This should be more than enough, and I don't think we will spend the \$5000. This is just to make sure we don't have to keep coming back asking for increments of \$500.

A. Posada - Could you give some specific items

A. Abdullah - These things are tentative based on events we could or would host. So for instance, a rally could include banners, posters, flyers, etc. If we do a day of action, like the one we have planned for February 18th or 19th, which is when the MPs return the Queen's Park, we will need to coordinate bussing downtown, and things to keep students warm.

**VOTE**  
**ALL IN FAVOUR**  
**MOTION CARRIES**



<b>#7.</b>	<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>
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**MOTION**

Moved: F. Nagata

Seconded: L. Arbaji

*Be it resolved that the meeting be adjourned 12:53 pm*

**VOTE**

**ALL IN FAVOUR**

**MOTION CARRIES**

<b>VALIDATION</b>			
<p>Yan Li Vice President Internal</p>			<p>January 31st, 2019</p>
<b>NAME AND POSITION</b>		<b>SIGNATURE</b>	<b>DATE</b>

**Elections and Referenda Committee #3**

Elections and Referenda Committee #1 of the University of Toronto Mississauga Students' Union  
February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019 • UTMSU Office, Student Center, UTM Campus

**Attendance:**

- Yan Li- VP Internal (Chair) ✓
- Andres Posada- VP University Affairs ✓
- Leena Arbaji – VP Equity ✓
- Bryan Du--Division 1 Director X
- Jean Yang-- Division 2 Director X
- Vincent Chen ---Division 2 Director ✓
- Munib Sajjad – Executive Director (non-voting)

**#1. CALL TO ORDER**

*Meeting called to order at 2:39PM*

**#2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**Motion** Moved: L. Arbaji Seconded: Y. Li

Be it resolved that the Agenda for the UTMSU Elections and Referenda Committee Meeting #3 be approved as presented.

**VOTE**  
**ALL IN FAVOUR**  
**MOTION**

**#3. ROLE OF THE EARC**

This is the Elections and Referenda Committee. We are approaching our Spring UTMSU elections according to our bylaws, so we do have to strike this committee to plan the election. More specifically we have election dates, we will be talking about the CRO and DRO in the future, as well as poll clerks, polling station locations. This committee will also be meeting to discuss demerit points. The CRO will bring forward any demerits to candidates, and this committee will decide on those demerit points if there is an appeal made by someone towards the CRO. If there is an appeal to the decision made at this level, it can go to the appeals committee.

<b>#4.</b>	<b>SPRING 2019 ELECTION TIMELINE</b>
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**Motion** Moved: **V. Chen** Seconded: Y. Li  
Be it resolved that the 2019 Spring Elections be recommended to the Board of Directors for approval.

**Nomination Period:** Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. to Friday, March 8<sup>st</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

**Silent Period:** Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m. to Monday, March 11<sup>st</sup> at 9 a.m.

**All-Candidates Meeting:** Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup> (Time: 1 p.m – 3 p.m.)  
*Location: Student Centre Board Room*

**Campaign Period:** Monday, March 11<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 a.m. to March 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

**Voting Period:** Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. to Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**VOTE**  
**ALL IN FAVOUR**  
**MOTION**

<b>#4.</b>	<b>OTHER BUSINESS</b>
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**Motion about Polling Station Locations to be decided**

Moved: Y.Li Seconded: V. Chen

Be it resolved that polling stations be established at the following locations for the Spring 2019 Elections:

- One (1) polling station at the Instructional Building
- One (1) polling station at the Kaneff Building
- One (1) polling station at the MAM Building
- Two (2) polling stations at the CCT Building

One (1) polling station at the Deerfield Building  
One (1) polling station at the North Building  
One (1) polling station at the Davis Building

**VOTE**  
**ALL IN FAVOUR**  
**MOTION CARRIES**

F. Nagata - The CRO's report recommended we take out the Kaneff one

M. Sajjad - There are a lot of people in Kaneff.

Y. Li - If we are relocating a station, we're suggesting either MAM or DH

F. Nagata - We can't close MAM, because our elections include medical students and we need to be accessible to them. Even though we haven't had one in about three years. Also, because of the North building, I think we should keep the Deerfield one as well. How about 1 also in North?

Y. Li - That's probably going to be too much

M. Sajjad - Do we need two in Davis?

F. Nagata - I suggest we move one from Davis to North

M. Sajjad - North has just been constructed, and it may not entirely be done. I'm suggesting 1 location in Davis, 2 in CCT, 1 in IB, 1 in North, and 1 in DH

F. Nagata - So 1 everywhere except for CCT which has two

M. Sajjad - The posting for the CRO and DRO went up, but our website went down. It is back up, but we had to repost the posting. The posting was also on Charity Village as well, because we always encourage external applicants to apply. We always want to make sure the CRO has no general spirit or sense of the elections. This is a contract position with interviews that involves the hiring committee but perhaps also someone from the EARC's board

<b>#5.</b>	<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>
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**Motion**

**Moved: F. Nagata**

**Seconded: Y. Li**

Be it resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 2:51 PM

**VOTE**

**ALL IN FAVOUR**

**MOTION CARRIES**

<b>VALIDATION</b>			
Yan Li VP Intenal			<b>Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> 2019</b>
<b>NAME AND POSITION</b>		<b>SIGNATURE</b>	<b>DATE</b>

**Elections and Referenda Committee #4**

Elections and Referenda Committee #1 of the University of Toronto Mississauga Students' Union  
February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019 • UTMSU Office, Student Center, UTM Campus

**Attendance:**

Yan Li- VP Internal (Chair) ✓

Andres Posada- VP University Affairs ✓

Leena Arbaji – VP Equity ✓

Jean Yang-- Division 2 Director X

Vincent Chen ---Division 2 Director ✓

Munib Sajjad – Executive Director (non-voting) ✓

<b>#1.</b>	<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>
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*Meeting called to order at 12:23 PM*

<b>#2.</b>	<b>APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA</b>
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**Motion**

Moved: L. Arbaji

Seconded: V. Chen

Be it resolved that the Agenda for the UTMSU Elections and Referenda Committee Meeting #4 be approved as presented.

**VOTE**  
**ALL IN FAVOUR**  
**MOTION**

<b>#3.</b>	<b>POLLING STATIONS FOR SPRING 2019</b>
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**MOTION**                                 **Moved:**    V. Chen                         **Seconded:** **A. Posada**

Be it resolved that polling stations be established at the following locations for the Spring 2019 Elections:

- One (1) polling station at the Instructional Building
- One (1) polling station at the Kaneff Building
- One (1) polling station at the MAM Building
- Two (2) polling stations at the CCT Building
- One (1) polling station at the Deerfield Building
- One (1) polling station at the North Building
- One (1) polling station at the Davis Building

**VOTE**  
**ALL IN FAVOUR**  
**MOTION CARRIES**

<b>#4.</b>	<b>UPDATES</b>
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- Hiring of the CRO and DRO
  - Greg Owens
- Resignation of 2 committee members
  - Felipe Nagata and Bryan Du

<b>#5. .</b>	<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>
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**Motion**     **Moved:**    **V. Chen**                                 **Seconded:** **L. Arbaji**

Be it resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 12:26 PM

**VOTE  
MOTION**

<b>VALIDATION</b>			
Yan Li VP Intenal			<b>Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> 2019</b>
<b>NAME AND POSITION</b>		<b>SIGNATURE</b>	<b>DATE</b>

**Health Committee Meeting #1 - Agenda**

Executive Meeting #16 of the University of Toronto at Mississauga Students' Union  
Monday, January 14th, 2019 • UTMSU Office, Student Centre, UTM Campus

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*Attendance:*

Felipe Nagata – President ✓

Yan Li - Vice President Internal & Services ✓

Leena Arbaji – Vice President Equity X

Sheri ✓

Valentino ✓

Zeina ✓

Munib Sajjad – Executive Director ✓

<b>#1. CALL TO ORDER</b>
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*Meeting called to order at 1:14*

<b>#2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA</b>
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**MOTION**

Moved: F. Nagata

Seconded: Y. Li

BIRT the Agenda for the Febuary 8th 2019 U.T.M.S.U. Executive Committee meeting #16 be approved as presented.

**VOTE**

**Carries**

<b>#3 Request for Proposals</b>
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**Motion to move into camera at 1:15 p.m.**

**MOTION**

Moved: Yan

Seconded: Sheri

**VOTE**



**Carries**

**Motion to move out of camera at 2:07 p.m.**

**MOTION**                      Moved:Valentingo                      Seconded: sheri  
**VOTE**

BIRT the request for proposals members' health and dental plan be approved as presented.

**MOTION**                      Moved:    Seconded:  
Vote  
**Motion carries**

<b>#4.</b>	<b>Timeline</b>
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**MOTION**                      Moved:    Seconded:

BIRT the proposals members' health and dental plan timelines be approved as presented.

RFP done ---March 8th 4p.m.  
Interview  
Decision in Board---- April

**VOTE**

<b>VALIDATION</b>			
			<b>November 12th, 2018</b>

# FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

## EXECUTIVE REPORT #8

**PREPARED FOR**

**Felipe Nagata**

**START DATE**

January 23rd, 2019

**END. DATE**

March 28th, 2019

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is 2019!!! This new year has barely started but so many changes already took place, some for the betterment of our Union, others that are very concerning for the

Student Movement in Ontario. Overall, I felt happy and positive about what is to come, and I am very sad our term is coming to an end.

## Montreal Reading Week Trip

This Montreal Reading Week trip was a huge success! I was not involved on the promotion planning, but I did do some social media promotion and word-of-mouth selling. The promotional team did a very good job, the turn-out was very good for a reading week trip, one of the best we have seen in awhile.

In terms of the trip itself, the logistics were on point and the activities planned by both the UTMSU and TNT Tours were very successful. The level of engagement with students was higher than I've ever seen, UTM students were sticking together as a community and going to activities as a group. We felt the campus spirit in the trip, specially because a lot of Orientation Leaders and Volunteers of the UTMSU were working along with the execs and staff to maintain students engaged and energized throughout the duration of the trip.

Things to mind in Montreal Trips is equitable practices, specially Consent Culture. The programming revolves around a lot of clubbing and partying, so we need to ensure consent is in the forefront of all attendees of the trip.

## We Are The Students Campaign

A huge change in the way all student unions across Ontario operate must be implemented due to the Provincial Government Announcement on cuts onto Post-Secondary Education in the province. The Provincial Government has deemed Student Union fees as a non-essential service and they will be 'opt-outable' starting from September 2019. It is a very scary reality to our movement, and it goes against many democratic practices that have been put in place in order for Unions to exist. Additionally, the government has made cuts to OSAP and reduced funding to Universities and Colleges through a cap on Domestic student tuition fees.

We have been an active lobbyist towards the provincial government, along with the CFS, to ensure these changes can be reverted. Apart from engaging with MPPs in meetings, we have actively participated in Queens Park press conferences and other events.

Apart from the lobbying portion, the UTMSU has engaged with actions and protests against the cuts and the Student Choice Initiative. It was very exciting and somewhat unexpected that numerous UTM students were willing to join the cause and engage in protesting. We have been present on 5 actions, including our own UTM student Walk-Out with a turn-out of 150 students.

We have also been meeting with different levels of the University administration and governance. We have participated in UTM governance meetings to show the importance of a local Student Union on campus, and how much work we do to improve UTM as a whole. We have also met with university administrative bodies such as the Dean of Student Affairs to discuss the impacts of the SCI on campus. We also met with the VProvost Students to see how the systems for students to opt-out will work.

Lastly, we focused on the engagement with UTM students to ensure they are not only on the know, but also understanding and caring about the impact of these changes. We collected over 3000 signatures to our #WeAreTheStudents petitions, from UTM students, staff and faculty. We have been doing many class-talks and outreaching every day, a beautiful effort from our staff and volunteers.

So far we are still worried because the Ontario Government does not seem to be wanting to reverse the changes. However, we are hopeful that on our campus, many students see the importance of the UTMSU and many will opt-into the union next year.

It will be a very challenging year for the Student Movement, but we are just starting, and we won't stop until we win!

# FROM THE OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT EXTERNAL

## EXECUTIVE REPORT #8

**PREPARED FOR**

**Atif Abdullah**

**START DATE**

Jan 23rd, 2019

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March 29th, 2019

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT EXTERNAL

February and March have been a blur. Majority of the time in February was spent reacting to the the regressive changes from our provincial government in regards to the OSAP and the Student Choice Initiative that not only negatively impacts students from low income students but also threatens the future of every student organization on our campus and across this province.

## **OSAP CUTS**

Planning and preparing have been the biggest tasks for WUSC this month, with the arrival of the student. The WUSC coordinator and I have been working to ensure he settles in comfortably and setting him up with academic appointments to make sure he is ready for the upcoming academic year. I have also finalized the WUSC operating budget with lots of campaigns and events in store for the year. Next steps for WUSC are is keeping a constant check up on the student to make sure the student is settling in well.

# FROM THE OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT EQUITY

## EXECUTIVE REPORT #3

**PREPARED FOR**

**Leena Arbaji**

**START DATE**

January 7th, 2019

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March 29th, 2019

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY FROM THE VP EQUITY-

**Leena Arbaji**

"Build your life on your dreams; because dreams never have bad endings."

-M.F. Moonzajer

## **Black History Month**

This year's Black History Month was a phenomenal time with everyone who joined the planning process and for all of those who attended the events. The Black History Month committee began their planning early in the school year during the month of November. The committee consisted of representatives from 4 student clubs and the UTMSU. From here the month's activities were created and finalized and were as follows; Opening Ceremony, (3) Buy Black Markets, Movie Night, Interactive Lego Workshop, Brunch, Blackness and Mental Health Discussion, Self-Care and Games Night, BLK Chat 2.0, and finally a Closing Ceremony. As you can see, this was a packed filled month with 11 events for students, staff and faculty.

## **Equity Centre Opening**

Our UTMSU Equity Centre is officially opened, with its opening date set back in the early weeks of January. It was a long process to get to this centre complete as we started the initial work in October of 2018. The physical room need quite a lot of work to renovate and make it more inviting for students. We focused on painting the walls, rearranging the furniture, stocking the space with resources and books. However, the most difficult part of this whole process was finding a way to actually get the space opened regularly for students to drop by during school hours. Luckily we were able to secure office hours with our Queer and Trans coordinator, Racialized Coordinator and a few volunteers. The hope is to continue this schedule for the coming spring/summer term!

## **Task Force on Campus Racism Launch**

The task force on campus racism data collection has started! Alongside the help of my associate we were able to designed 10 questions based off the Final Report document published in 2008 from the CFS-Ontario Task Force. It was our hope to conduct a retrospective study to look at the changes that were recommended by the Final Report and to determine whether they were carried through on our campus and what the outcomes have been. We have collected a few responses since the release and we will continue sharing the survey throughout the remainder of the spring/summer semester. We would like to collect data first before working towards mobilizing to change certain things on campus.

## **Spring Farmers' Market**



We closed up the the end of March with our annual Spring Farmers' Market! This was a very successful wrap up of the year. This event showcased a number of vendors from the past and we are very grateful for their participation.

# FROM THE OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT INTERNAL

## EXECUTIVE REPORT #8

PREPARED FOR

**Yan Li**

START DATE

Jan 23rd, 2019

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March 28th 2019

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY FROM THE VP INTERNAL-- Yan Li

I can't believe it is at the end of March, time flies so fast! Since the last exec report, there are many significant things happened. Ontario Government has announced new released OSAP cuts policy, and UTMSU has taken some actions in response to it. We scheduled outreaching time everyday to acknowledge all the students about it, we collected petitions and organized a "We The Students" campaign and organize the Walk Out Day. Besides that, Chinese New Year Night took place at the end of January, and the 2019 Spring Election took place during March. I am in charge of the CRO and DRO hiring, and the EARC meeting to deal with the appeal case. Health and Dental Committee has also met several times, to talk about the Health & Dental Proposals we received.

### **UTMSU Chinese New Year Night**

With the help of Wechat Team, we had held the Chinese New Year Night on January 25th. We provided unlimited hot pot food and beautiful and variable performances to the audience. The tickets sold out in 3 days, and the Wechat team were in charge of the whole audition, set-ups of the decorations and pots and food. Everyone spent a great night in Blind Duck.

### **2019 Spring Election**

2019 Spring Election took place during March, and the whole election has been done smoothly. We had the CRO and DRO hiring process since mid February, as a result we incruited 1 CRO and 2 DROs. We also hired 35 poll clerks for the polling stations. Most of the candidates played fairly and acted responsibly during the election, and there were only limited complaints have been made. EARC has dealt with one appeal case, and after investigation and interviews, the committee made a unanimous decision. The whole election would be presented in the CRO report.

### **"We the Students" Provincial Walk Out**

On March 20th, UTMSU has organized "We the Students" Provincial Walk out together with other universities and colleges in Ontario. We have invited CFS incoming president, Sophia Decalzi, to join the Walk Out with us. We started it by offering free brunch to the students at 11

a.m. And at noon, students all gathered in the Students Center. We have several representatives to give speeches, and the group started to chant and walk through the whole campus. Eventually, we stopped at Davis and Principal Ulrich has signed the demands UTMSU asked for.

### **Health & Dental Insurance Committee**

Finally, there are some updates for the research we have done for the new insurance company that will corporate with UTMSU. We have received some proposals, we have done some research on those companies, and we will hold a committee discuss about them to finalize the result.

# FROM THE OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT CAMPUS LIFE

## EXECUTIVE REPORT

PREPARED FOR

**Zahira Tasabehji**

January,  
23 ,2019

**END. DATE**

March 29, 2019

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## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY FROM THE VP CAMPUS LIFE - Zahira Tasabehji**

The past month and a bit has been busy with events and wonderful collaborations. It's been a great end to the year and it's nice to reflect on all the great things we've accomplished and all the amazing people we've worked with throughout the year.

### **Montreal Reading Week Trip**

This trip as an annual trip here at the UTMSU. This year we've collaborated with TNT Tours and took around 150 students to Montreal where they got to enjoy sightseeing, party with their friends and make new ones! It was a great success and everybody had so much fun, we hope to continue the tradition again next year!

### **Film Fest**

We've collaborated with DVSSS, EDSS, ICCIT, and CSA to host UTM's Annual Film Fest. The event was held on Friday March 8th from 6-9. The event started in CC1140 with screenings of films submitted by UTM students, followed by a dinner and award ceremony that was held in the Blind Duck Pub for all the attendees. It was a really amazing event, with a great turnout of close to 70 people.

### **World Cup Tournament**

This event was the first ever charity soccer tournament here at UTM. It was held in collaboration with MESA, LASA and UTMAC. The tournament was divided into two days and was held in Gym A/B; March 13th for the group stage and March 22nd for the semi and final. We had 8 teams sign up in total and close to 200 attendees. All proceeds from the event went to the charity organization Doctors without Borders. It was a great event, and we definitely want to see it continue bigger and better in the upcoming years!

### **Trashion Show**

This event was held in collaboration with Style and Profyle, Creatives for a Change and Zero Waste UTM. This was the first environmental fashion and art show ever at UTM. The event had two sections,

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\*For the month of January to month of March\* 2019

**Self-Assigned Illness Notes**

In January, we had drafted a revised version of the proposal, which aims to replace the need of Doctor prescribed sick notes for self declared notes in which the student states the reasoning for missing their school work and submit that declaring is true. I met with a total of 12 Department Chairs to discuss the project, to incorporate their feedback and adjust to their concerns.

February was a very important month, both the Dean's office and Andrea Carter, who supervises HCC pledge support for the proposal and explained they saw value on making the switch. Due to limited time on the current term, the possibility of establishing a pilot project that could run starting the Summer Terms of 2019 became more appealing. I met with the Dean's Office and the Office of Registrar, about eight times during this month, to discuss how this pilot would work and what it would entail.

In March, one of the final meeting with the Lorretta Neebar and Andrew Peterson, we discussed establishing a pilot for at least three departments during the summer. The process of receiving and recording this self assigned notes would be centralized for the three departments through the Office of Registrar. The possibility of even utilizing the self-assigned illness process for Exams was discussed, which is amazing considering this would not be limited to only term work. I am currently awaiting the next Chair's meeting in April, were this project will be brought up to discuss and then we will move forward to finalizing which departments will be participating. Both Andrew and Lorretta have been extremely helpful and instrumental.

**Second Attempt Credit**

SAC, formally known as Course Retake, passed on UofT's body Academic Board and it is to begin in May 2019. I am proud to see this policy take effect, and with strong collaboration and openness to re-shaping SAC was created which actually might suit the needs of students even better. Recognizing of course the hard work of previous executives who helped begin to shape the policy, from Grade Forgiveness, to Course Retake, to Second Attempt Credit.

A issue we came across in February was that it seemed the Office of Registrar was not fully convinced about beginning the implementation in May, because the academic calendar was switched this year from starting in May to starting in September. They were discussing the possibility of delaying the start of the policy until the beginning of the academic term which is now September. However, after a few meetings with the Office of Registrar and the Dean's

Office we reached the conclusion that the policy could be rolled out in May and that is not official.

### **Academic Integrity Training module**

With RGASC, we created a timeline to have the module ready by the end of March, and we have met that timeline. The project is composed of six modules, online on Quercus. This modules go over what academic integrity is, how to avoid academic offenses, what your resources are and more online resources for the students. I have been working during March on distributing this pilot project to Departments so they include it as part of their syllabuses. Students would have to learn about Academic Integrity in order to get a 1% or 2% of their grade.

The online module also will serve as a great promotional tool for UTMSU academic rights' services, as it will hopefully appear in most first-year classes and students will become aware of the services the student union offers them.

### **On Mental Health**

#### *Collabs*

#### *Documents and Proposals*

#### *My Mental Wellbeing fair*

It has been a much more active semester on mental health initiatives, from feedback of other executives. We collaborated on club and society events regarding Mental Health. EBS and PAUSE's Fry-Day Destressor fest, and ICCIT's Scarlet Slam.

In collaboration with Leena, we worked on mental health pamphlet with updated information and helpful mental wellbeing tips which we plan to use for this exam season to make sure students are reminded to take care of themselves. This of course, with Lilin's fantastic graphic skills.

A document highlighting different mental health initiatives was formulated as our organization's 5 year plan on tackling mental illness on campus and how the UTMSU can lobby for better mental wellbeing support. This includes many methods such as the Self-Assigned Illness Notes, to amending the MLAP, destressors in class activities, and peer-to-peer support programs. This document will be part of my transitioning to the next University Affairs, to carry on a long-term initiative.

With my fantastic associate, Sheetal, we hosted the My Mental Health fair, in collaboration with Jack.org campus club. We invited several mental health partners such as LinkMentalHealth.ca, HCC, CMHA, etc. We also hosted several destressor activities such as painting, free coffee and tea, knitting and slime. The turnout was great and I can only see this event growing next year!

(check out the pics)





### **Clubs and Societies Award Night**

In collaboration with Zahira, with great help of Leena and Ramzi, we hosted the awards night in the Pub as a semi-formal event. The event was a free dinner, music, a fun game with the crowd and then announcing the awards. In terms of the Societies that won:

- EBS - Society of the Year
- SMA - Innovative Award
- DVSSS - Most Improved Award
- Forensic - Most Coordinated Award
- ICCIT Council - Academic Excellence Award
- SMA - Most Charitable Award
- EBS - Most Collaborative Award ( over 25 organizations!)

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### **Block Party (in collaboration)**

This year for Block Party, we combined forces with the VP Campus Life and the VP Equity by merging the Block Party Fest, with destressors, society and club collaborations and the Farmer's Market. During the day we hosted a \*special\* free breakfast with a funky cereal bar with help of Pedro, the president's associate. Then we set up several inflatables, a huge crafts table, carnival games, all the Farmer's tables, button-making station, art stamps and stickers station and the caricature guy, Pat. We had great weather outside so we moved the destressors outside with the inflatables, and the day felt like Frosh all over again.

With the Erindale Biology Society, we hosted a free Lunch of Butter Chicken, Biryani and Pasta for almost 550 people! It was great to get a society involved which recently won Society of the Year as well. For the night we had a Game's Night planned in collaboration with the Student Management Association, EGO and E-Sports. We set up several gaming stations and board games in the pub, offered discounted pub food and had a Smash tournament running on a big screen.

### **BioTech Case Competition**

EBS and DEMA, in collaboration with the UTMSU, hosted the first-ever BioTech Case competition on March 30th! This was an event I was very invested in because part of the discussions I had with the ASAC committee is the lack of innovation on academic experience events Societies host. We saw in March SMA host the first ever FinTech comp to their credit, and we worked hard with the EBS team and DEMA team to create another case comp which went great. For a first time case competition, we hosted 16 teams that signed up to compete with a case centered around CO-Health, a digital healthcare provider and the winning team received \$500 cash. Amazingly enough, 85% of participants were competing in a case competition for the first time, 90% rated the event a 4 or 5 in a 5-scale survey after the event and 100% of participants said they would participate in a case competition again after this one. Which are great numbers shown that there is definitely room for growth in academic oriented events that give students experiential learning opportunities.



### **ASAC and Society Elections**

ASAC hosted two meetings in which funding, future improvements and incoming elections were discussed. With society elections, there was three cases that need to be noted.

HSS is the only society that did not receive a CRO from the Department, so I need to speak with the History department about improving that relationship.

SMA and UCS, merged into the IMI Business Association, therefore hosted a jointed elections. I worked closely with the department and the societies to help them transition into elections as it was the first time they ran elections and also as a new society.

PSLA had a conflict with the Presidential elections. One of the candidates was eliminated, due to an accusation which was later determined to have not strong grounds. Therefore ASAC overturn the CRO's decision, and a second election needs to be hosted for the president position of this society.

### **Tax Clinic**

This year I have been requested to take charge of the Tax Clinic. For the past two weeks, about 20 hours of my weeks have been dedicated to Tax Clinic. This involved:

- Running the volunteer trainings
- Maintaining contact with CVITP regarding any issues with volunteers or such.
- Setting up the desktops, software and spaces
- Creating schedules for the volunteers, with help of Shakil
- Supervising volunteers during clinic hours (11am - 6pm)
- Doing some taxes myself, as I have an EFILE number and sometimes we are short on volunteers.

A note for the board, we must establish a better system for the Tax Clinic. A better training method, maybe creating partnerships with the Department of Management (most of the volunteers are Commerce or Management students) in order for them to receive PDSP points or recognition from the department. Earlier start to trainings. More concentrated hours, so less time open but moe adjusted to the busiest times. Possibly hosting a special day with a CPA who can do more complicated cases, paying the CPA appropriate compensation but just for limited time.

This year, with Olek and Athisaya playing a key role supporting the clinic, we are seeing a very efficient process with very fast turnover of clients and volunteers taking charge with confidence. We have hosted nearly 200 appointments in just the first two weeks without a scratch. We had a small issue of a volunteer who submitted by accident the files of a student who requested they

were not submitted. I am working with the student to help the student re-submit their files, however it is all going smoothly.