



2019 UTMSU Annual General Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, November 27, 2019 | MN 1210 | 6:00PM - 8:00PM

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 06:05 PM.

2. Approval of Agenda (5 minutes)

Motion / Moved: A. ABDULLAH Seconded: Y. Shen

Be it resolved that the agenda for the 2019 UTMSU Annual General Meeting be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

3. Approval of Speaker (5 minutes)

Motion / Moved: A. ABDULLAH Seconded: M. Cabral

Be it resolved that Corey Scott be approved as the speaker for the 2019 UTMSU Annual General Meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

4. President's Address (30 minutes)

A. Abdullah: Given the SCI, there were many challenges that deeply affected our community here this year. Since the mental health crisis at UofT has reached a peak, we have gotten the UofT administration to create a mental health taskforce. After this taskforce, the UTMSU created a mental health report in order to remind administration of what UTM and UofT students need to be cared for. Very important and valuable services that have been provided to students at UTM by the UTMSU include new, convenient, and affordable printing, a student refugee program, and the UTMSU Food Bank that provides free food to more than 150 students every month. This year, UTMSU Orientation was the biggest orientation in our history! Our victories include self-assigned sick notes, mental health reports, hundreds of destressors and the student refugee program. A huge shoutout to our volunteers and staff members who have worked tirelessly and with great passion to achieve these victories. We have also managed to overturn the Student Choice Initiative and have shown the government why they are wrong. We still want to continue to address the inaccessibility in our education system.

5. Approval of Minutes (10 minutes)

Motion / Moved: A. ABDULLAH Seconded: M. Yakubi

Be it resolved that the minutes from the 2018 Annual General Meeting be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED



6. Receipt of the 2018/2019 Audited Financial Statements - UTMSU & Blind Duck Pub - Appendix A & B (25 minutes)

Motion / Moved: S. MALHOTRA Seconded: V. Asamoah

S. Malhotra: There was an increase in the sales of The Blind Duck, and the Pub also saw an increase in catering events. The lighting and sound system of the pub was upgraded last year. There was a slight increase in the overall revenue. The Blind Duck made a Profit of \$22,000. Wages and benefits for the Blind Duck increased by approximately \$13,000 due to overtime pay during events.

S. Malhotra: There is an increase in revenues collected by the UTMSU due to their separation from UTSU. However these funds are internally restricted and split into two areas where the funds would go: UTMSU Health and Dental Plan as well as Accessibility Fund. Going Schedule by Schedule for a detailed explanation. Schedule A shows that the wages for the office reduced since we optimised hours of operation and increased efficiency of our printers which previously required constant staff present. Schedule B shows the difference arising from change of venue for Grad formal from the banquet hall to a boat cruise. Orientation saw a jump in revenue which was met with a huge jump in expenses as well due to the Tory Lanez concert held for the members during this week. The WUSC schedule saw an excess revenue over expenditure of \$17,564. In a previous year we brought in two refugee students. We are still paying off the costs for that. If we continue to save these funds for the next few years, we might be able to bring in two students again. Given the realities of SCI, this decision needs to be evaluated from time to time. The Duck Stop has reported a loss of approximately \$11,000 loss for 2019. This loss is because we have not raised the prices on any items since 2015. The Duck Stop was also often open late, and this raised labor costs. We are still working to find the right balance of hours to serve our members the best.

A. Taha: Could you explain the increase in management fee in Schedule C?

S. Malhotra: The management fee has remained the same from the previous year at \$85,000.

D. Beckford: Could it be that the duckstop revenue reduced due to tap being installed?

S. Malhotra: Thanks for your question. The main reason duck stop revenue has declined since the price of the commodities we sell has not been changed since we opened. Tap did not play an influence in this since it was introduced this year.

Be It Resolved That the audited financial statements of the Erindale College Students Union (Operating as UTMSU) and the Blind Duck for the fiscal year ending April 30th, 2019 be received as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

7. Appointment of Auditors for 2019-2020 (10 minutes)



Motion / Moved: S. MALHOTRA Seconded: V. Gomes

S. Malhotra: For the past couple of years, we have been with our previous auditors Glen Graydon Wright LLP. We have seen some inconsistencies build which have halted the process of auditing and as a result the firm has delayed in submitting the audited reports on time. Giving our members the information in a timely fashion is our top priority. Since change is always good, we looked into other auditing firms that could give us a better service for similar costs. Yale and Partners LLP came out as the top choice since they have experience working with organisations like ours. Thus, we would like to recommend Yale and Partners LLP to be appointed as the external auditors for next year.

Be It Resolved That Yale and Partners LLP be appointed as the external auditors for the Erindale College Students Union (Operating as UTMSU) and the Blind Duck for fiscal year ending April 30th, 2020.

MOTION CARRIED

8. Student Action Motion (10 minutes)

Motion / Moved: A. ABDULLAH Seconded: T. Afrah

A. Abdullah: This Student Action Motion calls for an increase in student action in the upcoming semester. This motion also calls for a collaboration between the UTMSU and the University of Toronto Faculty Association (UTFA). We will have people speak on this motion.

F. Nagata: We would like to do something about the international students who are paying so much more for their education. It is not fair for international students to have to pay so much more than domestic students.

WHEREAS, the provincial government made significant cuts to the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) at the beginning of 2019; and

WHEREAS, thousands of students have received less grants and/or more loans due to these cuts; and

WHEREAS, the average per student debt in Ontario is \$20,500; and

WHEREAS, the provincial government also implemented an anti-union policy aimed at defunding student unions and advocacy groups; and

WHEREAS, this policy has resulted in significant service and advocacy cuts that impact students' day-to-day lives; and

WHEREAS, students have the right to a free and accessible education; and

WHEREAS, lobbying our Members of Provincial Parliament and Premier have little impact in light of all the public service cuts the government is making; and



WHEREAS, significant government changes and roll backs have happened when there is enough pressure via direct action;

Be it resolved the UTMSU investigate ways to escalate actions in the Winter 2020 semester, including but limited to, rallies, marches, sit-ins and strikes;

Be it further resolved that the UTMSU add pressure on the government to reverse the cuts to OSAP, publicly invest in public education and repeal the so-called "Student Choice Initiative";

Be it further resolved that the UTMSU work with the University of Toronto Faculty Association (UTFA) and sessional lecturers and teaching assistants' union, CUPE 3902, to avoid penalties for students who participate in these actions.

MOTION CARRIED

9. Motions Served By Members (20 minutes)

9a. Billiards Tables

Motion / Moved: L. SCHEFFER Seconded: K. Ng

L. Scheffer: I believe the pool tables in the Blind Duck Pub should be made free for students to use. It is difficult for some students to pay for the costs of one billiards session.

S. Madhani: We cannot decide to make the tables free because they are not tables that are owned by the Blind Duck Pub. A company has placed them in our space and pay us for renting that space. This is why we cannot make the use of the tables

A. Abdullah: We'll forward a motion for the UTMSU to absorb the costs of the pool tables

Motion / Moved: A. ABDULLAH Seconded: D. Beckford

WHEREAS, the foosball tables in the Student Centre are made available to students free of charge and balls are available to students with the deposit of a T-card.

WHEREAS, the billiards tables run by the Union owned subsidy the Blind Duck currently cost \$1.75 to use.

Be it resolved that the billiards tables run by the Union owned subsidy the Blind Duck shall be made available to students for use free of charge, and cues may be available with the deposit of a T-card.

MOTION CARRIED



9b. Blind Duck Pub Hours

Motion / Moved: Y. WANG Seconded: R. Nelson

Y. Wang: I believe the Blind Duck Pub should be open on weekends because a lot of students are on campus studying on weekends or they live in residence. If the Blind Duck Pub was open on weekends, it would give students a lot more options for food on campus.

A. Abdullah: We would have to look into the costs of doing this. It is not always beneficial for the Blind Duck Pub to be open on weekends because not many people would use it.

M. Cabral: The UTMSU should explore the option of keeping the Blind Duck Pub open on weekends.

Motion / Moved: M. CABRAL Seconded: E. Bryant

Be it resolved that option to keep the UTMSU Blind Duck open on weekends be explored.

MOTION CARRIED

10. Other Business

A. Abdullah: I would like to take this opportunity to tell you about the events we will be hosting soon. From December 2nd to 16th, we will be holding a number of exam distressers that are open for students to attend. On December 2nd, we will also be hosting the National Day of Remembrance and holding an Action on Violence Against Women. We will be holding a letter-writing session for mental health on December 5th. We will also be having the student services commission.

11. Adjournment

Motion / Moved: A. ABDULLAH Seconded: F. Annan

Be it resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 07:33 PM.

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