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# **UTMSU EMERGENCY BOARD MEETING #3**

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# Your Guide to Robert's Rules of Order

## **RULES OF ORDER AT A GLANCE**

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

**Agenda**

Emergency Board Meeting #2 of the University of Toronto at Mississauga Students’ Union  
Friday February 14th, 2021 • Room 100 – Student Centre, UTM

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**Attendance**

Executives

Mitra Yakubi (*present*)  
Fahad Dayala (*not-present-  
proxied Tarwah*)  
Anushka Sokhi (*present*)  
Lily Pan (*present*)  
Noha Farawi (*present*)  
Tarwah Afrah (non-voting)  
(*present*)

Executive Director:

Mary Asekome (non-voting)  
(*present*)  
Nour Alideeb (non-voting)  
(*present*)

Division I

Crystal Cheng (*present*)  
Ayesha Dayala (*not present -  
proxied Tarwah*)

Division II

Liza Nasir (*present*)  
Sameer Naderi (*present*)  
Alvin Jeffrey Stanislaus  
(*present*)  
Lai Wei (*present*)  
Aditya Chopra (*present*)  
Xiaodan (Silvia) Zhou  
(*present*)  
Yiming (Micheal) Chen  
(*present*)

Laiba Khan (*present*)  
Aysha Qureshi (*present*)  
Shehrabano Ali (*present*)  
Taarika Salariya (*present*)

Division III

Vacant

Division IV

Vacant

**#1. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order at \_\_\_ 12:10PM \_\_\_.

**#2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**MOTION** Moved: C. Cheng Seconded N. Farawi

Be it resolved that the agenda be approved as presented.

**VOTE  
ALL IN FAVOUR  
MOTION PASSES**

**#3. SPRING ELECTIONS - ELECTIONS BUDDY**

**MOTION** Moved: N. Farawi Seconded L. Nasir

Whereas, the pandemic is still ongoing and in-person voting is not possible due to the stay-at-home order; and

Whereas, students outside of North America would not be able to vote via Intelivote,

Whereas, a big chunk of voter population would be unable to vote;

Be it resolved that the UTMSU Spring 2021 election be conducted via ElectionsBuddy.

M. Yakubi: we realized that until the board was leaving behind international students, so international students were not able to participate in the elections. If we went and used tele-vote, that would mean that a lot of students would be left behind just because based on my conversation with the Assistant Dean, in the summer, only 10% of resident students are residents. A lot of people are back home and a lot of people are not in Canada. So there would be like a very big chunk of students not being able to vote that would then call to question the transparency, or the reliability of the results that you get, because international students wouldn't be able to vote. So we have decided to use this online platform called elections buddy. It is an actual platform that people conduct elections in and it seems to be very easy to maneuver around. And it's been recommended by the Chief Executive Officer that we also go with this option. The ERC did have a discussion about it and thought that this would be the best method going forward. Just because we don't want to have an election where some student voices are genuinely silenced. So we're hoping to use election buddy. But we're hoping to use elections buddy, it's rather simple. And students will be given the chance like all students will be getting the chance to like to vote and not just like a portion of students, it would look a little bit different because people would have to go to like a zoom call. And then you would kind of have like poll clerks, which is great because we're creating on campus jobs still for students. And then they would go on like let's say a breakout room, and then they will get a pin that they can use for election buddy and vote. What's really good about that is like we get to identify like, and verify whether that person is a student, you know, or whether they voted once so they don't get to vote twice and things like that. So there's that accountability measure. And I really like this method now just because it creates jobs on campus for students. And we get to have that sense of real elections because there's like poll clerks, there's a call. It's almost like you're lining up to go and vote and things like that. The smaller details are going to be finalized by the CRO's and DRO's just because they have some ideas and see how the zoom account is going to look like. Some conversation we had was maybe we need to have a zoom account that's just primarily for elections that those folks will have access to just because each UTMSU does have other programming throughout the day. And we don't want those to interfere. We also talked about the fact that how the polling clerks and things like that would work. But it's, it seems good to go. But I'll open the floor. If anyone has anything else you wanted to add, in case I missed. But if this passes through the board meeting, now we'll be using elections, buddy instead of a tele vote. And I'll open the floor for any discussions, any additions, any speakers.

N. Farawi: I just wanted to add the fact that with this election, because there are multiple positions up for election, like all the divisions, and the executive, one of the things that televote told us was that after four minutes, the number of students that continue to stay on the line to vote drops significantly. So that was a concern that we also had, unlike the bi election where it was just like the division one rep and the part time Rep. This one would probably be long, because they have to sit there and be like division one, or, Division Two, and then list out all the names. And then people would have to vote and then they would go to like president to all the candidates, VP, internal list of all the candidates. So we figured that it would be really, really long. And then by the time people get through the executives, they won't actually stick around to vote for the board members. And we would see a significant drop in the number of voters. So that was another concern.

A. Stanislaus: You said that if students had already voted, and then they attempted to get in again, the bowl could sort of do itself that would have been voted in or not? How far would they get before we tell them? Oh, yeah, you've already voted, you can come back in. Like, would they be not even

letting the zoom call or because I know that that might be a little extra time consuming for the poll clerks and might get a little tedious. So I was just wondering.

M. Yakubi: I think I can take a shot at it. And then I can pass it over to Mary or Nour who's had a conversation with folks. But I think it's similar to what would have happened in person. So if somebody was trying to vote another time, so they would be in line at the poll station, they would go up to the poll clerk, show the T card, and then at that time, once they scan the T card, they would know that this person already voted. So they'd be like, hey, you actually cast your ballot, let's say two days ago, or it shows that you cast your ballot, you actually can vote, and then they would be turned out and then they would walk away, I think that would be a similar experience. So they would still be allowed in the Zoom call. But then once they go to the poll, click the poll clerk and verify that they've already voted. And be like, hey, you actually cast your ballot, you can't do it again.

M. Asekome: I can go before Nour I basically, you don't even need to go back into the zoom call. But if you want and maybe additional clarification, you can always go and talk to the poll clicks there. But pretty much like once you've used your link to vote, if you try to go on it again, it will tell you that you voted, basically. So you won't be able to change your vote at that point. It's the same way when you've voted like in person, and you've already put your ballots in the ballot box, you can't take it out of the ballot box at that point. So it's pretty much the same process, just virtual.

M. Yakubi: I think in terms of on top of what Mary's saying, like in terms of if somebody is trying to vote multiple times to skew the election results. I'm not saying that's ever happened at UTMSU but people have tried at other campuses for different elections. The way that the poll groups might be divided is based on the last name. So if your last name is between A to H, you'll go to that link. There will be pulled clerks there and stuff. And if they see you repeatedly coming to the zoom link after you voted, that's a little bit sketchy. Like why do you keep trying to come back to the zoom like, right? So then even before then the person who's in the main room that would put you in a breakout room for a poll clerk would be like, what like what's the problem, right? If you hadn't voted or something, I really don't anticipate that happening. It's never happened at UTM before but if someone tries there are like multiple ways to stop somebody from voting multiple times. I hope that answers your question, Alvin, if not, you can add yourself to the speakers again. The CRO's and DRO's that we'll be watching over, you know, that platform in this room called all time, so those folks will be able to like catch anything that's suspicious. Again, just like noise that it hasn't happened. And I don't think that it will happen this year, either. But it's just always good to have that in the back of your mind. So that's, that's a really good question.

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

<b>#4.</b>	<b>OTHER BUSINESS</b>
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M. Yakubi: Before we open to speak this list, I do want to let you folks know that the notice for elections will go up tomorrow. So we're giving folks enough time to really organize if they're interested in running and things like that. And the ERC is going to be working on a series of videos to encourage the membership to get involved. Right. There is a lot of work. See there's executive seats. So we're we'd like for folks to get involved in. So there's also going to be a lot of work around that. And I think once the ERC comes together, we'll also talk about how we can let folks know what the voting looks like and how they can have an idea of the election process visually, so we'll be working on a few videos for that too. But that's just another business.

