

2020 UTMSU Annual General Meeting Agenda

Monday, November 16, 2020 | Zoom | 6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

Land acknowledgment- Noha

Start with Housekeeping announcements- Mitra

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:21 P.M.

2. Approval of Agenda (5 minutes)

Motion / Moved: M. YAKUBI Seconded: Fatima Ashfaq

Be it resolved that the agenda for the 2020 UTMSU Annual General Meeting be approved as presented.

VOTE Passes

In Favour: ✓ Against: Abstentions:

3. Approval of Speaker (5 minutes)

Motion / Moved: M. YAKUBI Seconded: Alvin Stanislaus

Be it resolved that Corey Scott be approved as the speaker for the 2020 UTMSU Annual General Meeting.

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4. Presentation by Anti- Harassment Advisor

Jihan: Role of the anti-harassment advisor is to support the members present and to ensure all dialogues in the meeting are respectful. Any hate-speach including anti-muslim, antisemetic, racist, classist, abelist, homophobic, sexist, or transphobic will not be tolerated.

5. President's Address (10 minutes)

M. Yakubi: Started journey at the UTMSU as an orientation leader back in 2017, then joined the orientation committee in 2018. Became a volunteer coordinator, then orientation coordinator in 2019.



The UTMSU is here to provide support even amongst COVID-19, both virtually and in-person. UTMSU has delivered events such as instagram live sessions with executives, Pride art contests, Sauga Fest, Volunteam Cafe, Orientation Week, Halloween, and Academic Advocacy Week.

Several campaigns have also been launched such as Know Your Academics, Me and Mental Health, Fairness for International Students, Consent is Mandatory, No Means No, and Education for All.

Services currently being offered include off-campus housing support, food center, health and dental plan, upass, tax clinic, infobooth, and graduation photography. A new service being launched is the mental health peer support program.

Care Packages Deliveries were made in the summer, where snacks and stationary items were delivered to students across GTA.

6. Procedural Motion (Amendment)

Motion / Moved: Alvin Stanislaus Seconded: Crystal Cheng

Be it resolved that there will be 3 speakers for and 3 against for all motion discussions

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7. Approval of Minutes (10 minutes)

Motion / Moved: F. DAYALA Seconded: Vivian Xiao

Be it resolved that the minutes from the 2019 Annual General Meeting be approved as presented.

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8. Receipt of the 2019/2020 Audited Financial Statements - UTMSU & Blind Duck Pub - Appendix A & B (25 minutes)

Motion / Moved: F. DAYALA Seconded: Baamie Dorazahi

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.

F. Dayala: UTMSU had \$5.382 million for the year, which is a big jump from the previous year. The discrepancy is due to the Health and Dental Plan. Short term investments were also increased. Inventory was significantly decreased due to COVID-19, as operations were closed mid-March 2020. Total assets were \$6.4 million. Liabilities were significantly lower than the previous year.



Internal restricted (cash restricted for specific purposes, ex: Health and Dental Plan) and unrestricted cash (cash which can be used for any of the operations within the UTMSU) is \$2.6 million and \$3 million respectively.

Revenue:

- Schedule A (Blind Duck, interest, incidental fees): \$677,000
- Schedule B (Student Center): \$189,000
- Schedule C (Social Events & Planning): -\$24,000
- Schedule D (Academic Societies and Affairs Committee)
- Schedule E (World University of Canada): \$13,000
- Schedule F (Duck Stop): -\$7000

\$2.2 million excess of revenue in the 2019-2020 year.

F. Dayala: For the Blind Duck, the closing net assets were \$72,000. Sales significantly decreased as compared to last year, majorly due to COVID-19. Cost of sales also decreased, as well as other expenses. Total excess of revenue for this year was -\$5000.

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9. Appointment of Auditors for 2020-2021 (10 minutes)

Motion / Moved: F. DAYALA Seconded: M. Barre

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, 2021.

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10. Executive Reports (30 mins)

Motion / Moved: Seconded: Adiba Ghauri

Be It Resolved That the Report of the Executive be approved as presented.

M. Yakubi

Education for All Campaign: an initiative that promotes:

- 1. Reduction of tuition fees
- 2. Fairness for international students
- 3. Increase in non-academic scholarships
- 4. Increase in awards and grants for indegenious and black students



- 5. Increase paid experiential learning and internships
- 6. Stand-alone mental health counsellors for all departments
- 7. Improvement of accessibility services

<u>Peer Support Program:</u> also part of the Me and Mental Health campaign; aims to address the lack of support and resources at UTM.

COVID-19 Care Packages: delivered care packages across the greater Toronto area.

Canadian Federation of Students: represented at the Ontario Executive Committee.

F. Dayala

<u>Blind Duck and Duck Stop:</u> provided services for students on residence and other students regularly coming to campus, despite having a small population of students present.

Tax Clinic: will assist students in filing taxes.

Health and Dental Plan: looking at ways to improve plan for students, including better benefits.

Printing Service: print anywhere on campus

Off-Campus Housing: revistsed conversations with external organization that helps students to find off-campus housing around UTM.

Promotions: will create a video that compiles all UTMSU services available for students.

<u>Campus Groups Portal:</u> worked on initiative that improves the communication between the UTMSU and student-run clubs and societies on campus. Will allow clubs to submit documents directly to UTMSU.

<u>Discounts:</u> provided discounted prices for services such as Boston Pizza, Dominos, movie tickets, bowling tickets, etc.

<u>Upass:</u> provided service that grants free access to all Miway busses across Mississauga.

Anuska: VPUA

<u>Fairness for International Students:</u> working on campaign that fights for international rights; demands the following:

- 1. Reduction in international fees
- 2. OHIP for all
- 3. Increase in grants and scholarships for international students

<u>Know Your Academics:</u> working on campaign that helps students to know their rights and the policies that they have inside and outside of class.

<u>Class Rep:</u> working to bring student representatives to all student societies.



Noha

<u>Unity for Equity:</u> working on the campaign that aims to challenge all forms of oppression and discrimintation on campus.

Bursaries and Grants: advocating for student financial assistance.

<u>Food Center:</u> expanded services with Mississauga Food Bank, and partnered up with the food provider on campus.

Solidarity: worked with coalition partners.

Tarwa

Orientation: organized a virtual orientation with the theme COSMOS-20.

<u>Clubs Week:</u> worked on clubs week, where students got the chance to learn about student campus groups.

<u>Halloween:</u> organized events including fright night (movie), murder escape room, curb-side trick or treat, and jack-o-lantern carving contest.

Winter Carnival: will be working on welcoming students back from the winter break

Multicultural Fest: will work to highlight the diversity within UTM.

Lily

<u>Communications:</u> have been maintaining relationships with different organizations and individuals including politicians, administrations, unions, etc.

<u>Campaign and Advocacy:</u> advocated events for student feedback such as food services, parking, etc.

Statements: released statements on COVID-19, anti-racism, etc.

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11. Other Business

No other business.

12. Adjournment

Motion / Moved: M. YAKUBI / Seconded: Maelis Barre



Be it resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:18 P.M.

VOTE Passes

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VALIDATION		
Mitra Yakubi President		Monday, November 16, 2020
NAME AND POSITION	SIGNATURE	DATE