



## 2021 UTMSU Annual General Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, November 23, 2021 | Zoom | 5:00 PM- 7:00 PM (ET)

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### Land acknowledgment

### Housekeeping Rules

#### 1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 5:23pm.

#### 2. Approval of Agenda (5 minutes)

Motion / Moved: Crystal Cheng Seconded: Megan

Be it resolved that the agenda for the 2021 UTMSU Annual General Meeting be approved as presented.

#### VOTE

**In Favour: Majority    Against:                      Abstentions:**

#### 3. Approval of Speaker (5 minutes)

Motion / Moved: Lem Seconded: Glenda Fu

Be it resolved that Corey Scott be approved as the speaker for the 2021 UTMSU Annual General Meeting.

C. Scott: motivated that he has been doing a number of different sharing opportunities at the UTMSU for past number of years, prior to that did this as a Student Union Representative, loves how Rules of Order can make our spaces equitable and accessible but also making sure that they're being used in an ethical way.

#### VOTE

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#### 4. Presentation by Anti-Harassment Advisor (5 minutes)

As members of the University of Mississauga Students' Union, mutual respect, cooperation, and understanding are our goals. We shall neither condone nor tolerate behaviour that undermines the dignity or self-esteem of any individual or create an intimidating, hostile, or offensive environment.

It is our collective responsibility to create a space that is inclusive and welcomes discussion. Any forms of discrimination and harassment will not be tolerated. Hate speech rooted in but not limited to anti-Muslim, anti-semitic, racist, classist, ableist, homophobic, or transphobic sentiments and/ or remarks will also not be tolerated. We all have an obligation to ensure that an open and inclusive space free from hate is established. Any behaviour that does not demonstrate an understanding of these principles and/ or creates an unsafe atmosphere, will not be tolerated.



## 5. President's Address (10 minutes)

M. Yakubi: Since the last Annual General Meeting in 2020, the world has changed significantly due to COVID-19. Throughout all of this, the UTMSU has continued to host interactive online and in-person events, new and improved cost-saving services, and crucial advocacy to address the difficulties of being a student in post-secondary. We were thrilled to welcome first years to campus with our first ever virtual orientation; Cyber 2021. Throughout the year, we continued to host various events to encourage students to meet new friends, get involved with our Student Union, and take part in our community through events like Sauga Fest, Halloweek, and Plant Night just for our second year students. As we are starting to transition to in-person classes, many of our difficulties did not disappear during the pandemic. That is why the UTMSU continues to run campaigns like Know Your Academic, My Mental Health Matters, United for Equity, Consent is Mandatory, No means No, Education For All, and Safe Return to Campus. Though the Student Center was closed for most of the year, UTMSU has adapted its services and supported students with Off-Campus Housing Support, the Food Center, our brand-new Mental Health Peer Support Program, Bursaries, and the Laptop Rental Program. We also had new programs like the Textbook Exchange and Job Readiness. In January, we will start a new program called the Home Gym Rental Services. We look forward to supporting members and working alongside you over the next 6 months to really ensure that student issues are placed at the forefront at UofT and the provincial government's priorities. Both Domestic and International students deserve a post-secondary education that is free, accessible, and safe for all. Throughout the night you will also hear more from each of your Executives, but I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our part-time staff, volunteers, Board members, and everybody who work so hard to make the students' lives better. Once again, thank you so much for coming out tonight.

## 6. Approval of Minutes (10 minutes)

Motion /

Moved: Mitra Yakubi

Seconded: Esrah Akasha

Be it resolved that the minutes from the 2020 Annual General Meeting be approved as presented.

## VOTE

In Favour: Majority

Against:

Abstentions:



## **7. Receipt of the 2020/2021 Audited Financial Statements - UTMSU & Blind Duck Pub - Appendix A & B (25 minutes)**

Motion / Moved: Wei Lai Seconded: Glenda Fu

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, 2021 be received as presented.

W. Lai: discussed the Blind Duck Audit and UTMSU Audit.

### **VOTE**

**In Favour: Majority Against: Abstentions:**

## **8. Appointment of Auditors for 2021-2022 (10 minutes)**

Motion / Moved: Wei Lai Seconded: Esrah Akasha

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, 2022.

W. Lai: been with an auditor for 2 years and since auditor's have to be switched after 7 years, we are good to continue with the same auditor, and recommend using this auditor for the 2021-2022 fiscal year

### **VOTE**

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## **9. Executive Reports (30 mins)**

Motion / Moved: Megan Seconded: Alvin Stanislaus

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

M. Yakubi:

- My Mental Health Matters. During summer, continued with Summer care packages and delivered to around 100 plus students in GTA area contactless. Mental Health Awareness Week starting November 24, 2021, will have Games-night and end week with in-person Zumba. UTMSU advocating for tri-campus and department level against UMLAP policy and more embedded counsellors.
- Safe Return to Campus. Goal of this campaign is that return to campus is gradual. UTMSU launched emailer to make voices heard. Sent over 2000 emails sent (2000 students) and many students reached out to us personally about their personal experiences. Students were hoping to receive support through housing, and we were thinking to support students with housing, immigration resources, and academic accommodations. Will have follow-up meeting this week to



talk about next steps.

- Blind Duck was open for take-out for majority of year, start in-person dining when provincial guidelines allowed, purchased new patio and lounge furniture as well.
- Duck Stop, Convenient store operated by UTMSU, goal is to not make profit but sell items for less for students. It was closed for majority of year, but many high demand items were sold in the Blind Duck. Have re-opened in September with limited stock to accommodate residence and students at campus
- Health and Dental Plan. Some changes where there is an increase in coverage for vision care and mental health services starting September 2021. Student fees remain unchanged from previous semesters. Offered a refund for international students living outside during the pandemic for the Health and Dental Plan.
- Also, Peer Mental Health Support Program where trained 40 Peer support workers, there are virtual appointments available for this year
- UTMSU Textbook Exchange is a new service. Goal is to save students money and increase access to textbooks, where students bring in a textbook and/ or use a textbook in Student Centre. Currently operates Tuesdays and Fridays
- Health & Wellness Program is a also new program to promote physical and mental wellbeing of students and will be launching Gym Rental Services in January for home workouts
- Discussed Our Team. Looking ahead hoping to support student with Safe Return to Campus in January 2022, discussing on the University Mandated Leave of Absence Policy (UMLAP), and reviewing and making recommendations about the UofT Sexual Violence Policy.

M. Barre:

- Education For All. Had a townhall, educational pieces around social media myth busters, chalking event, a panel on the fight for Free Education in Ontario and Beyond, and outreaching during Halloweek, Culture Fest and Frost Week on Education For All
- Fairness for International Student. International students also deserve free and accessible education. Started International Students Roundtable. Made sure we take direction from international students and what they need. We will continue to meet with UofT administration, City of Mississauga, Members of Parliament to support International Students
- International Student Orientation: give International Students tools and resources needed to ensure a smooth transition into first year in a new country.

R. Tomlinson:

- United for Equity. Aims to challenge all forms of discrimination and oppression in-campus and off-campus. Some of the work done is Equity handbook, which was released last year, to support and educate students on equity topics. It also contains resources both internal and external to UTM. Had closed spaces for marginalized communities and were able to readily hold three closed spaces. Also did Unlearning and Learning Sustainability seminars
- Queer Orientation. This year held three events; Mocktails and Tie-Dyeing, Create You with PicCrew, and 2SLGBTQ+ Town Hall
- Had Indigenous History Month and Pride Month
- Bursaries: UTMSU distributed \$100,000 in bursaries last year, reintroduced International Student and COVID bursaries, and created Racialized Community Involvement Grant
- UTMSU Food Centre continues to provide food throughout the pandemic, and we moved the Food Center from Davis to Student Centre.



T. Afrah

- Orientation Cyber '21, first ever hybrid orientation. Had over 1000 participants over the week. Also had smaller in-person activities. Sauga Fest is another event. We also had secondary exclusive plant seed event to welcome second year students to campus for the first-time ever. And featured giveaways.

W. Lai

- Chinese Student Orientation. UTMSU We-Chat team has hosted Chinese Student Orientation for almost 5 years. It includes ice breakers, information session, messages from professors, and campus tour vlogs for those unable to come to Canada
- Job Readiness Support is new for 2021/2022 year. Collaborated with both in-campus and off-campus departments. Added a free service every Thursday for students to get Professional photos taken.
- Free Tax Clinic in partnership with the Canada Revenue Agency. Will have a hybrid clinic for students for March 2021.

M. J. Carlos

- Academic Advocacy Week: week long event. This year had Scavenger Hunt and Escape Room. Partnered with AIU, RGASC, DLS to cover topics such as student rights, resources available to support academic journey, and legal resources.
- Also had Exam Destressors; in-person barbeque called Oh My Grill
- Discussed Solidarity Partners.

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**10. Other Business**

**11. Adjournment**

Motion / Moved: Mitra Yakubi

Seconded: Alvin Stanislaus

Be it resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 6:30pm.

**VOTE**

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<b>VALIDATION</b>		
Mitra Yakubi President	<i>Mitra Yakubi</i>	Tuesday, November 23, 2021
<b>NAME AND POSITION</b>	<b>SIGNATURE</b>	<b>DATE</b>