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UTMSU ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2024-25

Your Guide to Robert's Rules of Order

RULES OF ORDER AT A GLANCE

To Do This:	You Say This:	May You Interrupt the Speaker?	Must You be Seconded?	Is the Motion Debatable?	Is the Motion Amendable?	What Majority is Required?
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

UTMSU Annual General Meeting 2024-2025 - Agenda

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#1.	CALL TO ORDER
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Meeting called to order at 6:57pm.

#2.	LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & EQUITY STATEMENT
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Delivered by Philip.

#3.	APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
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MOTION

Moved: Joelle Salsa

Seconded:

Be it resolved that the agenda be approved as presented.

VOTE - PASSED

#4.	APPROVAL OF THE CHAIR
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MOTION

Moved: Joelle Salsa

Seconded:

Be it resolved that Ashley D'Souza be approved as the Chair for the UTMSU Annual General Meeting 2024-2025.

VOTE - PASSED

#5.	PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS
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Delivered by Joelle.

#6.	EXECUTIVE PRESENTATION ON ANNUAL REPORT
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MOTION

Moved: Joelle Salsa

Seconded: Philip

Be it resolved that the Annual Report presented by the UTMSU Executive Committee be approved as presented.

Report divided into 3 sections:

1. Campaigns
2. Events
3. Services

Attendees were invited to access the full report via a QR code displayed on screen.

1. Campaigns - Presented by Daniel, VP External

- Education for All
 - Aimed at pressuring the University of Toronto, provincial, and federal governments to:
 - Make post-secondary education high-quality, accessible, and free.
 - Focused on five key demands:
 - Immediate reduction and gradual elimination of tuition fees for all students
 - Conversion of student loans to grants
 - Creation of alternatives to mainstream education
 - The increase of non-academic scholarships
 - Eventual elimination of out-of-province tuition hikes.
- Accessibility Campaign
 - Focus on advocating for financial compensation for student note-takers.
 - Note-takers support accessibility accommodations, yet are unpaid despite their significant contribution.
 - Compensation would ensure accountability and improve the quality of notes delivered.
- Advocacy Impact:
 - Engaged in proactive policy discussions with UTM administration and city officials.
 - Highlighted issues impacting students both academically and socio-economically.

Accessibility Enhancements:

- UTMSU benchmarked accessibility practices by consulting with top global universities such as Cambridge, Boston University, Stanford, and Dalhousie.
- The union aims to push for:
 - Paid roles for student note-takers
 - Mandatory access to lecture recordings or detailed notes during absences caused by emergencies (e.g., mental health issues, family crises)

Transit Campaign – TAP (Transit Advocating Party):

- Originally formed in collaboration with three campus groups.
- Now includes the UTMSU External Team, UTM Urbanism Club, and UTM Conservatives.
- Achievements and efforts:
 - Advocated for the 126 bus line implementation
 - Ongoing efforts to expand transit access with improvements expected by May 2025

U-Pass Enhancement:

UTMSU facilitated the transition of U-Pass access from QR codes to Presto card integration using the Presto eVoucher system, launching in May 2025.

Transit Survey & Advocacy:

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- UTMSU is conducting a student-wide survey to gather data for meetings with city councillors.
- Survey results will support proposals such as:
 - A two-way express bus service between Milton and UTM
 - Weekend express route restorations (e.g., routes 110 and 101)
- Members are urged to complete the survey to strengthen advocacy with data.

Academic Advocacy

- Credit/No Credit Policy Reform:
 - Focused on extending the deadline to opt for credit/no credit past the last day of classes.
 - UTMSU collaborated with UTSU, SCSU, APUS, and ASSU to conduct a joint survey on the credit/no credit experience.
 - The goal is to present this data to the university administration and argue for a more student-informed policy change.
 - Preliminary findings from the joint survey were shared with university administration during Lobby Week on November 5, 2024.
 - A joint levy proposal is being developed for a tri-campus lobby meeting in the Winter semester.

2. Events and Campus Life - Presented by Joy, VP Campus Life

Past Event Highlights (Late 2023 to 2024):

- Bollywood Pub Night
- Montreal Trip
- Arctic Week
- Block Party
- Black History Month events

*All events saw strong turnout with positive feedback.

2024 Academic Year Kickoff:

- Orientation Week - high engagement among first-year students
 - Student Centre Takeover
 - Boat Cruise
 - Paint & Foam Party
 - Medieval Times Outing
 - "Begin the Quest" & Final Quest (indoor capture-the-flag style game)
- All-You-Can-Eat Buffets
 - Thanksgiving Buffet
 - Italian Food Buffet
 - Desi-Themed Buffet
- Chills and Thrills Week
 - Escape from Erindale
 - Last Dance Pub Night
 - Canada's Wonderland Halloween Haunt
 - Virtual Pumpkin Carving Contest
- Spotlight Week: Highlight and support creativity on campus by featuring student-led artistic and

expressive activities!

- Salsa & Bachata Workshop
 - Led in partnership with Salsa and Bachata Club
- Creative Writing Circle
 - Provided a safe space for writers to share their work and receive feedback
- Vinyl Painting with StudioX
 - Over 100 vinyl records sold within 40 min
- Talent Show
 - Executive Team performed a dance to “What MAKes You Beautiful” by One Direction
 - 1st place in talent show received \$300, 2nd place received \$200 and 3rd place received \$100

3. Services - Presented by Sidra, VP University Affairs

- The Blind Duck
 - Offers the most affordable food on campus
 - Expanded menu to include Chinese cuisine
 - Extremely popular with 40 min lunch lines daily
- Professional Headshot Service
 - LinkedIn Photo Day which expanded to artist headshots tailored to students in creative programs like theatre
 - Aimed at helping students build their professional portfolios
- U-Pass
 - Transition coming with move from Presto e-tickets to e-voucher in the next academic year
 - E-voucher will support tap-on access with integration with presto's one fare system, including two-hour transfer access
- Food Centre
 - Provides students with healthy foods, hygiene products and essential supplies
 - Hosts seasonal giveaways (iced coffee, lemonade, hot chocolate, etc.)
 - Weekly free groceries available to students who submit a form via the UTMSU website.
 - New partnership with Tredish, offering sustainable food at a subsidized rate through a one-time subscription
- Here to Help (Formerly Peer Support Program)
 - Equity-focused, survivor-centric, and peer-based support
 - Services include drop-ins, de-stressor events, group support sessions, workshops, and guest speakers
- Academic Mentorship Program
 - Run in collaboration with **9 academic societies**
 - Matches **1st and 2nd year students** with mentors to help navigate UTM
 - Mentors may qualify for an **honorarium**
 - Both mentors and mentees can earn **CCR (Co-Curricular Record)** credit

No questions raised regarding report

VOTE - PASSED

#7.	APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
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MOTION

Moved: Joelle Salsa

Seconded: Rochelle

Be it resolved that the minutes from the 2023-24 Annual General Meeting be approved as presented in Appendix A.

VOTE - PASSED

#8.	RECEIPT OF THE 2023-2024 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – UTMSU & BLIND DUCK – APPENDIX B & C
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MOTION

Moved: Ronny Chen

Seconded: David

Be it resolved that the audited financial statements of the Erindale College Students' Union (Operating as the UTMSU) and the Blind Duck for the fiscal year ending April 30th, 2024 be approved as presented on Appendix C & D

Audit Overview

- Explained that an audit is a review to ensure financial statements are accurate, complete, and compliant with accounting standards.
- Contrasted it with a budget, which is an estimate, while an audit reflects actual expenditures.
- Annual audit is a bylaw requirement.

Blind Duck Audit:

Audit Structure Overview (*Five Key Sections*):

1. Independent Auditor's Report
2. Statement of Financial Position
3. Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Assets
4. Statement of Cash Flow
5. Notes to Financial Statements

Highlights from the Auditor's Report:

- The financial statements are "fairly presented in all material respects"
- Compliant with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profits
- No financial misconduct or irregularities identified

Financial Position (Page 3 Summary):

- Assets categorized as:
 - Cash: Physical funds held
 - Accounts Receivable: Expected payments (e.g., room rentals not yet paid)

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- Inventory: Items for sale (e.g., food, alcohol)
- Prepaid Expenses: Payments made in advance (e.g., payroll for May 2 counted early)

- Notable Differences:
 - Decrease in cash due to a small deficit when compared to last year
 - Prepaid expenses increased due to payroll processed shortly after the audit date

Amortization Note:

- Property and Equipment values decrease over time due to depreciation
- Explained via Note 4 in the report (e.g., furniture and fixtures losing value yearly)

Liabilities represent what the organization owes (e.g., payroll taxes, GST/HST)

- Net Assets (\$53K) do *not* reflect liquid cash; it's the overall asset value on April 30, 2024
- Operations & Net Asset Changes (Page 4 Highlights):
 - Revenue increased by \$188K from 2023 due to:
 - Higher customer volume
 - More events held at The Blind Duck

 - Cost increases included:
 - Supplies, security, equipment rentals, and bank charges
 - Wages & benefits rose due to inflation (CPI), minimum wage hikes, and increased part-time staff

Student Levy:

- \$3.25 per student per semester
- Helps subsidize food prices at the pub

Deficit Explanation:

- Blind Duck ended the year with a \$40K loss
- Caused by rising food and labor costs
- Options to break even (raising food prices or student levies) were rejected to keep services affordable

Cash Flow (Page 5 Summary):

- Opening cash: \$54K
 - Closing cash: \$17K
 - Decline due to operational loss and no capital investment
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UTMSU Audit

- Audit Report Structure:
 - Same five-section format as Blind Duck
 - Includes additional schedules due to UTMSU's diverse operations
- Auditor's Statement: Financial statements are "fairly presented" and comply with standards for non-profits
- Page 3 (UTMSU Assets Overview):
 - Contains much larger figures due to UTMSU's broader scope
 - Total assets ~ \$9 million
 - Largely allocated for Health & Dental Plan and other student services
 - Short-term investments help offset operational losses
 - Prepaid expenses (e.g., payroll processed May 2) are accounted for early
 - Renovation Deposits:
 - Major repair needed for Student Centre roof, which collapsed in 2022
 - Initially budgeted at \$1 million, but only \$600K spent by April 30, 2024

Amortization:

- Property and equipment values depreciate over time (e.g., office furniture)

Net Assets Breakdown:

- Unrestricted Funds — can be used for anything (campaigns, outreach, events)
- Internally Restricted Funds — reserved for specific purposes (e.g., Health & Dental)

Interfund Transfer:

- \$600K moved from unrestricted to restricted funds as a strategic buffer in event that university administration withholds fees, UTMSU can still operate essential services

Schedules

Schedule A – Finance:

- Revenue:
 - Derived mainly from incidental student fees
 - Fees are earmarked for specific services (e.g., Blind Duck fee, U-Pass, etc.)
 - UTMSU does not retain this money — it's distributed accordingly
- Wages & Office Costs:
 - Increased due to CPI adjustments and general inflation
- Meeting Expenses:
 - Includes hospitality like cookies and coffee served during meetings
- Elections Budget:
 - Higher than last year due to:

- Regular executive elections
- Student Centre Expansion Referendum

- Excess of Revenue over Expenses:
 - Any remaining funds move to unrestricted reserves
 - Used for emergency needs (e.g., future rooftop repairs)

Schedule B – Student Centre Operations

- Scotiabank ABM:
 - UTMSU receives \$5,000 annually for the ATM machine placed in the Student Centre

- Despite revenue, the Student Centre reported a loss of \$400K
 - Covered through the UTMSU reserve fund

Schedule C – Social Activities & Planning

- Covers events such as Orientation Week
- 2023–2024 Financials:
 - Income: \$181K
 - Expenses: \$370K
 - Decrease in both revenue and expenses from the prior year due to:
 - Fewer ticket sales
 - One less day of events
 - Resulted in a loss of \$256K, again covered by reserves

Schedule D – Academic Societies & Affairs

- Funded by student levies, approved through referenda
- Matching grant provided by the Dean's Office, effectively doubling student contributions
- A remaining \$25K was noted, but confirmed to have already been distributed to societies

Schedule E – Duck Stop (Campus Convenience Store)

- Income from sales: \$60K
- Cost of sales: \$50K, but additional operating expenses (wages, bank fees) led to a \$13K loss
- Loss attributed to:
 - Increased food and wage costs
 - Continued commitment to not increasing prices for students

Q&A Period

Paris raised concerns about the nature of the UTMSU's financial "loan" to the Blind Duck, questioning if it was interest-based and whether it reflected poor financial practices. UTMSU executives clarified that the funds were internal transfers within a single entity and not formal loans. The chair emphasized meeting procedure, requesting speakers declare if they were for or against the motion. After some back-and-forth, Dakota spoke in favor of the audit and successfully called the question, leading to the approval vote. The audit was approved with a majority vote and one abstention.

VOTE - PASSED

#9.	APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS FOR 2024-2025
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MOTION

Moved: Ronny Chen

Seconded: David

Be it resolved that Yale PGC be appointed as the external auditors for the Erindale College Students' Union (operating as the UTMSU) for the fiscal year ending April 30th, 2025.

Motivation by Ronny:

- Yale PGC has been the auditor for the UTMSU for the past few years and they are familiar with the auditing procedures for a non-profit organization as opposed to traditional auditing firms who specialize in for-profit organizations
- With Yale PGC's familiarity with the Union, this can help save significant amounts of time when conducting audits

VOTE - PASSED

#10.	AMENDMENT TO BYLAW III - MEETINGS - APPENDIX D
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MOTION

Moved: Joelle Salsa

Seconded: Unezila

Be it resolved that the Amendments proposed to Bylaw III - Meetings be approved as presented on Appendix D

Motivation by Felipe:

- Explained that the AGM had to be postponed due to a misalignment between past practices and the bylaw requirements
- The university required UTMSU to follow its bylaws precisely
- The proposed changes to Bylaw III aim to align bylaws with actual practices and improve clarity around notice periods, motion submissions, and meeting processes

Proposed Changes:

1. Terminology Update:
 - Inserted "Board of Directors" explicitly to align with other bylaw references
2. Clarification on Notice and Package Delivery:
 - Previously unclear if AGM notice and meeting package needed to be sent together
New amendment separates them:
 - Notice: Must be sent at least 10 days before the meeting
 - Package (agenda, motions, financials, etc.): Sent 3 days before the meeting
 - Reflects existing organizational culture and improves clarity
3. Quorum Clarification:
 - Prior rule: 75 members, with at least 40 in-person – created confusion, especially during hybrid/online meetings

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- New version proposes a clearer, possibly reduced quorum requirement, in line with other similar-sized student unions
- Reduced from 75 to 50 in-person members (based on comparisons with other student unions, e.g., Windsor had 50)
- Intended to improve accessibility and avoid cancellations due to low turnout

Proxy Quorum:

- Increased from 100 to 150 to reflect common practices in similar student unions
- Better supports inclusive participation for members who cannot attend in person

Other Changes:

- Clean-up edits (e.g., typos, adding missing “s” for clarity)
- Board quorum changed to “50% plus one” to align with Ontario’s Non-Profit Corporations Act
- Clarified ambiguous or outdated proxy rules

Implementation:

- If approved (with or without amendments), changes take immediate effect

Proposed Text Fixes:

- Remove a duplicate “via” in Section DII for grammatical correctness
- Adjust quorum text in Section EII to clearly state:
“The quorum required for any general meetings shall be 150 members.”
(Striking the outdated “100” figure)
- Clarification to Quorum:
- Amended to:
 - Strike the outdated “(100)”
 - Final text:
“The quorum required for any general meeting shall be 150 members, of whom at least 75 must be present in person.”

Motion to Amend Dakota’s Amendment (Joelle):

- Proposed to further revise Section:
 - Replace Dakota’s language with:
“The quorum shall be 100, with 50 present by proxy”
 - This effectively reduced both in-person and proxy quorum thresholds
- Chair explained that this is now a “second-level amendment” (an amendment to an amendment)
- Visuals were shared on screen to ensure members followed the revised language
- Chair clarified they were now returning to vote on the main bylaw motion with the approved amendments

Speaker against revised amendment to amendment: Michael (they/them)

- Spoke against the motion, citing a desire for clarity on quorum numbers
- Asked whether current and past turnout justified the proposed changes

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Speaker in favour of amendment: Felipe

- Explained turnout trends and rationale behind revised numbers:
- Compared quorum sizes at other student unions:
 - UTSC: 40
 - Windsor Student Alliance: 35
 - George Brown: 30
- UTMSU chose 50 to match the highest standard among peers

Final Version following final amendments:

Section DII: Meeting Notice and Package Delivery

“The general meeting package shall be made available to the UTMSU membership three days prior to the meeting via email, website, as well as any form of mass communication to the student population.”

Section EII: Quorum Requirements

“The quorum required for any general meeting shall be 150 members, of whom at least 75 must be present in person.”

VOTE - PASSED

#11. REPORT ON MOTION TO INCREASE CLUBS FUNDING

Introduced by Latifah, Campus Groups Coordinator

Fulfilled a requirement from last year's AGM with report confirming that:

- Base funding for new clubs was increased from \$150 to \$200
- Adjustments also made for returning (re-recognized) clubs
- Previous year funding total: ~\$44,000
- This year's total funding: ~\$51,000
- Increase partly due to a higher number of registered clubs
- Averaged out, clubs received approximately \$23 more per group

#12. MOTIONS SUBMITTED BY MEMBERS

Motions submitted by members will be listed here.

Amendment proposed earlier:

Be it resolved that the motion be discussed as follows: 12C, 12D, 12A, 12B

c) The University of Toronto Land Acknowledgment

MOTION

Moved: Cordelia McDonald

Seconded: Anna

Whereas the current University of Toronto land acknowledgment uses language that inadvertently validate colonial actions of “so-called Canada” by expressing gratitude for the land without acknowledging the ongoing violence and colonization that Indigenous communities face;

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Whereas Land acknowledgments should honour Indigenous peoples by openly recognizing the history and impacts of colonization, including genocide, forced displacement, cultural erasure, and other forms of systemic violence, and should acknowledge the land as settlers in what is now known as “Canada”, expressing respect for the sovereignty and rights of the Indigenous nations whose lands we occupy;

Whereas the University of Toronto Mississauga Students' Union (UTMSU) has a responsibility to Indigenous members of our community and students to advocate for respectful and inclusive language in our institution's land acknowledgment;

Be it resolved that the UTMSU executive committee work with the University of Toronto administration to initiate a formal review of the existing land acknowledgment;

Be it further resolved that UTMSU establishes a committee, including representatives from Indigenous student organizations, faculty in Indigenous studies, and Indigenous members of the UofT community, to guide the development of a revised land acknowledgment in consultation with Indigenous communities;

Be it further resolved that UTMSU work with the Circle at the Canadian Federation of Students – Ontario (CFS-O) to write a land acknowledgment for use by UTMSU that reflects the experiences and voices of Indigenous students and community members;

Be it further resolved that the UTMSU executive committee report to the membership on the progress of this initiative at the next AGM and present any proposed changes for approval by the UTMSU Board of Directors before final implementation.

Motivation by Cordelia:

- As a member of the Haudenosaunee Oneida Nation, the fact that I am attending university is proof of colonization.
- Firstly, the UofT Land Acknowledgement does not follow Ontario's official First Nations and treaties map that the university has listed on their website regarding the land acknowledgement
- Additionally, one of the last few lines in the land acknowledgement says, “we are grateful to be able to have the opportunity to work on this land.”
- “Land acknowledgements are supposed to be honoring Indigenous people, not perpetuating colonialism and cultural insensitivity”
- I believe that it is UTMSU's responsibility to advocate for the Indigenous people and implement respectful and inclusive languages in the land acknowledgement.

Speakers in **Favor** of the motion:

Dakota:

- It is clear that the language of UofT's Land Acknowledgement does not reflect the inclusivity and what other universities across the country are doing. Other major universities have a much better land acknowledgment.

Joelle:

- Land acknowledgments are part of Indigenous practices acknowledging the land that we are a guest of, and the current land acknowledgement is written by the elders without indigenous youth perspectives.
- [Hence, it is imperative that it should be updated to reflect the current norms]

VOTE - PASSED

AMENDMENT	REFER ALL UNDISCUSSED ITEMS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
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MOTION

Moved: Joelle

Seconded: Manaal

Be it resolved that the remaining motions be referred to the Board of Directors.

Motivated by Joelle:

- It is currently 8:46pm and I highly doubt we will be able to get through the rest of the agenda by the scheduled time (9pm).
- I believe that it is very important that we have the opportunity to discuss all of the motions

Speakers **Against** the motion:

Dakota:

- I see that there's some very important motions which is in the best interest of the students, and we, the students, have a direct input on these matters, especially pertaining to motion number two in the lead submissions category.

Desiree (she/her):

- I don't feel that executives will be able to represent the entirety of their student body, especially in a case where there may be opposing values between club executives and the UTMSU where they may disagree on some policies.

Sanderees (he/him):

- I think it's important that all motions be brought to the students for votes instead of just handing this off to a select few members of the board, while elected democratically do not fully represent the interests of the student body

Speakers **For** the motion:

Joelle:

- The reason this amendment was put forward is because once this meeting ends, these motions will get lost.
- It is important to refer these to the board because then we'll be able to continue these conversations, rather than have these motions be lost.

Point of information:

Question: Does a board of directors meeting mean that regular students can attend the meeting?

Answer (Felipe): Students can attend the meeting, but you don't have speaking rights because you're not elected, but we can extend the speaking rights so you're able to speak. Additionally, only the elected Board members will have voting rights.

Amendment to the language proposed by unknown speaker 1: *Be it resolved that the remaining motions be referred to the Board of Directors, while providing all members voting rights.*

The amendment was ruled out of order by the chair because as a registered non-for-profit, Board meetings are for elected representatives to vote and discuss, so they cannot be expanded to have non-elected individuals speak and vote. Expanding the rights would go against the Ontario Nonprofit Profits Act.

Amendment to the language proposed by unknown speaker 2: *Be it resolved that all undiscussed items be referred to a Special General Meeting scheduled at a later date within this academic year.*

The chair explained that a special general members meeting cannot be called in this space as the board would have to approve the calling of this meeting. For motions that haven't been discussed, if they don't go to a board meeting, unfortunately they get lost in the void. **As per the bylaws, a special general meeting may be called at any time by a majority vote of the board or executive committee or a written request to the board stating the purpose of the meeting signed by no less than 5% of the members of the union (5% of 16000 students would need to sign the petition for a special general members meeting).**

Called the question - end discussion

Vote: Passed

Amendment

Vote: Passed

MOTION

VOTE - PASSED

d) Prayer Spaces

MOTION

Moved:

Seconded:

Whereas the UofT Mississauga Campus lacks sufficient space for people of all faiths to pray and fulfill religious obligations;

Be it resolved that the UTMSU lobbies the University for significantly larger multi-faith spaces for both men and women.

VOTE

a) Creation of the Committee to Indigenous Justice and Collaboration (CIJC)

MOTION

Moved:

Seconded:

Whereas the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada (TRCC) has 94 Calls to Action. Specifically, number 80 called for the creation of a statutory holiday by the federal government and requested that there be "public commemoration of the history and legacy of residential schools" through this;

Whereas many major educational institutions across the country observe this nationally created statutory holiday on September 30th. These institutions include, but are certainly not limited to, *University of British Columbia, University of Manitoba, University of Alberta, University of Saskatchewan, and Queen's University;*

Whereas the *University of Toronto* has committed to following up on the TRCC's Calls to Action in the report: "*Answering the Call Wecheehetowin: Final Report of the Steering Committee for the University of*

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Toronto Response to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada” (notably, however, not including action item number 80 in the TRCC’s report);

Whereas the effects of residential schools on the Indigenous peoples of Canada can often be both a barrier to education and a source of intergenerational trauma for current students at the *University of Toronto*;

Be it resolved that the UTMSU strike an Open Committee called “Committee to Indigenous Justice and Collaboration (CIJC)” where all UTMSU members are able to join;

Be it further resolved that the purpose and definitions of the committee are to seek collaboration across the Tri-Campus with UTSU and SCSU and to focus on advocating for the recognition of all 94 calls to action, with a special consideration to call to action number 80 in the TRCC’s 94 Calls to Action;

Be it further resolved that there be no prejudice to any non-Indigenous member wanting to be on, or who is already involved in, the Committee;

Be it further resolved that the future of the committee to be continued after the 2025-2026 academic year if and only if the following is true, else it be dissolved, such that: The committee successfully connects with the UTSU and SCSU, and/or the committee receives an official response from a governing body or committee at either the *UTM* or *University of Toronto* governance levels on the call to action number 80. Be it further resolved that the UTMSU publish a release stating its explicit support for the continued work of *UTM* and the *University of Toronto* towards the 94 calls to action alongside a new call to action for the recognition of September 30th as a statutory holiday for the Tri-Campus.

VOTE

b)	Investigation of Social and Financial benefits of a makerspace at UTM
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MOTION

Moved:

Seconded:

Whereas a makerspace (also known as a hackerspace) is a multifaceted space that promotes hands-on learning, sustainability and fostering a community;

Whereas the community spaces that don’t require the purchasing of a good or service to lounge are rare occurrences on and around *UTM*;

Whereas makerspaces often contain tools used to support sustainability through mending and repairing such as sewing machines, 3D printers and/or soldering equipment;

Whereas a makerspace could provide the UTMSU with additional potential to generate income and sustain further independence from the *University of Toronto*;

Whereas makerspaces exist at many post-secondary universities, with a prominent example being the *University of Toronto Scarborough*, which currently has one;

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Be it resolved that the UTMSU will investigate the viability of the following pertaining to the creation of a makerspace over the next year.

- a. The value in seeking private and/or public partnerships to fund the creation of the makerspace
- b. Potential collaborations with the *University of Toronto* in finding an on-campus location
- c. Surveying students for types of equipment and services available through the makerspace (such as 3D printers, sewing machines, power-tool library, etc.)
- d. Creating a four-year financial plan draft starting in the 2025/2026 academic school year for the makerspace including
 - i. Financing of equipment
 - ii. Ongoing costs of upkeep and materials
 - iii. Potential sources of revenue for the *Union*

Be it further resolved that the UTMSU publish this as a report alongside the creation of an abstract outlining the benefits and drawbacks of a makerspace.

VOTE

#13. OTHER BUSINESS

#14. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

Moved: Joelle Salsa

Seconded:

Be it resolved that the meeting be adjourned at _____.

Orders of the Day called due to time (after 9:00 p.m.) and end of AV access.

All further business concluded immediately per procedural rules.

VOTE

VALIDATION		
JOELLE SALSA PRESIDENT		Wednesday, November 28, 2024
NAME AND POSITION	SIGNATURE	DATE