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UTMSU BOARD MEETING #9

January 9, 2026

Board Meeting 9 of the University of Toronto at Mississauga Students' Union
 Friday, January 9, 2026 • UTMSU, Student Centre, Room 100

Robert's Rules of Order

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
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 the motion ... be lifted from the	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	Majority
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

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Executives

President	Se Chan (Andrew) Park	→	Present ▾
Vice President Internal	Rui (Owen) Zhang	→	Present ▾
Vice President University Affairs	Manaal Fatima	→	Present ▾
Vice President Equity	Miatah McCallum	→	Present ▾
Vice President External	Rajas Dhamija	→	Present ▾
Vice President Campus Life	Lois Ogunnubi	→	Present ▾

Division I

First Year Representative	Maryam Zeeshan	→	Present ▾
First Year Representative	Mekayel Omier	→	Present ▾

Division II

Board Member	Abeeha Imitaz	→	Absent ▾
Board Member	Adam El-Falou	→	Present ▾
Board Member	Aishat Abdulrazaq	→	Present ▾
Board Member	David Han	→	Present ▾
Board Member	Enran Zu	→	Present ▾
Board Member	Farzana Ishmael	→	Present ▾
Board Member	Jordan MacLean	→	Present ▾
Board Member	Summer Qiu	→	Present ▾
Board Member	Saad Hussain	→	Present ▾
Board Member	Sarah Gamal El-Dean	→	Present Via Proxy ▾
Board Member	Suleyman Yusuf	→	Present ▾

Division III

Part-Time Directors at Large	Vacant	→	Pending ▾
Part-Time Directors at Large	Vacant	→	Pending ▾

Division IV

Professional Faculties at Large	Samantha Bestavros	→	Present Via Proxy ▾
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Staff (non - voting)

Executive Director	Melissa Theodore	→	Present ▾
Executive Assistant	Nikita Galanin	→	Absent ▾

Quorum ACHIEVED ▾

16 ▾ Voting members present (10 required for Quorum)

Agenda Item	Speaker(s)	Time	Page
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Attendance		<2 Min	3
Call to Order	Chair	<2 Min	5
Land Acknowledgement & Equity Statement		<2 Min	5
Approval of Agenda		<2 Min	5
Executive Reports		<20 Min	6-7
CoBlack Guest Presentation	Guest	<15 Min	7
Minutes Package		<2 Min	7
Student Center Camera Installation		<10 Min	8
Tabled Motions from the Annual Meeting		<30 Min	8-12
Frost Week		<10 Min	12
Other Business		<5 Min	13
Adjournment	Chair	<5 Min	13

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Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

This meeting has been Called to Order at 11:13 am.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & EQUITY STATEMENT

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved: Mekayel Omier ▾

Seconded: Jordan MacLean ▾

Moved: Se Chan (Andrew) Park

Seconded: Saad Hussain

BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda be approved as amended.

VOTE - PASSED ▾

4. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

Moved: Mekayel Omier ▾

Seconded: David Han ▾

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Se Chan (Andrew) Park:

Since our last meeting, much of my time was spent preparing for and executing the AGM on the 30th, including presentations and extensive outreach to increase student engagement. I also attended a Provostial Undergraduate Student Advisory Committee meeting downtown, where we discussed research on campus space usage and room-booking regulations, and raised concerns specific to UTM such as high catering costs and complicated booking processes. I noted examples where clubs were unable to book space and required UTMSU support to host events off-campus. Additionally, I attended a meeting with CoBlack, a student employment startup, and participated in a QSS meeting where a budget proposal for the upcoming year was presented and discussed ahead of approval.

Rui (Owen) Zhang:

Since the last board meeting, I worked closely with the UTMSU accountant and the audit firm to finalize the audit report, which was successfully presented to the membership at the AGM. Planning is underway for the WeChat Team's Lunar New Year Spring Festival Gala, scheduled for February 13. Volunteer recruitment has been launched, with postings live and interviews taking place this weekend. The event will include a Spring Festival market with student vendors, interactive game stations, catering, and live performances across the Presentation Room and the Blind Duck. Performer hiring and catering confirmations will be shared in the coming weeks.

Manaal Fatima:

Since the last meeting, I attended the Provostial Undergraduate Student Advisory Committee and continued working on ANTI-O initiatives with Miata. I met with SCSU's VP Academics and conducted 10–15 faculty consultations to advance the Second Attempt at Credit (SAC) campaign, with a lobby document, survey, and launch planned for late January. We held the second Palestine Committee meeting and, in collaboration with Liberty 48, hosted a film screening of Palestine 36, while continuing regular advocacy and tabling efforts. I also supported bursary approvals, committee work, and preparations for Academic Advocacy Week, now rescheduled to February, including plans for an academic resource fair and updated academic integrity materials.

Miatah McCallum:

Since my last executive report, I coordinated a collaborative educational event with the Sudanese Students' Union and RMSA featuring Dr. Aman Ahmed, and began planning follow-up campaigns for the new year. Significant progress has been made on Black History Month, including forming a committee, recruiting volunteers, and reviewing six collaboration proposals from Black student clubs. The Bursary Committee met multiple times and is close to completing all Fall semester work, while preparations continue for Expression Against Oppression Week and related programming. I also supported initiatives such as Little Scholars, Trans Day of Remembrance, food centre giveaways, and participated in the tri-campus Food Security Jam to address student food insecurity. Additionally, I am developing a Food Centre sponsorship package and planning upcoming initiatives like Tasties@UTM to expand diverse food options on campus.

Rajas Dhamija:

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Lois Ogunnubi:

Since our last board meeting, we successfully hosted the Winter Market, giving students and community businesses a great opportunity to engage, and held our annual ski trip to Blue Mountain, maintaining last year's participation. Club committee meetings continued, approving funding requests, and planning is underway for Frost Week, which will feature a highly anticipated Casino Night with games, prizes, and a grand finale auction. Upcoming events include Vision Board & Movie Night, Culture Fest featuring Fokorama with African and Caribbean art, performances, food, and a multicultural movie marathon, plus a Food Festival celebrating diverse cuisines. We're also organizing Pilates sessions during Culture Fest week and preparing for the Montreal trip, with tickets expected early next week. Overall, January has been packed with engaging student activities and community-building initiatives.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Reports be approved as presented.

VOTE - PASSED ▾

5. **COBLACK GUEST PRESENTATION**

6. **MINUTES PACKAGE**

→ Emergency BOD Meeting #8 Minutes - Friday, November 14th, 2025

BE IT RESOLVED that the Minutes Package be approved as presented.

Moved: Jordan MacLean ▾

Seconded: Mekayel Omier ▾

VOTE - PASSED ▾

7. STUDENT CENTER CAMERA INSTALLATION

Moved: Maryam Zeeshan ▾

Seconded: David Han ▾

BE IT RESOLVED that 26,000\$ be expended from budget line 3.20 for the installation of Surveillance Cameras.

VOTE - PASSED ▾

8. TABLED MOTIONS FROM THE ANNUAL MEETING

a) ACORN ACCESS

Moved: David Han ▾

Seconded: Maryam Zeeshan ▾

Speaking in Favour
 Mekayel Omier

- Based on feedback I gathered from around 100 students, including my own experience, there exist test disruptions caused by Acorn outages in large classes, such as most first-year classes, where dozens of students have their examinations reset, making this motion vital in improving student life.

Question
 David Han

- When we say we're lobbying UTM admin to improve Acorn accessibility, does that mean we are pushing for a full system revamp or just better maintenance checks?

Response
 Se Chan
 (Andrew) Park

- Motions carried at the AGM become UTMSU initiatives. Systems like Wi-Fi and Acorn are ongoing concerns, and conversations with administration can happen without making it a core campaign, this motion just formally solidifies it as a core campaign. How the improvements will look is up to administration.

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Question

Saad Hussain

- Does this also include the Canvas application, specifically the platform used for testing?

Reply

Se Chan
(Andrew) Park

- The Student specifically mentioned ACORN, but it is within the scope of the motion to expand it to include Canvas and Quercus.

→ [Amendment to the Motion](#)

Moved: [David Han](#)

Seconded: [Mekayel Omier](#)

WHEREAS students often experience difficulties accessing ACORN during peak times, particularly during course enrolment periods;

BE IT RESOLVED that the UTMSU lobbies the University administration to improve ACORN's, [Quercus](#), and [Canvas](#)' accessibility and performance during periods of high volume.

VOTE - **PASSED** ▾

b) WI-FI CONNECTIVITY

Moved: Jordan MacLean ▾

Seconded: Saad Hussain ▾

Speaking in Favour

David Han

- In the Davis building, the worst connection trouble is near the RAWC, especially in the changing room, where phone calls cut off and messages fail to send. Sometimes my phone even shows the SOS signal. While not a major issue, it would be helpful to maintain phone connectivity in that area.

WHEREAS Wi-Fi connectivity on campus, particularly in the William G. Davis Building, often experiences disruptions;

BE IT RESOLVED that the UTMSU lobby the University administration to implement solutions that improve Wi-Fi reliability across campus.

VOTE - PASSED ▾

c) ONLINE VOTING

Moved: Maryam Zeeshan ▾

Seconded: Mekayel Omier ▾

→ Amendment to the Motion

Moved: Se Chan (Andrew) Park

Seconded: Jordan MacLean

<p>Motivation for Amendment</p> <hr/> <p>Se Chan (Andrew) Park</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In-person voting encourages candidates to engage directly with students, increasing voter turnout and ensuring students know who they are voting for. Simply Voting online by email does not achieve this, as evidenced by past elections, like campus council, where candidates were elected with less than 100 votes out of 18,000 students. A hybrid model, like the one used during COVID-19 with online polling stations via Zoom, balances accessibility, privacy, and engagement. • The addition of the word 'investigate' is done because this change would have to be done through bylaw changes, which requires the AGM. This wording would allow to explore different and more suitable options • The second clause is struck out because it is already understood that any election referendum would require amendments to the election procedure code, making the clause redundant. • The third clause is struck out because returning officers are already responsible for ensuring election integrity, accessibility, and proper operation, regardless of the voting platform, so this clause is also unnecessary.
<p>Speaking in favour of Amendment</p> <hr/> <p>Manaal Fatima</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seeing candidates on the floor allows students to interact with them directly, ask questions, and assess their dedication and transparency, which is not possible through online-only engagement. Removing this opportunity is unfair to students, as in-person presence shows who is actively engaging with the student body. Online voting also raises security concerns, including the potential for impersonation and peer pressure in private group chats. These issues are more visible and accountable in an in-person setting.

AMENDMENT - PASSED ▾

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Speaking in
 favour of the
 motion

Miatah McCallum

- There was a recent instance where a candidate was initially unaware they could appoint a scrutineer, which later proved necessary and resulted in a recount. This highlights why candidates' ability to have scrutineers present, alongside the DRO and CRO, is essential for oversight. In an online-only voting model, this level of in-space monitoring and accountability would not exist, making it more difficult to question or verify results.

BE IT RESOLVED that the UTMSU ~~adopt online~~ **investigate a voting model as the standard for all elections and referenda. through the SimplyVoting platform.**

~~BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, if adopted, the Elections and Referenda Committee review and amend the Elections Procedure Code to reflect this change accordingly.~~

~~BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Returning Officer (CRO) be responsible for ensuring the technical integrity, accessibility, and operation of the SimplyVoting platform for each election cycle.~~

VOTE - PASSED ▾

9. FROST WEEK

Moved: Miatah McCallum ▾

Seconded: Manaal Fatima ▾

WHEREAS the funds are needed for expenses such as renting casino-style machines, setup, and giveaways,

BE IT RESOLVED that \$6,000 be allocated for Frost Week from the budget line 8.40 - Student Life Commission.

VOTE - PASSED ▾

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10. OTHER BUSINESS

11. ADJOURNMENT

Moved: Saad Hussain ▾

Seconded: Maryam Zeeshan ▾

BE IT RESOLVED that the meeting be adjourned at 1:01 PM.

VOTE - PASSED ▾



Se Chan (Andrew) Park
President of the UTMSU
Validated on January 9, 2026