



- 17:45** - registration opens: pizza will be served until it is finished
18:10 - orientation for new Council Representatives
18:25 - meeting will come to order in **Banting Institute room 131** (100 College St., 200 metres EAST of Queen's Park subway station) For accessibility entrance, please go around EAST side of building to the back, up the ramp, through the elevator, and turn left.

University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union Board of Directors (General Council) Meeting Agenda 27 September 2016

**Documentation included with agenda*

Introduction for new General Council Representatives* (18:10 to 18:20)

1. Meeting Comes to Order (18:20)
 - a. Equity Statement
 - b. Adoption of Agendaⁱ
 - c. Chair Nominating Committeeⁱⁱ
 - d. Introductions: Secretary, Executive, and staff
 - e. Roll Call: guests, proxies, and all non-voting members
 - f. Approval of Minutes* and Roll Call* - 19 July 2016ⁱⁱⁱ
 - g. Toronto Sustainable Food Co-op (Harvest Noon) Report*
 - h. Unfinished Business

2. Reports
 - a. Executive Priorities and Reports*
 - b. Course Unions
 - c. Standing Committees, Ad-hoc Committees, and Caucuses
 - d. Governing Council, Graduate Education Council, CUPE 3902, and USW 1998
 - e. CFS Meeting Highlights
 - f. Motion to receive reports^{iv}

3. Financial Business
 - a. Summer Spending^y
 - b. Casual Staff Stipend^{vi}
 - c. Staff Supervisor Honorarium^{vii}
 - d. Donations (through Finance Committee)^{viii}
 - e. Decolonizing Conference UTGSU Contribution^{ix}
 - f. Bursary Update
4. Board of Appeal Appointments^x *
 - a. Chairperson
 - b. Vice Chairperson
5. Executive Elections^{xi}
 - a. Internal Commissioner
 - b. Finance and University Governance Commissioner
 - c. Academics and Funding, Divisions 1 and 2 Commissioner
6. Notice of October Council Elections and Appointments
 - a. Executive-at-Large (Six-month Position) Elections^{xii} *
 - b. Chief Returning Officer Hiring Committee^{xiii}
7. Council Ad-hoc Committee Reports, Renewals and Recruitment^{xiv}
 - a. Boycott, Divestment & Sanctions*
 - b. Defence Committee (Callaghan)
 - c. Litigation Committee (CFS) *
8. Standing Committees of General Council
 - a. Notice of Motion to Legislative Program^{xv}
 - b. Standing Committee Members^{xvi}
 - i. Civics Committee
 - ii. Equity & Advocacy Committee
 - iii. Environmental, Justice & Sustainability Committee
 - iv. Research, Education & Governance Committee
 - v. Policy & Operations
 - c. Finance Committee
 - i. Vice Chair^{xvii}
 - ii. Finance Committee, Division 3 (Physical Sciences)^{xviii}
 - d. Promotion of Grad Minds (Mental Health Committee)
9. Caucus Chair Vacancies
10. Any Other Business
11. Next Meeting - **Wednesday**, 26 October at 18:10 in OISE, room 2212

12. Adjournment^{xix} - please join us in the **GSU Pub**. The UTGSU will provide soft drinks and snacks, alcoholic beverages are available for purchase.

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- If you require family care subsidies, please contact financeadmin@utgsu.ca.
 - If you have accessibility needs, contact executiveassistant@utgsu.ca.
 - For an escort after the meeting call Walksafer at 416-978-7233.
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ⁱ 1b. **Draft Motion:** BIRT (Be it resolved that) the General Council of the Union / Board of Directors adopts the agenda (as presented or as amended).

ii.1c . **Bylaw 4.5**

4.5.1 Should the Chair leave office for any reason, General Council shall choose a replacement.

4.5.2 In the absence of the Chair at a given meeting, the Internal Commissioner shall take the Chair's duties.

Draft Motion: BIRT (three names and departments) be (appointed or elected) as the 2016 - 2017 Chair Nominating Committee.

Notice of Motion; BIRT (name and department) be endorsed as the UTGSU General Council Chairperson for the 2016 - 2017 academic year during the April Council meeting.

ⁱⁱⁱ 1f. **Draft Motion:** BIRT the General Council / Board of Directors of the Union approves the 19 July 2016 minutes and roll call (as presented or as amended).

^{iv} 2f. **Draft Motion:** BIRT the General Council of the Union / Board of Directors receives all reports.

^v 3a. **Policy O1.10 Summer Spending Authority;** Summer Spending Authority shall be maintained to finance unforeseen and unbudgeted expenditures up to \$10,000, which are necessary between 01 May and 15 September. Any expenditure must be approved by a 2/3-majority vote of the Executive and must be reported to the next General Council Meeting.

^{vi} 3b. **Executive Motion:** Whereas the Union has a history of supporting fair working condition for all staff including casual staff;
Whereas the Union recognizes that a \$15 minimum wage is a central part of lifting workers out of poverty; and
Whereas the Union officially endorses the \$15 and Fairness Campaign;
BIRT the Board of Directors increases UTGSU casual staff minimum wage from \$12 per hour to \$15 per hour.

^{vii} 3c. **Executive Motion:** Whereas the Staff Supervisor must currently wait 4 months* for their honorarium to be issued;
BIRT the UTGSU General Council / Board of Directors endorses a staff Supervisor Honorarium be issued monthly instead of quarterly.

^{viii} 3d. For any donations that are endorsed by Council, the motion should read:

Draft Motion: BIRT the UTGSU General Council of the Union endorses (amount) to go to (name of event and organization) and to be taken from (budget line).

^{ix} 3e. **Draft Motion:** . Whereas the Executive has prioritized funding, accessibility, and community, as the focus for the 2016-2017 academic year;
Whereas the Union has the responsibility of supporting community engagement efforts on campus that enhance the graduate student experience; and
Whereas the "Decolonizing Conference" centers anti-racism, Indigeneity, and decolonization and brings together international and local scholars/educators, activists, and artists in a critical learning environment;

BIRT the UTGSU General Council allows the Executive Committee to contribute \$2000 to the Decolonizing Conference from the community engagement budget.

- ^x 4. **Draft Motion:** For each member of the Board of Appeal, the motion should read as follows:
BIRT (Name and Department) is elected/appointed as UTGSU Board of Appeal (Chair or Vice-Chair) starting immediately and ending on 31 August 2017; and
BIFRT all ballots be destroyed.
- ^{xi} 5. **Draft Motion;** for each of the Executive Committee positions filled, the motion should read as follows:
BIRT (Name and Department) is elected/appointed as UTGSU (Executive Position) starting immediately and ending on 30 April 2017; and BIFRT all ballots be destroyed.
- ^{xii} 6a. **Notice of Motion for October:** BIRT (name & department) is elected/appointed as UTGSU Executive-at-Large for approximately seven (7) months starting immediately after this meeting and ending on the day after the Executive Visioning meeting in late May as per Bylaw 7.3.2; BIFRT all ballots be destroyed.
- ^{xiii} 6b. **Bylaw 8, Article 2.2:** This committee shall consist of one (1) former member of the Elections Committee, one (1) Executive Officer, and one (1) other representative from the Council.
Notice of Motion for October: BIRT the General Council of the Union / Board of Directors appoints (name & department), (name & Executive position), and (name & department) to the Chief Returning Officer Hiring Committee.
- ^{xiv} 7. **Bylaw 6.5: Ad hoc Committees**
- 6.5.1 General Council may form *ad hoc* committees at any time, as they deem necessary, via a simple majority vote. These committees shall exist throughout the term of General Council, but, if an *ad hoc* committee's work continues beyond the current term of General Council, it must be reconstituted by the next General Council as described in the initial and any subsequent motions.
- 6.5.2 *Ad hoc* committees shall be given a clear mandate from General Council through the motion that created that committee and will be restricted to that mandate, unless otherwise amended by General Council, which shall also have the right to expand or restrict membership of said *ad hoc* committee.
- 6.5.3 Unless General Council specifically determines otherwise, following the acceptance of the final report of the *ad hoc* committee by General Council, the committee shall be deemed to have automatically dissolved.
- Draft Motion:** BIRT the General Council / Board of Directors of the Union renews (name of General Council *Ad-hoc* Committee) either for the 2016 – 2017 academic year or until a final report is submitted (whichever option occurs first).
- ^{xv} 8a. **Notice of Motion for October:** BIRT the General Council of the Union adopts the Legislative Program as presented for the 2016 - 2017 academic year.
- ^{xvi} 8b. Standing Committees of General Council make recommendations to General Council regarding specified issues, as detailed under **Policy G4: Standing Committees**. For each of the following Standing Committees, a vice-chair and two members will be appointed or elected.
- Draft Motion:** BIRT the General Council of the Union endorses those named below to the corresponding Standing Committee from 28 September 2016 to 31 August 2017.
Civics Committee: Vice-chair: (for each position list name & department)
Member:
Member
Equity & Advocacy Committee: Vice-chair:
Member:

Member:
Environmental, Justice & Sustainability Committee: Vice-chair:
Member:
Member:
Research, Education & Governance Committee: Vice-chair:
Member:
Member:
Policy and Operations Committee: Vice-chair:
Member:
Member:

^{xvii} 8ci. **Executive Motion:** BIRT the General Council / Board of Directors of the Union appoints (name & department) as the vice-chair of the Finance Committee for the 2016 – 2017 academic year.

^{xviii} 8cii **Draft Notice:** BIRT (Name and Department) is appointed as Division 3 Representative to the UTGSU Finance Committee starting immediately and ending on 30 April 2017

^{xix} 12. **Draft Motion:** BIRT the General Council meeting be adjourned at (time).