



17:45 – registration opens: pizza will be served until it is finished

18:10 - meeting will come to order in **Wilson Hall, New College, room 1016 (40 Willcocks St.)**

University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union
Board of Directors (General Council) Meeting Agenda
28 February 2017

*Documentation included with agenda

1. Meeting Comes to Order

- a. Equity Statement
- b. Adoption of Agendaⁱ
- c. Roll Call: guests, proxies, and all non-voting members
- d. Approval of Minutes* and Roll Call* – 31 January 2017ⁱⁱ
- e. Sexual Education Centre*
- f. Unfinished Business

2. Reports

- a. Executive* and Staff Reports
- b. Course Unions
- c. Standing Committees, Ad-hoc Committees, and Caucuses
- d. Governing Council, Graduate Education Council, CUPE 3902, and USW 1998
- e. Motion to Receive Reportsⁱⁱⁱ

3. Financial Business

- a. Donations^{iv}
- b. Finance Governing Policy Amendments^v *
- c. Finance Operations Policy Amendments^{vi} *

4. Elections and Referenda Update

- a. Election and Referenda Code Presentation

5. Create a Caucus Governance Review Working Group^{vii}
6. Strike a UTGSU Indigenous Caucus^{viii} *
7. Any Other Business
8. Next Meeting – Tuesday, 28 March in Wilson Hall, New College, room 1016
9. Adjournment^{ix} - please join us for the Council Social. The UTGSU will provide free soft drinks and snacks and one alcoholic beverage is available with ticket.

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- If you require family care subsidies please contact financeadmin@utgsu.ca.
 - If you require accessibility accommodations please contact executiveassistant@utgsu.ca.
 - For an escort after the meeting call WalkSmart 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 1d. **Draft Motion:** BIRT the General Council / Board of Directors of the Union approves the 31 January 2017 minutes and roll call (as presented or as amended).
 - ⁱⁱⁱ 2e. **Draft Motion:** BIRT the UTGSU General Council of the Union / Board of Directors receives all reports.
 - ^{iv} 3a. For any donations 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 the (name budget item) budget line.
 - ^v 3b. All Governing Policy amendments require a 2/3 vote of Council.
Draft Motion: BIRT the Board of Directors of the Union adopts all amendments to Policy G.4.7 Finance Committee as presented; and
BIFRT the Board of Directors of the Union revokes all previous policies and positions of the Union that may conflict with the following policies.
 - ^{vi} 3c. All Operations Policy amendments require a simple-majority vote of Council.
Draft Motion: BIRT the Board of Directors of the Union adopts all amendments to Policy O1: Finances as presented; and
BIFRT the Board of Directors of the Union revokes all previous policies and positions of the Union that may conflict with the following policies.
Draft Motion: BIRT the Board of Directors of the Union adopts all amendments to Policy O5: Donations, as presented; and
BIFRT the Board of Directors of the Union revokes all previous policies and positions of the Union that may conflict with the following policies.
 - ^{vii} 5. **Draft Motion:** MOTION to strike a Caucus Governance Review Working Group
Whereas the purview of UTGSU caucuses and (standing) committees which are not directly led by Commissioners includes necessary, and at times challenging, equity work,
Whereas the core membership of the above bodies is comprised of UTGSU members,

Whereas their projects can greatly benefit from the direct involvement of as well as benefit the larger UTGSU community in important ways,
BIRT

A working group composed of current caucus-level members prepare a report to the attention of UTGSU Council, with recommendations about closer collaboration with the UTGSU leadership, including but not limited to:

- Facilitation of up-to-date online presence on the UTGSU website
- Promotion of activities through the UTGSU Digest and other UTGSU communication and info dissemination venues
- Detailed review of the current UTGSU caucus-type structures
- Streamlining the budgeting/planning of events and activities
- Periodic reports to UTGSU Council in support of the above

BIFRT the following people be appointed as Working Group members:

Amended Motion (by submitter Lynne Alexandrova) Draft Version: WHEREAS those UTGSU Caucuses and Committees that are not directly led by Executive Officers are tasked with necessary, and at times challenging equity work;

WHEREAS the core membership of the above bodies is comprised of UTGSU members, and is thereby within the proper range of UTGSU governance;

WHEREAS increased involvement of UTGSU members in the work of the above bodies will benefit the membership at large and enhance intermediate governance structures as well as the equity profile of the Union as a whole;

BIRT a working group composed of general members, including chairs or members of these bodies, be struck;

BIFRT this working group prepare a Report to the attention of the UTGSU General Council/Board of Directors, with recommendations about closer collaboration with the UTGSU leadership, including but not limited to:

- Updating the presence of these bodies on the UTGSU website, Digest promotions, and similar (in collaboration with the Communications & Promotions Staff Person of the UTGSU)
- Proposing upgrades of existing structures
- Proposing upgrades of currently organized events and activities
- Presenting periodic reports to the UTGSU General Council in support of the above

BIFRT this working group be open to all UTGSU members and that its work be taken into account in POC work on UTGSU restructuring (e.g., per ONCA).

viii 6. **Draft Motion:** MOTION to strike UTGSU Indigenous Caucus

Whereas equity work within UTGSU concerning Indigenous peoples in Canada is paramount in view of the UTGSU Equity Statement, which opens proceedings at each and every sitting of UTGSU Council,

Whereas UTGSU General Council has taken steps in support of urgent Indigenous causes and has passed a motion for Indigenous/non-Indigenous collaboration,

Whereas a metropolitan city such as Toronto, and the composition of the UTGSU membership comprise multiple indigeneities from around the globe,

Whereas the above in combination create rich possibilities and call for UTGSU leadership for the purpose of mutually beneficial collaborations, agreement and peace on a local, as well as national and even international scale

BIRT

UTGSU Council strike a caucus, named "Indigenous Caucus Unlimited (ICU)", with the above mandate to be listed

1. in the UTGSU By-Law under Article 6, section 6.2.6 and in compliance with Article 6, sections 6.3, 6.4, 6.6, and 6.7
2. in the UTGSU Policy under Article G5 "Caucuses" and in compliance with Article G5, section G5.7 Indigenous Caucus Unlimited (ICU)

Proposal for a new Policy section G5. 7.1 for the Indigenous Caucus unLtd.

Added text to Policy template for Caucuses in all caps:

G5.7: Indigenous Caucus unLtd (ICU)

G5.7.1 The **Indigenous Caucus unLtd** shall act as the body that coordinates efforts centered around the interests and concerns of graduate students WORKING TO PROMOTE AND ENACT NETWORKED INDIGENEITIES NATIONALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY. ~~Meetings~~ ACTIVITIES will focus on issues relevant the caucus' membership.

G5.7.1.1 ~~Meetings~~ ACTIVITIES will include social interaction, networking, ~~and~~ discussion, LOBBYING, and EVENT ORGANIZING around ~~member~~ CAUCUS issues, including potential changes that members would like to see in programming and governance at the **UTGSU**, university, city, provincial, NATIONAL and INTERnational levels.

G5.7.1.2 This Caucus shall also PERIODICALLY REPORT TO COUNCIL AND SHALL be empowered to make recommendations to Council on ~~these~~ matters PER GS.7.1.1, INCLUDING AS REGARDS DONATIONS, AWARENESS BUILDING, OR BROADER ACTIVISM.

G5.7.2 The Caucus shall, at A minimum, be open to ALL graduate students of the Union as its constituent members, AND WILL ACCEPT NONVOTING REPRESENATION BY UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS, GRADUATE STUDENTS FROM OTHER UNIVERSITIES, AND THE PUBLIC.

G5.7.2.1 The Caucus may reserve the right to restrict attendance at their meetings or events to any other member of the Union OR EXTERNAL TO THE UNION, as decided by the will of the constituent members of the Caucus.

G5.7.3 Meetings of the Caucus shall be held; at least; once during each month FROM SEPTEMBER TO APRIL AND LESS OFTEN, IF AT ALL, DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS.

Amended Motion (by submitter Lynne Alexandrova) Draft Version: WHEREAS equity work within the UTGSU concerning Indigenous peoples in Canada is paramount in view of the UTGSU Equity Statement;

WHEREAS UTGSU General Council has taken steps in support of urgent Indigenous causes, has passed a motion for Indigenous/non-Indigenous collaboration, and a direct UTGSU response to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's (TRC, 2015) calls to action is pending;

WHEREAS a metropolitan city such as Toronto, and the composition of the UTGSU Membership, comprise multiple indigeneities from around the globe;

WHEREAS the above in combination create rich possibilities and call for UTGSU leadership aimed at mutually beneficial collaborations, agreement and peace on a local, as well as national and even world-wide scale;

BIRT UTGSU General Council/Board of Directors adopt By-Law 6.2.X and Policy G5.X

Bylaw:

6.2 Caucuses

The following shall be Caucuses of the Union:

6.2.X Indigenous Caucus unLtd

Proposal for a new Policy section G5. 7.1 for the Indigenous Caucus unLtd., following the UTGSU Policy template for Caucuses:

G5.X: Indigenous Caucus unLtd (ICU)

G5.X.X the **Indigenous Caucus unLtd** shall act as the body that coordinates efforts centered around the interests and concerns of graduate students working to promote and enact networked indigeneities nationally and internationally. Activities will focus on issues relevant the caucus membership.

G5.X.X Activities will include social interaction, networking, discussion, lobbying, and event organizing around caucus issues, including potential changes that members would like to see in programming and governance at the university, city, provincial, national, and international levels.

G5.X.X.X This Caucus shall also periodically report to council and shall be empowered to make recommendations to Council on matters including donations, awareness building, or broader activism.

G5.X.X The Caucus shall, at a minimum, be open to all graduate students of the Union as its constituent members, and will encourage collaborations with the wider community

G5.X.X.X The Caucus may reserve the right to restrict attendance at their meetings or events to any other member of the Union or external to the Union, as decided by the will of the constituent members of the Caucus.

G5.X.X Meetings of the Caucus shall be held₇ at least₇ once during each month from September to April and less often₂ if at all, during the summer months.

^{ix}10. **Draft Motion:** BIRT the General Council meeting be adjourned at (time).