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MINUTES

**University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union
Board of Directors (General Council) Meeting
Koffler House, RM 108
July 19, 2016**

Minutes of the University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union Board of Directors (General Council) Meeting held on July 19, 2016 in Koffler House, RM 108, 569 Spadina Crescent, Toronto, ON M5S 2J7

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Staff: Gail Fernando (Staff - Resource Coordinator/Fieldworker), Meryam Al-Waadh (Council Chair), Nusrat Huq (Staff - Finance Administrator), Wendy Quon (Council Secretary)

1. Welcome/Call to Order 6:10 PM

The Council Chair called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. and welcomed all present.

a. Equity Statement

The Council Chair reads out the *Anti-Oppression Policy Equity Statement* to establish and promote inclusivity in the meeting space. Any individual that would violate the policies and rules of the equity statement during the meeting will be asked to leave. Everyone present at the meeting agrees to the policies and rules of the equity statement.

b. Adoption of Agenda

It was moved by Elizabeth Eng (Interim Internal Commissioner), and
CARRIED,

That item "Defense Committee Vacancies from floor" is added under Any Other Business (MOTION E-01-16).

It was moved by Cristina Jaimungal (External Commissioner), and
CARRIED,

That item "Decolonizing Conference" is added under Any Other Business (MOTION E-02-16).

It was moved by Ramona Reece (Environmental Studies) to adopt the agenda, and seconded by Philip Baiden (Social Work), and
CARRIED,

That the Agenda for the July 19, 2016 University of Toronto Graduate Student Unions' Meeting be approved as amended (MOTION B-81-16).

c. Roll Call: guests, proxies, and all non-voting members

- Nicholas Field, Religious Studies
- Sarah Wheeler, Physiology
- Conor Zeer-Wanklyn, Chemistry

- Kamil Krawczyk, Chemistry

It was moved by Andrea Constantino (Academics 3 & 4 Commissioner), and seconded by Christina Mitas (Graduate Education Council Member), and
CARRIED,

That the General Council of the Union / Board of Directors extends speaking rights to guests (MOTION B-82-16).

d. Approval of Minutes* and Roll Call* – 26 April 2016

It was moved by Philip Lloyd (OISE), and seconded by Christina Mitas (Graduate Education Council Member), and
CARRIED,

That “Philip Lloyd” should be in replacement for “Shawna Carroll” in page 5 of the 26 April 2016 meeting minutes (MOTION B-83-16).

It was moved by Conor Zeer-Wanklyn (Chemistry), and seconded by Remi Daviet (Economics), and
CARRIED,

That the General Council / Board of Directors of the Union approves the 26 April 2016 minutes and roll call as corrected (MOTION B-84-16).

e. Unfinished Business

No unfinished business to be reported at this time.

2. Reports

a. Course Unions

There were no Course Union reports presented at this time.

b. Executive and Staff

Andrea Constantino (Academics and Funding, Division 3 and 4) presented her report. She discussed her priorities on removing summer fees for the graduate student gym membership, and fundraising for improving accessibility on campus starting September 2016. She intends on doing a presentation sometime in September 2016 to further discuss strategies in meeting these priorities. Questions were asked and answered.

c. Standing Committees, Ad-hoc Committees and Caucuses

There were no Standing Committees, Ad-hoc Committees and Caucuses reports presented at this time.

d. Governing Council, Graduate Education Council, and CUPE

There were no reports presented before the General Council at this time.

e. CFS Meeting Highlights

Cristina Jaimungal (External Commissioner) presented her report. The University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union is a member of the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) movement. She provided a brief overview of past activities from a couple of months. There will be a campaign to fight the fees on September 2, 2016. Members from all across of Canada are encouraged to participate.

f. Motion to Accept Reports

It was moved by Christina Mitas (Graduate Education Council Member), and seconded by Philip Lloyd (OISE), and
CARRIED,

That (BIRT) the General Council of the Union / Board of Directors receives all reports (MOTION B-85-16).

3. Board of Appeal Appointments

Elizabeth Eng (Interim Internal Commissioner) has presented a draft motion before the General Council, but after much discussion, it was agreed to dismiss the draft.

4. Executive Vacancies

a. Internal and Finance & University Governance Commissioners

It was moved by Andrea Constantino (Academics and Funding, Division 3 and 4), and seconded by Cristina Jaimungal (External Commissioner), and
CARRIED,

That [BIRT] Elizabeth Eng (Executive-At-Large 1) is appointed as UTGSU Interim Internal Commissioner starting immediately and ending on 30 April 2017; and

That [BIFRT] all ballots be destroyed (MOTION B-86-16).

It was moved by Brienne Berry Crossfield (Interim Finance & Governance Commissioner), and seconded by Ja Hyun Kim (Physiology), and
CARRIED,

That the words “and ending on 30 April 2017” be struck and replaced with “until further notice”, and the words “starting immediately” be struck and replaced with “Starting on July 1, 2016”, which will read as (MOTION B-87-16):

**“That [BIRT] Elizabeth Eng (Executive-At-Large 1) is appointed as UTGSU Interim Internal Commissioner starting July 1, 2016 until further notice;
 and**

That [BIFRT] all ballots be destroyed”

Recorded Vote:

Result	For: 30	Against: 7	Absent: 122	Abstain: 3 ¹
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A vote was taken on the main motion, as amended, and it was **CARRIED**,

That [BIRT] Elizabeth Eng (Executive-At-Large 1) is appointed as UTGSU Interim Internal Commissioner starting July 1, 2016 until further notice; and

That [BIFRT] all ballots be destroyed (MOTION B-86-16).

It was moved by Lynne Alexandrova (OISE), and seconded by Chelsea Misquith (Information – Masters), and **CARRIED**,

That [BIRT] Brianne Berry Crossfield (Academics 1 & 2 Commissioner) is appointed as UTGSU Funding and University Governance starting immediately and ending on 30 April 2017 (MOTION B-88-16).

It was moved by Suzanne Narain (Civics and Environment Commissioner), and seconded by Lynne Alexandrova (OISE), and **CARRIED**,

That the words “starting immediately” be replaced with “to start July 1, 2016”, which will read as:

“That [BIRT] Brianne Berry Crossfield (Academics 1 & 2 Commissioner) is appointed as UTGSU Funding and University Governance to start July 1, 2016 and ending on 30 April 2017” (MOTION B-89-16).

It was moved by Philip Lloyd (OISE), and seconded by Remi Daviet (Economics), and **CARRIED**,

That the words “and ending on 30 April 2017” be replaced with “until further notice”, which will read as:

“That [BIRT] Brianne Berry Crossfield (Academics 1 & 2 Commissioner) is appointed as UTGSU Funding and University Governance to start July 1, 2016 until further notice” (MOTION B-90-16)

Recorded Vote:

¹ Elizabeth Eng would like to note her abstention on record.

Result	For: 18	Against: 15	Absent: 122	Abstain: 6
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A vote was taken on the main motion, as amended, and it was **CARRIED**,

That [BIRT] Brianne Berry Crossfield (Academics 1 & 2 Commissioner) is appointed as UTGSU Funding and University Governance to start July 1, 2016 until further notice (MOTION B-88-16).

It was moved by Philip Lloyd (OISE), and seconded by Chelsea Misquith (Information – Masters), and **CARRIED**,

That [BIRT] the Internal Commissioner, and Funding and University Governance Commissioner positions are filled through an election at the September 2016 Council meeting; open to general membership to run (MOTION B-91-16).

It was moved by Andrea Constantino (Academics and Funding, Division 3 and 4), and **CARRIED**,

That the words, “and Academics 1 & 2” be added between the word, “Commissioner” and “positions”, which will be read as:

“That [BIRT] the Internal Commissioner, and Funding and University Governance Commissioner and Academics 1 & 2 positions are filled through an election at the September 2016 Council meeting; open to general membership to run” (MOTION B-92-16)

A vote was taken on the main motion, as amended, and it was **CARRIED**,

That [BIRT] the Internal Commissioner, and Funding and University Governance Commissioner and Academics 1 & 2 positions are filled through an election at the September 2016 Council meeting; open to general membership to run (MOTION B-91-16).

b. Executive-At-Large 1 Election

It was moved by Andrea Constantino (Academics and Funding, Division 3 and 4), and seconded by Philip Lloyd (OISE), and **CARRIED**,

That [BIRT] Sarah Wheeler, Physiology is elected as UTGSU Executive-at-Large starting immediately and ending on 30 April 2017 (MOTION B-93-16).

It was moved by Suzanne Narain (Civics and Environment Commissioner), and **CARRIED**,

That the words “and ending on 30 April 2017” be replaced with “until further notice” to be amended and read as:

“That [BIRT] Sarah Wheeler, Physiology is elected as UTGSU Executive-at-Large starting immediately until further notice” (MOTION B-94-16).

It was unanimously agreed on the main motion, as amended, and it was **CARRIED,**

That [BIRT] Sarah Wheeler, Physiology is elected as UTGSU Executive-at-Large starting immediately until further notice” (MOTION B-93-16)

c. Notice of motion for Academics & Funding 1 & 2 Commissioner Election Notice of Motion:

BIRT (Name and Department) is elected/appointed as UTGSU Academics and Funding 1 and 2 Commissioner starting immediately after the September Council meeting on 27 September and ending on 31 April 2017;

It was moved by Elizabeth Eng (Interim Internal Commissioner), and seconded by Christina Mitas (Graduate Education Council Member), and **CARRIED,**

That the above notice of motion is amended to: “BIRT (Name and Department) is elected/appointed as UTGSU Academics and Funding 1 and 2 Commissioner and Executive-at-Large positions be filled through an election at the September Council meeting on 27 September; open to general membership to run” (MOTION B-95-16)

5. Conference Bursary Update

Brienne Berry Crossfield (Interim Finance & Governance Commissioner) presented her report. The Interim Finance & Governance Commissioner clarified some confusion with regards to the terms of conference bursary. The Interim Finance & Governance Commissioner presented her financial report of having spent under \$15,000.00 in disbursements. Questions were asked and answered.

6. Any Other Business

a. Defense Committee Vacancies from floor

Elizabeth Eng (Interim Internal Commissioner) presented her report. She calls for any general member that would like to join the Defence Committee.

It was moved by Elizabeth Eng (Interim Internal Commissioner), and seconded by Christina Mitas (Graduate Education Council Member), and **CARRIED,**

That Ioana Arbone (Public Health) is appointed as a member to the Defence Committee (MOTION B-96i-16).

b. Decolonizing Conference

Cristina Jaimungal presented her report. There will be a pre-conference held from November 2 to 5, 2016. The conference will be partnering with the community that is essential to building bridges between academia and communities. The conference will prioritize in ensuring locations are accessible.

A draft notice of motion is presented before the general council, as follows:

WHEREAS the Union has the responsibility of supporting community engagement efforts on campus that enhance the graduate student experience

WHEREAS the Executive has prioritized funding, accessibility, and community, as the focus of 2016-2017 academic year

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 Executive contribute _____ to the Decolonizing Conference.

(QUORUM HAS BEEN LOST).

7. Adjournment

It was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

8. Next Meeting

- Tuesday, September 27, 2016

Signed: Council Chair, Meryam Al-Waadh

Signed: Council Secretary, Wendy Quon

Dated: