



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

1. Meeting Comes to Order at 6:22 p.m.

Chair (Elizabeth Eng, Internal Commissioner) explains that she is chairing this meeting as per Bylaw 4.5.2

a. Equity Statement

b. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION B-97-16: BIRT the General Council of the Union / Board of Directors adopts the agenda as presented. Moved by Branden Rizzuto (Anthropology), seconded by Gwyndaf Garbutt (HAPSAT). MOTION B-97-16 CARRIES unanimously.

c. Chair Nominating Committee

- Committee interviews candidates for Chair and will present one member to council.
- Asking for 3 council representatives to sit on this committee.
- Question (Tian Renton): How many hours of work would it require?
- Answer (Chair): No more than 2 hours

MOTION B-98-16: BIRT that Tian Renton (Rehabilitation Sciences), Paul Nelson (Sociology), Jackie Koyame (Psychology) and Sarah Wheeler (Executive-At-Large) be appointed as the 2016 - 2017 Chair Nominating Committee. Moved by Conon Zeer-Wanklyn (Chemistry), seconded by Chelsea Misquith (Information - Masters). MOTION B-98-16 CARRIES Unanimously.

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.

d. Introductions: Secretary, Executive and staff

- Chair introduces Secretary.
- At Chair's request, Executives (Cristina Jaimungal, Brie Berry-Crossfield, Sarah Wheeler and Elizabeth Eng) and staff (Heidi Krieger, Gail Fernando, Bmjk Brennus and the Financial Coordinator) introduce themselves.

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

- Sarah Cooper (MGA)

- Anand Mohan (IGSA)
- Sushmita Prasad (IGSA)
- Rashmi Raghavan (IGSA)
- Thomas Cullen (Ecology & Evolutionary Biology)
- Vimal Kumar Chandran (IGSA)
- Ari Bluff (MGA)
- David Harary (Institute for Management and Innovation)
- Jessica Denyer (TSFC - Harvest Noon)
- Kyra Morris (Industrial Relations & Human Resources)
- Priyanka Chandran (UTIAS)
- Viknesh Malliga (UTIAS)
- Shehbaz Jaffer (ECE)
- John Enman-Beech (Law)
- Morios Mejdani (Biochemistry)
- Hojjat Salehinejad (Electrical & Computer Engineer)
- Paul Nelson (Sociology)
- Victoria Fischer (HAPSAT)
- Patrick Markee (Civil Engineering)
- Farah Badr (Chemistry proxy)

MOTION B-99-16: BIRT the General Council of the Union / Board of Directors extends speaking rights to guests. Moved by Jade Nauman (Drama), seconded by Robyn Tures (Sociology). MOTION B-99-16 CARRIES unanimously.

f. Approval of Minutes and Roll Call - 19 July 2016

MOTION B-100-16: BIRT the General Council / Board of Directors of the Union approves the 19 July 2016 minutes as presented. Moved by Narhari Timilshina (HPME), seconded by Jade Nauman (Drama). MOTION B-100-16 CARRIES unanimously.

Chair explains that the motions that occur in minutes cannot be changed. During the last meeting, there was a motion that was presented and that carried. Another motion was then presented to have the original motion amended. This was out of order. The original motion carried and because the second motion was out of order it is not binding. The chair asks if there are any questions. There were none.

g. Toronto Sustainable Food Co-op (Harvest Noon) Report* - Jessica Denyer

Jessica highlighted Harvest Noon's increased off-campus involvement, that they were able to stay open over the summer and that they launched two new initiatives, Cinema Politica and distro, a pay what you can literature area on a variety of topics. Also wanted to highlight the AGM. More information can be found in her report.

Jessica also drew attention to the fact that Harvest Noon's operations were negatively affected by the disruptions affecting the UTGSU Executives over the summer, namely through repair issues. As a result, Harvest Noon would like to hear more from the Building Management Subcommittees in the future.

h. Unfinished Business

None

2. Reports

a. Executive Priorities and Reports - Brienne Berry-Crossfield (Finance & University Governance Commissioner)

Highlighted that there are three broad priorities for executives this year: funding, accessibility and community. Executives will be writing monthly updates as things progress.

Funding:

- Eliminating graduate student summer fees at Hart House and the Athletics Centre
- Creating a funding process to ensure funded students are receiving their full stipend
- Creating bursary and funding opportunities for unfunded members

Accessibility

- Furthering engagement with and support for international graduate students
- Peer-to-peer mental health wellness program for graduate students
- Increasing mental health coverage, including our health benefits plan

Community

- Supporting safety of graduate students
- Contributing to the university's graduate policy on sexual violence
- Working to strengthen tri-campus relations by engaging with course unions at UTM and UTSC
- Supporting community initiatives both on and off campus through partnerships e.g. First Nations House

b. Course Unions

none

c. Standing Committees, Ad-hoc Committees, and Caucuses

none

d. Governing Council, Graduate Education Council, CUPE 3902, and USW 1998

none

e. CFS Meeting Highlights - Cristina Jaimungal (External Commissioner)

Cristina highlighted what she has learnt with the CFS over the past few months and how that is applicable here:

UTGSU is local 19 of CFS. The CFS is Canada's largest student movement, with a combined membership of a half a million student members, 300,000 of them in Ontario alone. This year, CFS students decided to participate in a National Day of Action (NDOA) on November 2, 2016. All of this is in the handbook that council received. The NDOA will include rallies and other types of student activism and organizing, such as the Fight the Fees campaign. The campaign is relevant to us because Grad students in Ontario are the highest income population for universities and pay 41% more than undergraduate students. If you want to get involved in this campaign, or any CFS activities, contact Cristina by email (internal@utgsu.ca).

DISCUSSION / QUESTIONS:

Question: If CFS and UTGSU are funded through ancillary fees that students pay, and the campaign is successful and students don't have to pay tuition or fees, how do they envision surviving and maintain membership?

Answer: In terms of visioning and attracting membership, that's what the coalition meetings are about. So if you want more information or to get involved you can join us at these meetings.

Question: The U of T Governing Council, despite objections, voted on a policy that limits student autonomy and allows for administration and faculty interference in student unions. How does the CFS support student autonomy and have other universities encountered similar issues?

Answer: This question relates to the Policy on Open, Accessible and Democratic Autonomous Student Organizations. More information about this policy can be found in the Executive reports. In regards to the CFS, it was brought up twice, both nationally and provincially. There is a lot of support from other locals who have had similar policies put in place. We do have support from CFS, as well as three other student societies on campus that are also working to come up with a response since the policy passed. As governance goes into motion over the next couple of weeks, Executives will be able to provide more information.

f. Motion to receive reports

MOTION B-101-16: BIRT the General Council of the Union / Board of Directors receives all reports. Moved by Lynne Alexandrova (OISE), seconded by Tarimobo Otobo Michal (Medical Science). MOTION B-101-16 CARRIES unanimously.

3. Financial Business - Brieanne Berry-Crossfield (Interim Finance and University Governance Commissioner)

a. Summer Spending

No summer spending to report.

b. Casual Staff Stipend

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;

MOTION E-02-16: BIRT the Board of Directors increases the UTGSU casual staff minimum wage from \$12 per hour to \$15 per hour. Moved by Narhari Timilshina (HPME), seconded by Dennis W. Lee (Music). MOTION E-02-16 CARRIES unanimously.

Brie explained that casual staff are grad students hired for very temporary work, such as poster or carpeting. They are currently paid \$12.00 an hour.

c. Staff Supervisor Honorarium

Brie: The role of the Staff Supervisor is to supervise the UTGSU's unionized staff and negotiate with the union. They also handle a lot of behind the scene work that doesn't get reported into the minutes. Highlighted that it's a quiet job that is also extremely necessary. Currently, they are getting paid quarterly. This motion would make their payments monthly.

Whereas the Staff Supervisor must currently wait 4 months* for their honorarium to be issued;

MOTION E-03-16: BIRT the UTGSU General Council / Board of Directors endorses a staff Supervisor Honorarium to be issued monthly instead of quarterly. Moved by Janelle Baptiste-Brady (OISE), seconded by Branden Rizzuto (Anthropology). MOTION E-03-16 CARRIES unanimously.

Question: Why is the change necessary?

Answer: Paying someone quarterly for work they do every single month doesn't show the value of what they do. This position takes up around 10 hours a week, so about 40 hours a month. Also, being paid monthly is preferable to being paid a lump sum at the end of four months.

Brie: Our staff supervisor has been working since May 1st, so this motion would allow us to pay them for the past 5 months.

MOTION E-04-16: BIRT the position of staff supervisor begin May 1st until April 30th of the following year. Moved by Dennis W. Lee (Music), seconded by Jackie Koyame (Psychology). MOTION E-04-16 CARRIES unanimously.

d. Donations (through Finance Committee)

Brie: The Finance Committee approved two donations over this past summer. Once for \$250 for the Harvesting Freedom Campaign and another for the anthropology colloquium lecture series.

e. Decolonizing Conference UTGSU Contribution - Cristina Jaimungal (External Commissioner)

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, decolonization and brings together international local scholars/educators, activists, and artists in a critical learning environment;

MOTION B-102-16: BIRT the UTGSU General Council allows the Executive Committee to contribute \$2000 to the Decolonizing Conference from the donations budget line. Moved by Charles Dalrymple-Fraser (Philosophy), seconded by Chelsea Misquith (Information - Masters).

Cristina: This conference commemorates the 20th anniversary of the Centre for Integrative Anti-Racism Studies in OISE. It takes place from Nov. 2 - 5, including a free conference that takes place at OISE and University College. They were chosen for accessibility. This conference is a collaboration of a number of organizations and departments, including U of T Equity studies, the Harriet Tubman Institute, OISE, OISE GSA, SJE, SJE Student Caucus, CUPE 3907.

The pre-conference provides an opportunity for undergrad and high school students from high priority neighbourhoods to engage in articulating the sociological dimensions of race, anti-racism and indigeneity. The main conference, from Nov 3 - 5, will consist of scholars, educators, activists and community organizers. The conference builds bridges between academia, the community, research and practice, and presents an invaluable contribution to OISE, U of T and the community at large.

DISCUSSION/QUESTIONS

Question: How much is it for students to attend the conference?

Answer: 25\$ for four days. Volunteers get in for free.

Question: Could you share the number of clicks on Facebook for the event?

Answer: We have been blown away by how many have been interested in the event. Posted it in in spring, and since then have had 885 people going, 877 shares, 2.6 k who have clicked interested. Reach has been 127,000 and counting.

Question: How did you arrive at \$2000 and why do you think this is good enough?

Answer: The number came from the GSA at OISE, who donated \$1000. Given that the GSU had room in the budget, we determined \$2000 was a reasonable amount. We also received a comprehensive sponsorship package from the event committee that outlined what their costs were and their efforts to keep costs low for students. We felt we could contribute to this and that it was in line with UTGSU's past donation efforts.

MOTION B-103-16: Amendment to increase the donation amount from \$2000 to \$4000. Moved by Lynne Alexandrova (OISE), seconded by Janelle Brady (OISE). MOTION B-103-16 DEFEATED (Obvious majority, 8 in favour). Abstention by Cristina Jaimungal (External Commissioner) noted.

Question/Discussion:

Speaking For: Lynne argued that given the size of the respective organizations and their budgets, the council should raise the amount. She also noted that the speakers are of international renown, with what she has heard are considerable fees.

Speaking Against: One member asked if there is a specific need to double the amount. Other members who spoke against the motion also argued that the reasons for the increase were too vague.

Speaking Against: A donation of this size would be 40% of the donation budget and that would reduce UTGSU's ability to donate to other causes in the future.

Speaking Against: The \$25.00 fee for a 4-day conference is accessible to most students and subsidizing it further wouldn't increase accessibility by much.

Speaking For: A member of the conference organizing committee explained that they had originally planned for a small conference of about 200 people. There are currently 1000 registrants attending from around the world, with many asking for financial aid to present. There were 4 times the number of abstracts submitted, and all of them have been accepted.

It was noted that even for small events, a budget must be submitted. It was asked if a budget had been submitted and sent out for this event. An executive responded that a budget was received, but because Council didn't specifically request a budget, it wasn't sent out, but it could be.

Question: How much of \$10,000 budget for donations is used every year?

Answer: Every year the full budget is used.

Speaking Against: We should work with the budget that was submitted, and if the event expanded it is up to the event organizers to cap the event to manage the budget.

MOTION B-104-16: Amendment to change the wording of the motion from community engagement budget line to donations budget line. Moved by Cristina Jaimungal (External Commissioner), seconded by Philip Spencer (Economics). MOTION B-104-16 CARRIES unanimously.

Point of Information: Does moving from community engagement to donation mean moving from a lower bracket to a higher bracket?

Answer: Community Engagement is a budget line for the Executive Committee, covering event related costs. It's a very small, in-house budget line and doesn't contain enough to cover the donation. The donation budget line is specifically for this type of action.

MOTION B-102-16: BIRT the UTGSU General Council allows the Executive Committee to contribute \$2000 to the Decolonizing Conference from the ~~community engagement~~ donations budget line. Moved by Charles Dalrymple-Fraser (Philosophy), seconded by Chelsea Misquith (Information - Masters). MOTION B-102-16 AS AMENDED CARRIES unanimously.

f. Bursary Update - Branden Rizzuto (Anthropology)

Branden gave a PPT presentation, which has been attached to the minutes and includes all relevant information.

Question: The lottery system was pure random selection?

Answer: Yes, it was completely random regardless of any information provided on the application.

4. Board of Appeal Appointments

Candidates:

John Emman-Beech, (Law): Highlighted that he is a lawyer, though he is currently pursuing a doctorate in law and not practicing. He has experience in advocacy, including university tribunals. While he has no experience with UTGSU, he hopes this will allow him to bring some degree of impartiality to the position.

Heidi Krieger (staff) put forth Elizabeth Palatics (Near and Middle Eastern Studies) candidacy: Liz was unfortunately unable to make tonight's meeting, but she has asked that we distribute her resume on her behalf in order for you to become familiar with her qualifications.

Vote Results:

John Emman-Beech is ranked first for Chair, Liz Palatics is ranked second for Vice-Chair

a. Chairperson

MOTION B-105-16: BIRT Elizabeth Palatics (Near and Middle Eastern Studies) is elected as UTGSU Board of Appeal Vice-Chair and John Emman-Beech (Law) is elected as UTGSU Board of Appeal Chair starting immediately and ending on 31 August 2017; and BIFRT all ballots be destroyed. Moved by Gwyndaf Garbutt (HISTORY), seconded by Chaim Katz (Biomedical Engineering). MOTION B-105-16 CARRIES unanimously.

b. Vice Chairperson
See above.

5. Executive Elections

Chair recused herself for this item. Cristina Jaimungal (External Commissioner) takes position of Chair.

a. Internal Commissioner

Elizabeth Eng (Interim Internal Commissioner): Elizabeth spoke about her past experiences at the University of Western Ontario during her undergrad, where she worked to remove barriers to access to post-secondary education. She then outline the positive work she has done since joining UTGSU, including being an integral part of the Orientation BBQ.

Christina Leise, OISE: nominated herself, but withdrew after Elizabeth's speech.

b. Finance and University Governance Commissioner

Question: Is this for division one and two?

Answer: There are no divisions for this position.

Brie Berry-Crossfield (Interim Finance and University Governance Commissioner): Outlined her past experience in reducing barriers for students during her undergrad. She then spoke to her decision to help keep certain key projects running when the Finance and University Governance Commissioner resigned in the summer, and the work she has accomplished since becoming Interim Finance and University Governance Commissioner.

c. Academics and Funding, Divisions 1 and 2 Commissioner

Janelle Brady, OISE: Janelle is passionate about creating accessible space. She hopes to be a strong advocate and to bring more transparency and accountability to students. She went on to outline her various positions as a student representative and her experience in implementing projects to improve access to post-secondary education.

Branden Rizzuto, Anthropology: Branden outlined the numerous organizing bodies he has been part of at U of T, including his current commitments. If elected, he will ask council to strike an

ad-hoc committee to launch a university-wide graduate student census which he believes would provide important information on funding, academic resources and other issues that help the union move forward with reforms.

Lynne Alexandrova OISE: Lynne spoke about her role as representative on a number of committees and councils. She is interested in constitutional matters and in providing the best outcomes for the largest numbers of students. She outlined her experience in organizing conferences and conference proceeding volumes. She also highlighted being the co-author of a family history book.

MOTION B-106-16: BIRT Elizabeth Eng (Interim Internal Commissioner) is elected as UTGSU Internal Commissioner starting immediately and ending on 30 April 2017; and BIRT Brie Berry-Crossfield (Interim Finance and University Governance Commissioner) is elected as UTGSU Finance & University Governance Commissioner starting immediately and ending on 30 April 2017. Moved by Branden Rizzuto (Anthropology), seconded by Tian Renton (Rehabilitation Science). MOTION B-106-16 CARRIES unanimously.

VOTE RESULTS:

Branden Rizzuto (Anthropology) comes in first, Janelle Baptiste-Brady (OISE) comes in second and Lynne Alexandrova (OISE) comes in third.

MOTION B-107-16: BIRT that Branden Rizzuto (Anthropology) is elected as the UTGSU Academics and Funding, Divisions 1 and 2 Commissioner starting immediately and ending on 30 April 2017; and BIFRT all ballots be destroyed. Moved by Malcolm Ramsay (Environmental Studies), seconded by Gwyndaf Garbutt (HAPSAT). MOTION B-107-16 CARRIES unanimously. Abstention by Branden Rizzuto noted.

Elizabeth Eng (Internal Commissioner) returns as Chair.

6. Notice of October Council Elections and Appointments - Elizabeth Eng (Internal Commissioner)

a. Executive-at-large (Six-month Position) Elections

Notice of Motion for October: BIRT (name & department) is elected/appointed as the 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; BIFR all ballots be destroyed.

b. Chief Returning Office Hiring Committee

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.

7. Council Ad-hoc Committee Reports, Renewals and Recruitment

a. Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions

MOTION B-108-16: BIRT the General Council / Board of Directors of the Union renews the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions ad-hoc committee for the 2016 - 2017 academic year or until a final report is submitted (whichever option occurs first).

Cristina Jaimungal (External Commissioner): speaking on behalf of the committee, they are seeking a procedural renewal and this is something that all ad hoc committees request yearly. They would like to continue the work that they have been doing and they see this committee as a way to continue to fulfill their mandate.

Speaking Against: BDS invited a speakers said that the Jewish people were inherently racist, fascists and colonialists, making GSU complicit with statements of anti-Semitism and racism. The Anti-Oppression policy explicitly states that anti-Semitism will not be tolerated. Also adds that notable anti-racist theorists such as Noam Chomsky, and even representative bodies of the Palestinian people, such as the Palestinian Authority, don't support this movement.

Speaking For: People involved in BDS are not anti-Semitic. These claims are often repeated, but these are always false. BDS is a political campaign, in favour of human rights, in favour of a group of people who have suffered human-rights violations that have been well documented by organizations such as Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, etc. The BDS committee was voted upon by referendum, so we are asking the council to go against the will of the student body by denying this standard procedural renewal.

Speaking For: The point of BDS is to get the university to divest investment from weapons manufacturing. If BDS is perceived as not pursuing that mandate properly as an ad-hoc committee, it is our responsibility to get involved and make sure they do. They may have made a mistake with a speaker, but that speaker does not represent them. and if the issue is with that, then you should be involved with the committee itself to improve it.

Speaking Against: Member spoke to allegations of connections to extremist organizations by the BDS movement.

Speaking For: This is consistently passed at the AGM. It is a very important that this body doesn't overturn decisions of the AGM. The real place for this conversation is at the AGM.

Speaking Against: Last year during the review and report of the BDS movement, which was spoken about for 30 seconds, the words Israel and Palestine were not mentioned once, like

today. There were 150 people who attended the AGM in 2012, that spoke on behalf of 17,000 graduate students. What is the point of the renewal of an ad-hoc committee, if it is just a procedure and there is nothing we can do? What is the point of having a committee that, based on last year's events, did not once talk about the military organizations or divesting, but rather about how Israel was a terrible country. If all we get out of this meeting is a discussion and a look into the mandate of this committee, that is great, but at the same time your students are paying mandatory fees into this committee. There are groups that already support both the BDS movement and the other side. There are venues for students to have this dialogue, but as a student union it our job to create a safe space and represent all of our students' interests.

Chair: It is a matter of timing that this renewal happens at a body that may not have the power to overturn the renewal. It is in the policy that General Council cannot go against the wishes of a decision that was made at an AGM. That being said, renewals are required for ad-hoc committees to continue and they must occur at the beginning of the new year. So, unless we hear a motion to refer this to the Policy & Operations Committee, or to table this, we will vote on the original motion and let it pass or fail. If it fails, however, it falls into a policy grey zone, where it can't really fail.

Jane Norman, Drama: Moves that the motion be tabled, and then referred to the Policy & Operations committee. No seconder.

Question: If we table this motion, does that mean that funding will be cut-off to the organization?

Answer: It would be up to the Policy & Operations Committee. We are not sure.

Question: If Policy & Operations takes a month to decide, BDS wouldn't receive support from us during that time?

Answer: We are not sure.

Chair: If we don't decide this now, they will be temporarily suspended, which will go against the AGM. There is a gap in the policy that says that these committees must be renewed at the first General Council meeting. However, this particular ad-hoc committee was struck at an AGM, so the renewal becomes procedural because technically we can't strike it down.

MOTION B-109-16: Amendment to add "BIFRT that the policy surrounding ad-hoc committee renewal be investigated by the Policy and Operations Committee with recommendations to be brought to the next Council meeting." to the motion. Moved by Chaim Katz (Biomedical Engineer), seconded by Dennis W. Lee (Music). **MOTION B-109-16 CARRIES**, obvious majority. Abstention by Tian Renton (Rehabilitation Sciences) noted.

MOTION B-108-16: BIRT the General Council / Board of Directors of the Union renews the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions ad-hoc committee for the 2016 - 2017 academic year or until a final report is submitted (whichever option occurs

first); and BIFRT that the policy surrounding ad hoc committee renewal be investigated by the Policy and Operations Committee with recommendations to be brought to the next Council meeting. Moved by Malcolm Ramsay (Environmental Studies), seconded by Gwyndaf Garbutt (HAPSAT). MOTION B-108-16 AS AMENDED CARRIES, obvious majority (6 against, 6 abstain). Abstention by Tian Renton (Rehabilitation Sciences) noted.

b. Defence Committee (Callaghan)

Chair: Looking for volunteers for the committee.

Question: What does volunteering for the defence committee entail?

Answer: It is involved in the defence of a current case that we can't speak to here. It involves meeting in person and correspondence by email.

Tian Renton (Rehabilitation Sciences) volunteers for the committee.

MOTION B-110-16: BIRT the General Council / Board of Directors of the Union renews the Defence Ad-hoc Committee either for the 2016 - 2017 academic year or until a final report is submitted (whichever option occurs first). Moved by Tian Renton (Rehabilitation Sciences), seconded by Robyn Tures (Sociology). MOTION B-110-16 CARRIES unanimously.

c. Litigation Committee (CFS) - Branden Rizzuto (Anthropology) and Gwyndaf Garbutt (HAPSAT).

Please see the report for details and history. Regret to say the judge didn't find in favour of us. Justice said there were legitimate concerns, but the appropriate space to do this isn't the court because the by-laws act as a contract.

Question: We will not be pursuing an appeal?

Answer: The Litigation Committee chose not to appeal for a number of reasons, including the risk of appeals and the expense. Also, we have an agreement with the CFS where they have said they will not to seek costs if we don't appeal.

MOTION B-111-16: BIRT the General Council / Board of Directors of the Union dissolves the Litigation Ad-hoc Committee. Moved by Branden Rizzuto (Anthropology), seconded by Gwyndaf Garbutt (HAPSAT). MOTION B-111-16 CARRIES unanimously.

8. Standing Committees of General Council

a. Standing Committee Members

Motion B-112-16: BIRT the General Council of the Union endorses those named below to the corresponding Standing Committee from 28 September 2016 to 31

August 2017. Moved by Jade Nauman (Drama), seconded by Sarah Wilk (Medieval Studies). MOTION B-112-16 CARRIES unanimously.

Equity & Advocacy Committee:

Jade Nauman (Drama)
Lynne Alexandrova (OISE)
Kristina Leis (OISE)

Environmental, Justice & Sustainability Committee:

Kristina Leis (OISE)
Paul Nelson (Sociology)

Policy and Operations Committee:

Lynne Alexandrova (OISE)
Chaim Katz (Biomedical Engineering)

b. Finance Committee - Brianne Berry-Crossfield (Finance and University Governance Commissioner)

We're looking for Division 3 and a Division 2 representatives.

Point of Information: Can we check the policy to see if a current member is an Executive, they are incapable for maintaining a position as a Division representation on the Committee?

Answer: Clearly states that only two executives can be on the committee and that all other members must be representatives.

Division 2: Lynne Alexandrova (OISE)
Division 3: Will remain vacant.

MOTION B-113-16: BIRT Lynne Alexandrova (OISE) is appointed as Division 2 Representative to the UTGSU Finance Committee starting immediately and ending on 30 April 2017. Moved by Jade Nauman (Drama), seconded by Abigail D'Souza (Pharmaceutical Sciences). MOTION B-113-16 CARRIES unanimously.

QUORUM IS LOST.

9. Adjournment - 9:19 p.m.

10. Next Meeting - Wednesday, 26 October at 18:10 in OISE, room 212

Elizabeth Eng
Chair

Samantha Larocque
Secretary