



## **UTGSU Civics & REG Committee Meeting Highlights (Joint Meeting)**

**Date:** Friday, April 4, 2014

**Location:** GSU Building (16 Bancroft Ave.), Basement lounge

**Aman Gebru, REG Chair, chaired this meeting.**

**Susanne Waldorf, Civics Chair, took minutes.**

### **Post residency fee video –**

We watched the video one more time and suggested one final change. Once that is done we will begin disseminating the video over social media and through our various list serves and digest. The video will also be imbedded in the poverty line page on the UTGSU website (<http://www.utgsu.ca/committees-caucuses/research-education-governance-committee/povertyline/>) and we will hire posterers to put up the newest poverty-line posters around campus.

We passed a motion to pay up to \$100 from the Civics Committee budget to advertise the video over facebook.

**Aman/Shadi - BIRT the Civics Committee spend up to \$100 to advertise the post-residency fees video on Facebook.**

**Passes.**

### **Funding campaign**

- Solidarity sign – We only received one response from the digest post about the contest for a solidarity sign and the response was not what we were looking for. It was too complex and contained text. Instead, we've decided to pursue cloth wristbands that can also be tied to back packs that are white with two lines on them – one red and one blue. We also discussed creating stickers with the symbol for bikes and water bottles. The stickers would contain the poverty-line website. We'll start disseminating the wristbands and stickers as soon as possible, but at least by orientation in the fall (at both the UTGSU orientation and at departmental orientations).
- Governance process
  - Aman will be speaking to Governing Council on April 8<sup>th</sup> about reduced post-residency fees and one of our grad student governors on Governing Council is intending to ask for a report about what is happening with the PCGSFS report.

### **UTGSU Elections next year**

We discussed some possible ways to increase voter turnout for the UTGSU elections. One of the main ideas was to move to online elections. Another was to reintroduce slate running within our policy.

**Mayoral Elections (tabled)**

**Availability for this summer/next fall**

We discussed everyone's availability in the summer/fall.