



**University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union  
Board of Directors (General Council) Meeting Minutes  
Galbraith Building Room 248  
Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup> 2018**

**5:45 PM - Registration opens; pizza dinner will be served on a first come, first served basis**

**6:15 PM - Meeting will come to order in Galbraith Building Room 248**

1. Meeting Comes to Order

- a. Equity Statement
- b. Adoption of Agenda

**MOTION: B-74-18. BIRT (Be it resolved that) the UTGSU General Council / Board of Directors Moves amends the agenda to add a moment of silence after item 1c, because a candlelight vigil for Transgender Day of Remembrance will be missed because of this meeting. Moved by Adiv Paradise (Astronomy & Astrophysics), Seconded by Sophie McGibbon-Gardner (Academics 3&4 Commissioner). MOTION B-74-18. CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION: B-75-18. BIRT (Be it resolved that) the UTGSU General Council / Board of Directors adopt the November 2018 Council Meeting Agenda as amended. Moved by Zachary Jones (English), seconded by Zivit Fesler (Physiology). MOTION B-75-18. CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY.**

- c. Introduction of Council Chairperson
- d. Roll Call and Introductions; Council Representatives, Commissioners and Staff

**UTGSU Staff**

Evan Rosevear (Chair)

Liz Eng (Secretary)

David Eaton (Executive Director)

Pamela Asprey (Office Assistant)

Gail Fernando (Resource Coordinator/Fieldworker)

Selah Edlington (Communications & Promotions Coordinator)

UTSGU Executive

Christopher Ball (Academics 1 & 2 Commissioner)  
Sophie McGibbon-Gardner (Academics 3 & 4 Commissioner)  
Cristina Jaimungal (External Commissioner)  
Branden Rizzuto (Finance Commissioner)  
Sam Stead (University Governance Commissioner)  
Lynne Alexandrova (Internal Commissioner)  
Maryssa Barras (Executive-at-Large)

Guests

Adrian Esser – Bikechain Levy presentation  
Andy Takagi – Associate news editor at the Varsity  
Mahdi Zamani – External Liaison Officer (CUPE3902)

**MOTION: B-76-18. BIRT the UTGSU General Council / Board of Directors approves seating of guests. Moved by Sophie McGibbon-Gardner, seconded by Zivit Fesler (Physiology). MOTION B-76-18. CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY.**

Andy has requested to take photos at this meeting. This must be a motion from Council  
**MOTION: B-77-18. BIRT the UTGSU General Council / Board of Directors approves request from Andy Takagi to take photos at the meeting. Moved by Zachary Jones (English), seconded by Qusa Hassan (Scarborough GSAS). MOTION B-77-17. CARRIES**

Cristina J. (External Commissioner) Q: what is the article about?  
Andy T. (Varsity) A: the meeting.

Cristina J: If we don't want our photos taken can we request this?

Andy: yes, contact me (Andy) and you will have the opportunity to not have your photo appear in the article.

Cristina J. (External Commissioner) noted that she would not like her photo to appear in the article.

e. Approval of Minutes

**MOTION: B-78-18. BIRT the UTGSU General Council / Board of Directors approve the October 2018 Council Minutes as presented. Moved by Ezzat Jaroudi (Chemical Engineering), Lisa Labine (Scarborough GSAS). MOTION B-78-18. CARRIES with abstentions.**

Debate

Lynne A. (Internal Commissioner): The first draft of the minutes should go out with the first mailout to allow time for people to submit edits. This was not the case this time, there were many edits she would have liked to have made in advance of the meeting.

f. Unfinished Business

2. Reports

a. Executive Reports

Sam Stead (University Governance) – Sexual Violence Policy. The Ontario Government mandates that this policy be reviewed periodically. Student groups including Scarborough GSAS, UTSU, and APUS have partnered with us to review this controversial Policy. Please reach out to those who you think would want to participate in this conversation.

Additionally, the first meeting of the Research Education and Governance (REG) Committee will take place December 5<sup>th</sup> at 4PM in the Grad Loft (16 Bancroft, upstairs). If you or your membership are interested in participating in advocacy work related to University Governance (e.g., sexual violence policy) please let them know about this meeting/committee. Sam is looking to increase the activity of this Committee.

Brandon Rizzuto (Finance) – the Conference Bursary is now closed, received over 500 applications.

Lynn e(Internal) – Leo is not here and was one of the appointed Executives who went to CFS-N in Gatineau. Therefore, Lynn will give a brief summary of the activities at the conference. There were many motions as well as Elections.

Has been presenting her experiment with respect to paradigm shifts, and feels it isn't sitting well with folks. Lynne is looking for folks who want to join this conversation. Lynne joined the Executive as Internal Commissioner to energize work on Legislation through the Policy and Operations committee. Lynneinternal.pbworks.com is where Lynn will be posting her reports due to accessibility needs related to her disability.

Q: What are some of the problems that folks have identified with the sexual violence policy

Sam S (UG) A: It is not a survivor centric policy (e.g., timelines for these processes are vague, and unclear), lacks clarity as to whether victims would be protected from interactions with the "respondent", among many other issues.

Hassan (GSAS) Q: consultations email went out, when will we hear back?

Sam S (UG) A: Waiting to hear back from all the groups involved. Anyone from U of T is welcome at these consultations (not just UTSGU members).

b. Course Unions

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

Robert (BDS committee) – BDS 101 event was well attended.

Esy (Race & Ethnicity Caucus) there will be a Launch Party Dec 13<sup>th</sup> from 6pm - 9pm at the Multi-Faith centre, more information will be circulated on social media.

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

Mahdi (CUPE3902) – The Graduate Student Bursary Fund (GSBF) 2017-2018, is accepting applications until November 23<sup>rd</sup>. This is available through/part of the new collective agreement.

Trying to encourage Course Unions to have info sessions for their CUPE3902 members, especially for Divisions 3 and 4 which don't have many active CUPE reps. Contact [external@cupe3902.org](mailto:external@cupe3902.org) for more information on how to host an information session.

e. CFS Highlights

Cristina J (External) – did not attend CFS-N, but will work on a debrief with Lynn and Leo. For CFS-O, on November 6 they spoke against Bill-47. The UTGSU wrote a statement to echo the demands of the 15 and Fairness campaign. The deadline for upcoming motions to be submitted to CFS-O from our local is December 6, so if anyone is interested in working on campaigns, or putting forth motions, get in touch with Cristina at [external@utgsu.ca](mailto:external@utgsu.ca). We also have a lot of posters and resources and want to know what is the best way to get these to your Course Unions, as they may be relevant issues in your department. We are working on getting these resources to you, so please get in touch if you are interested.

Sabera (Centre for Women and Trans People) – we are a safe harassment-free space, support folks through resources, referrals, and advocacy. Have a drop-in space with a kitchen for students who may not have access to a stove, fridge. Other resources include a Lounge space, children's play area, community cupboard. Ongoing/upcoming programs include The Spice, Peer Support program (staff and volunteers), ROARS in partnership with multi-faith center (e.g., neglect in elections). There is an upcoming workshop Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> – surviving the holidays – what are the triggers of traumas, how do we survive together as communities. More info at <http://womenscentre.sa.utoronto.ca>

Adrian (Bikechain) – former engineering student. Bikechain is not-for-profit, do-it-yourself bike repair space. In 2017-2018 they have seen growth, through donation and sale bikes. Some recent events/activities include a workshop with Camp Oochigeas, collaborations with Trinity College where they collected abandoned bikes on Campus, fixed them up and donated them to Syrian refugees. Will be moving to the Student Commons in April 2019. Clientele are 50% students, 25% Graduate Students.

f. Motion to Receive Reports

**MOTION: B-79-18. BIRT the UTGSU General Council / Board of Directors receives all reports. Moved by Karl Fritze (English), seconded by Meghan McDonald (Cinema Studies). MOTION B-79-18. CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. Financial Business

a. Donation Requests

i. Indian Graduate Students' Association Mixer

Branden R. (Finance) – This has been tabled this from two previous meetings, because Council wanted more information. Did receive an updated revenue and expenditure, with receipts. Their revenue was ~ \$380 dollars, with an expenditure of ~ \$775. This results in a difference of \$395.65.

**EXECUTIVE MOTION: E-08-18. BIRT the UTGSU General Council / Board of Directors approve a donation of \$400 towards the Indian Graduate Students' Association 2018 Fall Mixer. MOTION E-08-18. CARRIES with abstention.**

ii. OISE Decolonizing Conference

A donation of \$4000 was requested for this conference. The Finance Committee discussed this, and \$4000 is one third of the whole budget for donations. Given that it is less than a quarter into the year, we are already one third of the way through our budget. A higher amount is also disproportionately large compared to other donations to similar events, and felt that a \$1000 was appropriate. This is the largest donation the committee will have given this year.

**Questions:**

(Branden Rizzuto is answering unless specified)

Q: What is the conference?

A: See handout

Q: Is this organized by graduate students?

A: Yes.

Laura (Geography) – would this would also be eligible for the conference and academic engagement fund?

Qusa (Scarborough GSAS) – why donation request vs. conference engagement?

Cristina - This isn't organized specifically by a course union, so it is not available to us.

Branden - This is not true, as long as there is buy in from a course union they can apply.

Robert (Physics) if we approve the donation for \$1000, are they allowed to apply again to something else?

A: There is no policy or bylaw to govern this, but this is something Finance Committee would like to investigate and potentially put restrictions on.

Q: Can the donation cover speakers?

A: Finance Committee looks at the total revenue and expenditures rather than where exactly they use it. But they do look at how the organization is spending their money.

Adam (OISE)– matching to the OISE GSA amount makes sense. On their side of things, they have more proportional budget to donate. Supports this motion and this amount.

Sophie (Academics 3&4) – we are happy to support this conference!

Kaspars (Comparative Literature) – if you strictly look at allocated sums in the budget and speak how to improve the experience of those who attend these conferences, most of the money goes to food and speakers. Perhaps outcomes such as publications that result from conference that contribute to discussion past the conference are more valuable.

Sidd - Equity access grant allocation was passed can we use those funds?

A: No

Laura – donation cap is \$400. Can there be a recommendation that this group applies to the conference and academic engagement?

A: the Finance Committee feels confident they can adjudicate on these issues.

Sidd – How much did we fund them in 2016?

A: a \$2000 donation was made, but this was in violation of the Policies. This violated Policies because the request was brought directly to council, who approved it, without following the proper channels.

Henry (OISE) – in favour

Cristina would like to amend the motion to read \$4000, and change OISE to the center that is organizing the conference. The Chair deems this out of order.

**Evan (Chair)** Especially because it is coming from Finance Committee, and in general, monetary amounts, can't be changed from the floor. For example, the budget cannot be amended ad hoc at a General Council Meeting. Cristina could motion to return the finance committee's recommendation with a strong recommendation from council to increase the amount, but to do this immediately (in Council tonight) would be to short the circuit.

**AMMENDMENT to MOTION:E-08-18. BIRT the UTGSU General Council / Board of Directors returns the donation of request of \$1000 towards the OISE Decolonizing Conference to the Finance Committee for reconsideration in the amount of \$4000. MOVED by Cristina (External Commissioner), SECONDED by Robert Fujber (Physics). MOTION E-08-19 FAILS with abstentions.**

### **Debate**

Konstanze (Law) – potential precedential nature with respect to this donation request vs. conference and academic engagement. Does this create a parallel structure?

A: Branden is of the opinion that no group should be able to apply to multiple sources of funding from the UTGSU for the same event.

No formal precedent can be set for this. The \$400 limit is so that exceptional requests are assessed by the room. This is not formally binding, but informally could be used to make future decisions

Tanya (earth sciences) – Conference and Academic Engagement Grant is always \$600 flat. Are we setting a precedent that if you want to get more money, you would just go through donations because the Board of Directors has to approve them, but you can get more money?

A: – General Council still has to approve all the Academic Engagement Grants. This is done *en masse* at a single General Council meeting.

Q: But coming through the donation request is advantageous to members, over applying to the Conference and Academic Engagement Grant. Would Finance Committee be able to screen for double applications?

A: Yes. We would know.

Alex (Civil Engineering): purposes of donation grant – how is this supposed to be used? Are they usually conferences?

A: The Finance Committee ultimately asks themselves whether the event will benefit graduate students and how much.

Alex – Specifically are there historically donations to conferences?

A: Hard to say, varies year to year depending on the composition of Finance Committee. One year they denied all the requests for conferences, but depending who sits on the committee- there are no restrictions

Cristina (External) – respects the work of the finance committee, and their thought and diligence. Another motivation for revisiting this motion, would be that the volunteer committee would have the opportunity to talk about the merits of the conference.

Lisa (GSAS) – this was debated this at length, looked at the detailed description of the event. Does not think it should be at \$4000.

Sidd – agrees with the Finance Committee recommendation, and thinks they should have applied through the Conference and Academic Engagement Grant.

Point of order – Cristina shouldn't discuss the amounts

Chair – in order because it's whether we should consider the amounts

Ezzat – is there a way for them to come back later and address the money that is left?

A: There is a statute of limitations of 4 weeks after the event.

Adam (OISE) – fully in support of liberally using committees. The [Finance] Committee has been chosen on behalf of us to do this work. We can send it back, but we are simultaneously not trusting their recommendations and asking them to do more work.

Cristina – procedurally wants it to come back to council so that other members can speak to justifying \$4000, and at present can't speak to that.

Chair will clarify – motion before us if for a donation \$1000. The amendment is to return the request to the finance committee to consider the amount of \$4000. If the amendment passed, we vote on the amended motion.

--End of Debate Returns to original motion--

**MOTION: B-80-18. BIRT the UTGSU General Council / Board of Directors approve a donation of \$1000 towards the OISE Decolonizing Conference. Moved by Adam Hill (OISE), seconded by Henry Ssali (OISE). MOTION B-80-18 CARRIES with abstentions. Noted abstentions: Anna Cwikla (Religious Studies), Branden Rizzuto (Finance Commissioner), Konstanze V. Schuetz (Law).**

#### **Debate/Motivation:**

Sophie (Academics 3&4) – this is a great conference, many Graduate Students are involved

Alex (Engineering) – this isn't just OISE, we should all support this conference.

Branden – every member of the Finance Committee is in the room right now, they wouldn't be bringing the rec forward if they weren't in agreement. This was a unanimous vote in favour of supporting this conference.

Henry (OISE) – please vote in favour of this original motion

Cristina – please vote in favour. This is the largest conference that is organized by racialized volunteers, with over 800 attendees. Your financial contribution will go directly to the organization of the conference, not speakers. The funds help keeps the Decolonizing Conference accessible (e.g., childcare, decompression spaces, live streaming)

Konstanze (Law) – in the interest of catering to our fiduciary duties, can we request that the Finance Committee overhauls the parallel structures between the Conference and Academic Engagement Grants, and the Donation Requests? How do we respond to the discussions we had tonight?

Branden – This is actively underway.



b. Graduate Community Development Fund

The fund is still open, apply! The application to serve on the award committee closed on Nov 18. Had to trim to 6-8 people to serve on this committee. Have selected 8 individuals. Made sure that they have adequate representation on the committee from equity seeking groups.

**MOTION: B-81-18, BIRT the UTGSU General Council / Board of Directors approve the appointment of the following individuals to the 2018-2019 Graduate Community Development Fund. Moved by Branden Rizzuto (Finance Commissioner). Seconded by Henry Ssali (OISE). MOTION B-81-18. CARRIES with abstentions. Noted abstention: Anna Cwikla (Religious Studies).**

Loraine Au Tham  
Jonathan Burnie  
William Chu Kwan  
Rania Faidi  
Edward Lin  
Dustin Moreau  
Parnian Pardis  
Miguel Salvador Torres-Perez

4. Toronto Sustainable Food Cooperative Levy

Branden – (info) might receive more invoices (CRA) so won't spend/allocate the levy fund just yet. U of T did collect the levies for this year but knows not to collect this levy in the future. Once U of T has given the UTGSU all the levy funds, they will be transferred to a restricted fund, where they will remain in case of any outstanding bills associated with TSFC. They will remain in the restricted fund for one year.

Q: [After a year] can this money be returned to the students?

Branden (Finance) A: Short answer yes, but this would be challenging to administrate. One example of an option for how to use the funds is to donate the money to a similarly mandated group.

5. Council Elections and Appointments

a. Chief Returning Officer Hiring Committee

**MOTION: B-82-18. BIRT Adrian Aziz (OISE) be appointed Chief Returning Officer for the upcoming UTGSU Executive election for the 2018 – 2019 academic year. Moved by Sophie McGibbon-Gardner (Academics 3 & 4 Commissioner), seconded by Konstanze V. Schuetz (Law). MOTION B-82-18. CARRIES, with abstentions.**

b. Elections and Referenda Committee

**MOTION: B-83-18. BIRT Esy Esy (Social work) and Zivit Fesler (Physiology) be appointed as the UTGSU General Council Representatives on the Elections and Referenda Committee for the 2018 – 2019 academic year. Moved by Kayla Warburton (OISE), seconded by Henry Ssali (OISE). MOTION B-83-18. CARRIES with abstentions. Noted abstentions: Esy Esy (Social Work), Zivit Fesler (Physiology).**

6. Board of Appeal Appointments

a. Vice-Chairperson

Alanna or Moses (neither present), statements attached.

**MOTION: B-84-18. BIRT the UTGSU General Council / Board of Directors appoint Moses Cook (Medical Biophysics) as Vice-Chair of the UTGSU Board of Appeals. Moved by Zivit Fesler (Physiology), Esy Esy (Social Work). MOTION B-84-18. CARRIES with opposition and abstention.**

7. Standing Committees of General Council

a. Motion for Legislative Programs 2018-2019

i. Equity and Advocacy Committee

Legislative program was posted to the screen, and Cristina went through it. Attached for reference.

**MOTION: B-85-18. BIRT the UTGSU General Council / Board of Directors receives the legislative program presented by UTGSU Equity and Advocacy Committee. Moved by Cristina Jaimungal (External Commissioner), seconded by Esy Esy (Social Work). MOTION B-85-18. CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY.**

ii. Policy and Operations Committee

We can't vote on this because it was not in the Agenda Package

Branden – point of order, Lynn cannot speak to this as, the Internal Commissioner is not currently the chair of the P&O committee

Lynn – the executive committee chose to replace me as chair of this committee at a meeting where I was not present. [I] was away, travelling to CFS working on a number of documents relevant to this item. Lynn indicated that she is a person with disability and is rejecting this decision on the grounds of accessibility. On Monday she re-sent the document (legislative program) with preamble, with quotes from the Bylaw and Policy to amplify that what is being proposed is in compliance. The proposal was for the program to go to the AGM, because in bringing up questions of paradigm shifts, this kind of innovation should be encouraged and would like to be allowed to proceed with this experiment in student governance.

Chair – there is a General Council meeting on Nov 26 re vacating the Internal Commissioner's Position, so this will not be discussed further

8. Caucus Chair Vacancies
  - a. Women and Trans People Caucus
  - b. Professional Graduate Student Caucus

**MOTION: B-86-18. BIRT the UTGSU General Council / Board of directors appoint Kyle Muir as chair for the Professional Graduate Student Caucus for the 2018-2019 academic year. Moved by Sam Stead (University Governance Commissioner), Seconded by Lynne Alexandrova (Internal Commissioner). MOTION B-86-18. CARRIES with abstentions.**

9. Motion – Masters of Information Student Council  
Emma (Information) - Jude Park is a recent alumnus from the Faculty of Information. Due to a family emergency, Jude had to return to South Korea, and was unable to attend his convocation ceremony. The convocation ceremony is very important to him and his family, and so the Faculty of Information Course Union is lobbied the Administration to allow him to attend convocation in November 2018. Due to "cited policies and time constraints" Jude was not allowed to participate in Convocation. There is precedent at other Universities, for allowing Alumni to walk across stage and receive a blank degree, in order to be able to participate in the Convocation Ceremony.

**MOTION: B-87-18. BIRT the UTGSU General Council / Board of Directors support the appeal of Jude Park, Faculty of Information alumnus, to the Dean of the School of Graduate Studies, to be granted permission under exceptional family circumstances, to participate the Faculty of Information Convocation Ceremony in June 2019. Moved by Emma Findlay (Information), seconded by, Erica Chi (Museum Studies). MOTION B-87-18. CARRIES with abstention.**

Branden (Finance) - Has the letter been drafted already? Are we signing on to an existing letter?

A: It has been drafted but Emma will make sure to work with the Executive Committee, to make sure it is in line with the UTGSU.

A suggestion was made to cc the VP Equity and the VP International of the University when sending this letter.

10. UTGSU Annual General Meeting – Monday December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018

11. Any Other Business

There is a meeting Monday November 26<sup>th</sup> 1017 Wilson Hall New College.

12. Next Council Meeting – Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> 2018 Wilson Hall (New College)  
Room 1016 (This meeting will begin as soon as the AGM 2018 finishes)

13. Adjournment



Evan Rosevear  
UTGSU Chair

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Liz Eng  
UTGSU Acting Secretary



# ANNUAL REPORT 2017 - 2018

The 2017-2018 fiscal year saw many improvements at Bikechain:

- Increased sales volume and donations
- Collaborations with several new partners
- New bikes in our lending fleet
- More workshop programming, including a new training series.

We're gearing up to move to a new location in 2019 and we can't wait to continue sharing skills, building bikes, and serving the Toronto community



## Volunteers

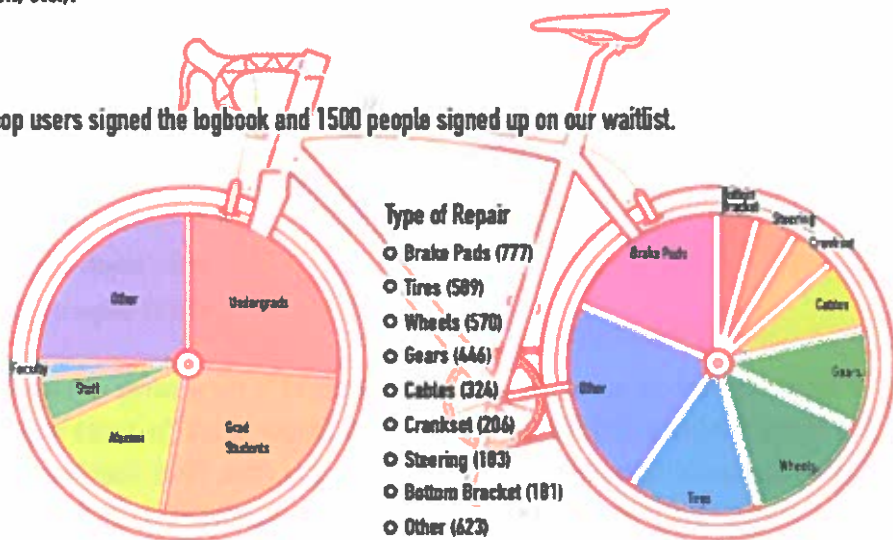
Bikechain could not function without its volunteers, who contribute to shop operations, special events, and various projects. This year, more than 65 volunteers logged over 850 hours, not including considerable work done by our board of directors, nor the work outside the shop or after-hours (e.g. teaching workshops, running safety check events, outreach, etc.).

## Repair Shop Use

This year 2811 DIY shop users signed the logbook and 1500 people signed up on our waitlist.

### Clientele

- Undergraduates (272)
- Grad Students (262)
- Alumni (152)
- University staff (52)
- University faculty (22)
- Other (252)





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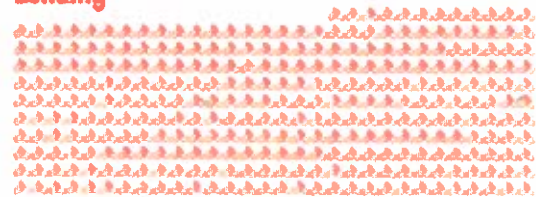
## Funding

### Revenue Source

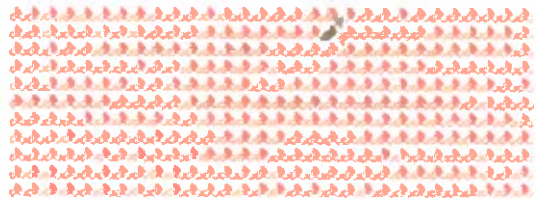
- Student Levies (492)
- Sales and Service (382)
- Donations (100)
- Grants (32)



## Lending



The lending program remains one of our most popular services. 196 users took out bikes 642 times this year.



## Programming & Projects

We ran more than 25 workshops this year, covering topics that range from basic bike mechanics to winter cycling to wheel truing. We were excited to pilot a six-week workshop series for volunteers, covering major bike systems.



## By the Numbers

- 61% increase in donations
- 74% increase in year-round bike sales
- 1513 signups on the waitlist
- 3500 km biked collectively on our volunteer bike tour
- 589 flat tires fixed
- 777 Brake pad adjustments
- 662 bicycle rentals
- 4185 unique maintenance and repair tasks

## Outreach and Community Partnerships

We appreciate all of our community partners who joined us to run a variety of programs this year, including Bike Pirates, bikeSauce, Bike Works, Camp Oochigeas, Campus police, The Centre for International Experience, Charlie's Freewheels, Cycle York, David Shellnutt, Family Care Office, FWOD, Grad House, Lord Lansdowne Public School, Student Family Housing, the Sustainable Engineers Association, Trinity College, UTM Bikeshare, UTSC Bikeshare, and the University of Toronto School of the Environment.

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Hi everyone. My name is Alana Chen. I am a first-year student in the program of Master of Management and Professional Accounting in UTM. I also finished my undergraduate study on Accounting and Economics in UTM.

I want to run for the position of Vice-Chairman of the Board of Appeal. This position interests me because not only do I get to contribute in improving graduate students' life at U of T, but I believe I also have relevant knowledge and experiences to fulfill the responsibilities.

During my undergraduate study, I was the Director of Events Department in Chinese Student and Scholar Association at UTM. I assisted the president and vice-president in achieving our goal by planning, executing and monitoring events which represent our image. I gained a lot of knowledge on the process of running a student's association from this experience. I also started to understand that being a Director of a student club is more than just the title. I had to think from the students' perspective and observe what they are looking for from our events and our club. Many of our members are international students who just landed in Canada for their post-secondary study, so they are looking for a new place where they can fit in and people whom they can make friends with. Based on this thought, my team and I designed many social events such as the Freshman Orientation and Prom 11, to help new students to get to know their peers. I believe my experience of being the Events Director of CSSA will assist me to be successful as the Vice-Chairman because I understand the decision-making process of students' associations and their purposes to students.

Second, I find the responsibilities of the Vice-Chairman and public accountants are very alike. As an auditor (accountants), it is his/her job to verify whether companies' report financial figures complying to accounting standards and principles. Similarly, the major responsibility of Vice-Chairman is to make sure that the decisions and actions of a UTGSU's body and official complies with the Bylaws and ethical standards. I have studied extensively on auditing procedures, which include observations, inquiry and etc. Further, I practiced what I have learned by being an accounting intern at Meriti Group, a financial service company. I worked on several review engagement and was able to identify weaknesses. I think my knowledge and understanding of process and procedures will help me to assist the Chairman of the Board to make fair and reasonable decisions.

Overall, I am looking forward to this opportunity to make changes and hope to contribute to the work of the Board of Appeal and UTGSU as a student at the University of Toronto.

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Good evening UTGSU Council Members and Executive Committee,

My name is Moses Cook and I am a first year Medical Biophysics student. As such, our research in this field is done with objective judgement and logical reasoning, two traits tied closely with the Board of Appeals deliberation. An effective adjudicator therefore possesses characteristics of both impartiality and a belief in equality. It is through these two traits that I would like to present myself as a candidate for Vice Chairperson on the Board of Appeal

As a first-year Masters student on track for the PhD stream, I have not yet been involved with the Graduate Student Union's governance structures. This will allow me to make impartial decisions without the necessity to RECUSE myself from any deliberation.

Secondly, my role as a Teaching Assistant has allowed me to exercise my impartiality as a grader when marking the very same students I interact with on a weekly basis. Treating everyone with equality stands at the forefront of my extra curricular work. Also, as a mentor in the Access Us Program at Accessibility Services, I have come to understand that student affairs can be much more complex than it may seem on the surface. Having a strong understanding of issues facing students on campus will allow me to serve as an equitable leader within the role of Vice Chairperson.

As the acting Secretary on the Board of Appeals, I also have gained first-hand experience in its protocols and practices. Specifically, I have collaborated with and learned from the other members of the Board. I have recorded and drafted the meeting minutes during deliberations. Therefore, my transition into this role will clearly be both an impartial and fluid one. Moreover, as per provisions in the UTGSU bylaws, while serving as Vice-Chair, I can easily take on secretarial duties, as I have in the past.



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It is through my own experience with student affairs and reasoning skills that I will be able to both multitask contribute to student governance. Hence, I will represent you, the graduate students at the University of Toronto, by interpreting bylaws and policies .

To conclude, it is with my own experience in student affairs and a strong commitment to impartiality and equity as the Board's Vice Chairperson, i will participate in deliberations with integrity, interpreting and applying the Union's bylaws and policies responsibly and objectively. My recent experience as Secretary for the Board will also allow me to multitask, stepping in as administrative support when needed.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to contribute to the Union as Vice-Chair of the Board of Appeal!

Sincerely,

Moses Cook