



**University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union  
Board of Directors (General Council) Meeting Minutes  
Wilson Hall (New College) Room 1017  
Monday, November 26<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 Wilson Hall (New College) Room 1017**

1. Meeting Comes to Order

- a. Equity Statement
- b. Adoption of Agenda

**MOTION: B-88-18. BIRT (Be it resolved that) the UTGSU General Council / Board of Directors adopt the November 26<sup>th</sup> 2018 Council Meeting Agenda as presented or amended. Moved by Zachary Jones (English), seconded by Nicholas Mok (Aerospace, UTIAS). MOTION B-88-18. CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

**UTGSU Executive Committee**

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

**UTGSU Staff**

Evan Rosevear (Chair)  
Liz Eng (Secretary)  
Selah Edlington (Communications & Promotions Coordinator)  
Pamela Asprey (Office Assistant)  
Gail Fernando (Resource Coordinator/Fieldworker)

David Eaton (Executive Director)

**Guests**

Andy Takagi (The Varsity)

The Chair seated Andy (The Varsity), with permission for photos, barring objections from council, and based on this decision from the November 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. If you would like to ensure your photo does not appear please email [andyt@thevarsity.ca](mailto:andyt@thevarsity.ca)

- e. Approval of Minutes
- f. Unfinished Business

2. Reports

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

There were no reports.

3. Executive Committee – Vacation of Internal Commissioner (in camera)

General Council moves *ex camera*.

**MOTION: B-89-18. BIRT the UTGSU General Council / Board of Directors postpone the decision to vacate the office of the Internal Commissioner until the January 2019 General Council Meeting; and**

**BIFRT (be it further resolved that) the Executive Committee share the written statement, to the extent possible based on confidentiality agreements, presented to the General Council *in camera* on November 26<sup>th</sup> 2018, in order to provide the Internal Commissioner with the opportunity to respond. Moved by Henry Ssali (OISE), seconded by Qusa Hassan (GSAS). MOTION B-89-18 FAILS.**

**MOTION: B-90-18. BIRT the UTGSU General Council / Board of Directors request the vote to vacate the office of the Internal Commissioner, be by secret paper ballot. Moved by Nicholas Lindsay Leaves (Information), seconded by Robert Fujber (Physics). MOTION B-90-18 FAILS.**

**EXECUTIVE MOTION: E-09-18. BIRT the UTGSU General Council / Board of Directors vacate the office of the Internal Commissioner, effective immediately. MOTION E-09-18 CARRIES. FOR: 50. OPPOSED: 1. ABSTENTIONS: 6.**

4. Executive Vacancy (contingent upon outcome of item 3)

**Braden R. (Finance):** Article 7.4 in the event of a Vacancy on the Executive. The bylaw is quite vague with respect to Executive Vacancies but outlines what we are allowed to do. There are four ways GC can choose to fill the position

- A. By-election with a chief returning officer; this would run concurrent to the 2019-2020 elections
- B. By-election, separate from the usual elections
- C. By-election at a General Council Meeting, similar to an Executive-at-Large election
- D. Vacancy is filled through an appointment by the General Council

The executive committee recommends options C or D – option A involves waiting until February, and option B is costly and labor intensive.

**Emma F. (Information):** would it be possible to hold a by-election at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) in order to have better representation from the membership?

**A:** Technically yes, but the deadline to submit items for the AGM agenda has passed.

**Q:** What's the recommended date for the election if it were to occur at General Council?

**A:** January would likely be the best option, because December is too soon to provide sufficient notice.

It is not outside the ability of General Council to nominate the EAL to take on the duties and honorarium of the Internal commissioner, until a by election can be held.  
Motivated by Adam – realistically cannot fill the position by next week  
Should give people enough notice to run for this position because it is a paid position.

**MOTION: B-91-18. BIRT the UTGSU General Council / Board of Directors will fill the Internal Commissioner position with a by-election at the January General Council meeting. Moved by Adam Hill (OISE), seconded by Anna Cwikla (Religious Studies).**

**AMMENDMENT:**

**BIFRT the Executive-at-Large (EAL) be allocated the duties, responsibilities, and honorarium of the Internal Commissioner until the January 2019 meeting; and BIFRT the honorarium for the EAL position be suspended until the January 2019 General Council meeting. Moved by Branden Rizzuto (Finance Commissioner), seconded by Karl Fritze (English). MOTION B-91-18 CARRIES, with abstentions. Noted abstention: Robert Fujber (Physics).**

\*\*It was discussed in Council, and this motion carried with the understanding that, nothing precludes the EAL from running for this position of Internal Commissioner, and if they were to run and fail, they would resume their position of EAL.

**MOTION: B-92-18. BIRT the UTGSU General Council / Board of Directors will fill the Internal Commissioner position with a by-election at the January General Council meeting;**  
**BIFRT the Executive-at-Large (EAL) be allocated the duties, responsibilities, and honorarium of the Internal Commissioner until the January 2019 meeting; and**  
**BIFRT the honorarium for the EAL position be suspended until the January 2019 General Council meeting. Moved by Adam Hill (OISE), seconded by Anna Cwikla (Religious Studies). MOTION B-92-18 CARRIES AS AMMENDED with opposition and abstention. Noted opposition: Robert Fujber (Physics). Noted abstention: Cristina Jaimungal (External Commissioner).**

### **DEBATE**

Konstanze (Law) for the EAL: Are you willing to take on these duties?

Maryssa (EAL): I was consulted throughout this process, and yes I am willing.

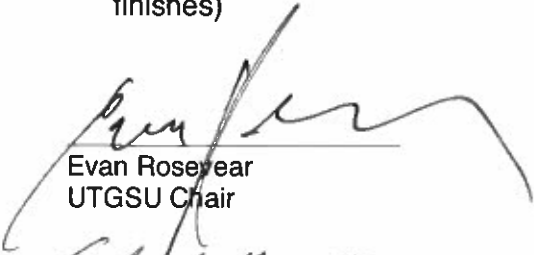
Robert (Physics): We should have by-election of the full membership, all the other members are elected by the full membership. One member who is only elected by council is not ideal.

Zach (English): Understandable that having an appointment is weirder. In the interest of expediency and how brief the tenure will be I think it's fair to weigh the cost and delay, against having a byelection.


Adam Hill (OISE): It is currently very far into the year, and with the situation as described, the Executive Team after this election/appointment can achieve most of their previous goals. The more this process is dragged out, the more it costs, and the more we are extending the consequences of the previous situation. Mitigation of time and money losses. This [protem appointment of the Internal Commissioner] is the best route, maybe not the very most ethical route, but is the best available option.

5. Any Other Business

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



Evan Rosevear  
UTGSU Chair



Liz Eng  
UTGSU Secretary