



**University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union General Council/ Board of Directors Meeting Zoom Meeting
Tuesday, January 25, 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. (Tentative proposed date)**

Directors must register by emailing register@utgsu.ca before the meeting.

1. Meeting Comes to Order

- a. Approval of Chair
- b. Equity Statement (Commitment) (**Page 3**)
- c. Adoption of Agenda (Discussion & Decision) ^{1b}
- d. Seating Guests and Media 1c
- e. Approval of Minutes from the November 23, 2021, Meeting ^{1d}

2. Reports

- a. Executive Committee Reports (Information & Decision)
- b. Course Unions (Information & Discussion)
- c. Standing Committees, Ad-hoc Committees, and Caucuses (Information & Discussion)
- d. Governing Council, Graduate Education Council, CUPE 3902, USW 1998 (Information & Discussion)
- e. Motion to Receive All Other Reports (Decision)

1a Draft Motion: BIRT the UTGSU General Council/Board of Directors approve Hamish Russell as Chair of the January 25th 2022 General council meeting.

1b DRAFT MOTION: BIRT the UTGSU General Council/Board of Directors adopt the January 25, 2021 meeting agenda as presented or amended.

1c DRAFT MOTION: BIRT the UTGSU General Council/Board of Directors move to seat all guests and media with speaking rights.

1d DRAFT MOTION: BIRT the UTGSU General Council/Board of Directors approve the minutes from the November 23, 2021 meeting.

2a DRAFT MOTION: BIRT the UTGSU General Council/Board of Directors accept the Executive Committee reports for January, 2022

3Draft Motion: BIRT the UTGSU General Council/Board of Directors impeaches the Internal Commissioner.

- 3. CRO Nominating Committee Update**
- 4. GSU Building Update**
- 5. EAL Update**
- 6. COVID Update**
- 7. Bylaw Update**
- 8. Elections and Referenda Committee Update**
- 9. Executive Impeachment (In-Camera) 3**
- 10. Any Other Business**
- 11. Adjournment**

G.9.2 Equity Statement

G.9.2.1 The following statement expresses the Union's commitments to equity and informs the way in which we conduct business of the Union. The statement will be read aloud during the opening address of meetings of the membership, the Board of Directors, and at UTGSU events:

As many of our members are settlers on Turtle Island, the Union directly benefits from the colonization and genocide of the indigenous peoples of this land. It is imperative that the Union acknowledge that it is on occupied land and that to engage in acts of decolonization is an important aspect of equity work in Canada.

Student Union solidarity is based on the principle that all members deserve to be equal, respected and should be understood. As members of the Union, mutual respect, cooperation and understanding are our goals. We do not condone or tolerate behavior that undermines the dignity of any individual. Expressions of hate such as intimidation, harassment, offensiveness or hostility will not be tolerated.

We will struggle against all forms of discrimination and harassment, including but not limited to: Islamophobic, anti-Semitic, xenophobic, sexist, racist, classist, ableist, homophobic, transphobic, ageist sentiments and/or remarks. We all have an obligation to ensure that an open and inclusive space, free of hate is established.

We support growth and understanding and believe in providing opportunities for individuals to acknowledge the impact of their remarks, with the understanding that the experiences of those impacted by discriminatory sentiments or remarks will be privileged.

If you are not here in an understanding of good faith or you have violated this understanding, you will be asked to leave. Do you agree?

9.2 Duties of Chief Returning Officer

The Chief Returning Officer:

- 9.2.1 ~~shall not~~ may be a Member;
- 9.2.2 may not be a member of the Executive Committee;
- 9.2.3 shall chair the Elections and Referendum Committee;
- 9.2.4 shall be responsible for the conduct of the election which includes hiring a Deputy Returning Officer (if required) and Poll Clerks, subject to the following requirements:
 - 9.2.4.1 the Deputy Returning Officer shall be a Member of the UTGSU;
 - 9.2.4.2 Poll Clerks shall be students of the University and preference shall be given to Members; and
 - 9.2.4.3 the responsibilities of the Deputy Returning Officer and the Poll Clerks shall be at the discretion of the Chief Returning Officer in accordance with

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9.3 Elections and Referenda Committee

- 9.3.1 The Elections and Referenda Committee shall oversee the election of the Executive Officers and any referenda question, if applicable.
- 9.3.2 The Elections and Referenda Committee shall be struct no later than the January Board of Directors Meeting.
- 9.3.3 The Chief Returning Officer shall chair the Elections and Referenda Committee.
- 9.3.4 The Elections and Referenda Committee shall consist of:
 - 9.3.4.1 the Chief Returning Officer (chair, non-voting, may vote in the event of a tie);
 - 9.3.4.2 the Deputy Returning Officer (ex-officio, non-voting);
 - 9.3.4.3 three (3) members of the Board of Directors; and
 - 9.3.4.4 a UTGSU staff person (ex-officio, non-voting).
- 9.3.5 The policies governing elections to the UTGSU of its Officers shall be contained in Policy G2: Elections.

Amended: December 2021