University of Toronto Graduate Students’ Board of Directors Meeting

Zoom Meeting

Tuesday, November 22, 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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

1. Meeting Comes to Order
   a. Equity Statement (Commitment) (Page 3)
   b. Adoption of Agenda (Discussion & Decision) 1b
   c. Approval of Minutes from the October 25th, 2022 Meeting 1c

2. Reports
   a. Executive Committee Reports (Information & Decision)

1b DRAFT MOTION: BIRT the UTGSU Board of Directors adopt the November 22, 2022, meeting agenda as presented or amended.

1c DRAFT MOTION: BIRT the UTGSU Board of Directors approve the minutes from the October 25th, 2022 meeting.

2a DRAFT MOTION: BIRT the UTGSU Board of Directors accept the Executive Committee reports up until November 19th, 2022

3a DRAFT MOTION: BIRT the UTGSU Board of Directors approve the proposed budget for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

3b DRAFT MOTION: BIRT the UTGSU Board of Directors approve the draft Financial Statement for the 2021-2022 fiscal year

3c DRAFT MOTION: BIRT the UTGSU Board of Directors approve the GCDF Policy as presented.
3d DRAFT MOTION: BIRT the UTGSU Board of Directors approve the BGSEB Policy as presented.

3e DRAFT MOTION: BIRT the UTGSU Board of Directors approve the SCB Policy as presented.

4DRAFT MOTION: BIRT the UTGSU Board of Directors appoint (name, department) as the member(s) of the CRO Nominating Committee for the upcoming spring General Elections 2023 and by-elections 2022

5a DRAFT MOTION: BIRT the Board of Directors approve the creation of the Campaign and Activism Standing Committee as approved by the executive committee.

5b BIRT the Board of Directors tasks the Executive Committee with accommodating Members' attendance in person during all future Board of Directors, Assembly, and General meetings.

3. Financial Business

   a)       Fiscal Year 2023 Budget
   b)       Fiscal Year 2022 Draft Financial Statements
   c)       Updated Policy for GCDF
   d)       Updated Policy for BGSEB
   e)       Updated Policy for SCB

4. CRO Nominating Committee 4

5. Any Other Business

   a)       Campaigns and Activism
   b)       Motion by the Board of Director

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?
Campaign and Activism

For several years UTGSU Executives and staff have felt the need for a dedicated group of people that will help support the campaign and outreach work of the UTGSU. The Executive Committee feels that through the establishment of the CAC it will be a positive move towards increasing engagement among the memberships and strengthening campus partners.

Campaign and Activism Committee (CAC): CAC is established as a standing committee of the UTGSU. Its mandate is to support the UTGSU in its campaign and outreach activities. The chair of the standing committee will be the VP External. Communication Officer of the UTGSU will be a non-voting member and will attend meetings.

BIRT the Assembly & Board of Directors approve the creation of the Campaign and Activism Standing Committee as approved by the executive committee.