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**University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union  
Assembly Meeting  
Zoom Meeting Tuesday, February 21, 2023 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**

**Representatives and Directors must register by emailing [register@utgsu.ca](mailto:register@utgsu.ca) before the meeting.**

**1. Meeting Comes to Order**

- a. Equity Statement (Commitment) (Page 3)
- b. Adoption of Agenda (Discussion & Decision)<sup>1</sup>
- c. Seating Guests (Discussion & Decision)<sup>2</sup>
- d. Approval of Minutes from November 22, 2022 (Discussion & Decision)<sup>3</sup>

**2. Reports**

- a. Course Unions (Information & Discussion)
- b. Standing Committees and Caucuses (Information & Discussion)
- c. Governing Council, Graduate Education Council, CUPE 3902, USW 1998 (Information & Discussion)

**3. Other Business**

**4. Adjournment**

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<sup>1</sup> DRAFT MOTION: BIRT the UTGSU Assembly adopt the February 21, 2023, meeting agenda as presented or amended.

<sup>2</sup> DRAFT MOTION: BIRT the UTGSU Assembly move to seat all guests with speaking rights.

<sup>3</sup> DRAFT MOTION: BIRT the UTGSU Assembly approve the minutes from the November 22, 2022 Assembly meeting.



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## **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?