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**University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Zoom Meeting Tuesday, February 21, 2023 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

**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 January 31, 2023 (Discussion & Decision)<sup>3</sup>

**2. Reports**

- a. Executive Committee Reports (Information & Decision)<sup>4</sup>

**3. Appointments**

- a. Motion to appoint CRO (Discussion & Decision)<sup>5</sup>
- b. Motion to appoint Board of Appeal Chair & Vice-Chair (Discussion & Decision)<sup>6,7</sup>

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

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

<sup>3</sup> DRAFT MOTION: BIRT the UTGSU Board of Directors approve the minutes from the January 31, 2023 Board of Directors meeting.

<sup>4</sup> DRAFT MOTION: BIRT the UTGSU Board of Directors accept the Executive Committee reports up until February 14, 2023.

<sup>5</sup> DRAFT MOTION: BIRT the UTGSU Board of Directors appoint \_\_\_\_\_ as the CRO for the 2023 general elections.

<sup>6</sup> DRAFT MOTION: BIRT the UTGSU Board of Directors appoint \_\_\_\_\_ as the Board of Appeal Chair for 2022-23.

<sup>7</sup> DRAFT MOTION: BIRT the UTGSU Board of Directors appoint \_\_\_\_\_ as the Board of Appeal Vice-Chair for 2022-23.



c. Motion to appoint members to the following committees: Elections and Referenda Committee, Finance Committee, Governance Committee, Graduate Affairs Committee, U of T CASAS Committee (Discussion & Decision)<sup>89101112</sup>

#### **4. Bikechain Referendum Campaign**

a. Motion to approve type of referendum campaign (Discussion & Decision)<sup>13</sup>

#### **5. Earthquake Relief Donation**

a. Motion to approve a \$500 donation to UNCHR for Turkey and Syria earthquake relief (Discussion & Decision)<sup>14</sup>

#### **6. In-camera Discussion**

#### **7. Other Business**

#### **8. Adjournment**

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<sup>8</sup> DRAFT MOTION: BIRT the UTGSU Board of Directors approves \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ for appointment to the Elections & Referenda Committee for the 2023 general election.

<sup>9</sup> DRAFT MOTION: BIRT the UTGSU Board of Directors approves \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ from Division 1 & 2, and \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ from Division 3 & 4 for appointment to the Finance Committee.

<sup>10</sup> DRAFT MOTION: BIRT the UTGSU Board of Directors approves \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ from Division 1 & 2, and \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ from Division 3 & 4 for the Governance Committee.

<sup>11</sup> DRAFT MOTION: BIRT the UTGSU Board of Directors approves \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ from Division 1 & 2, and \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ from Division 3 & 4 for the Graduate Affairs Committee.

<sup>12</sup> DRAFT MOTION: BIRT the UTGSU Board of Directors approves \_\_\_\_\_ as a student representative on the U of T CASAS Committee.

<sup>13</sup> DRAFT MOTION: BIRT the UTGSU Board of Directors approve a Yes or No Campaign for Bikechain's referendum question, in consultation with Bikechain.

<sup>14</sup> DRAFT MOTION: BIRT the UTGSU Board of Directors approve the use of \$500 from the Student Services and Resources Fund for the Executive Committee to make a donation to UNCHR, the UN Refugee Agency, in support of their Turkey and Syria earthquake relief efforts.



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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?