



**University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union
Board of Directors Meeting
Zoom Meeting Tuesday, January 31, 2023 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 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)¹
- c. Seating Guests (Discussion & Decision)²
- d. Approval of Minutes from November 22, 2022 (Discussion & Decision)³

2. Reports

- a. Executive Committee Reports (Information & Decision)⁴
- 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)

3. CRO and Elections & Referenda Committee

- a. Motion to Appoint Elections & Referenda Committee (Discussion & Decision)⁵
- b. Motion to task committee with hiring CRO (Discussion & Decision)⁶

4. Bikechain Referendum Question

- a. Presentation from Bikechain (Information & Discussion)
- b. Motion to approve referendum question (Discussion & Decision) (Page 4)⁷

5. Committees and Appointments

¹ DRAFT MOTION: BIRT the UTGSU Board of Directors adopt the January 31, 2023, meeting agenda as presented or amended.

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

³ DRAFT MOTION: BIRT the UTGSU Board of Directors approve the minutes from the November 22, 2022 Board of Directors meeting.

⁴ DRAFT MOTION: BIRT the UTGSU Board of Directors accept the Executive Committee reports up until January 23, 2023.

⁵ DRAFT MOTION: BIRT the UTGSU Board of Directors appoint (name, department) as the member(s) of the Elections & Referenda Committee for the 2023 general election.

⁶ DRAFT MOTION: BIRT the Elections & Referenda Committee hire a Chief Returning Officer (CRO) for the 2023 general election, in accordance with bylaw 9.1.5.

⁷ DRAFT MOTION: BIRT the UTGSU Board of Directors approve Bikechain's referendum question as presented.



- a. Committee appointments (Discussion & Decision)⁸
 - b. Campaign and Activism Standing Committee (Discussion & Decision) (Page 5)⁹
- 6. Board of Directors Honoraria**
- a. Board of Directors Honoraria (Information)
- 7. Other Business**
- 8. Adjournment**

⁸ DRAFT MOTION: BIRT the UTGSU Board of Directors task the Executive Director with opening applications for general members to join any standing committee or caucus of the organization which has vacant positions. BIFRT the Executive Director bring statements from prospective committee and caucus members forward for approval at the February Board Meeting.

⁹ DRAFT MOTION: BIRT the Board of Directors approve the creation of the Campaign and Activism Standing Committee as approved by the Executive Committee.



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?



Bikechain Referendum Question

Preamble

Bikechain is a community bike shop serving U of T students located in the Student Commons building. We serve as a hub for cycling activity on campus by providing free bicycle lending for U of T students, educational Do-It-Yourself (DIY) repair services and affordable drop-off bicycle repairs. We also run organized group rides and offer volunteer and employment opportunities for students.

Bikechain currently collects a refundable levy fee of \$0.60 per session for full-time graduate students and \$0.30 per session for part-time graduate students, indexed annually to cost of living. The proposed increase is \$0.90 per session for full-time students and \$0.45 per semester for part-time students.

If the increase is approved, the total fee would be \$1.50 for full time students and \$0.75 for part time students and would be charged to all graduate students beginning in the fall 2023 semester.

An increase in our funding would allow us to offer more educational and social programming for students, as well as to improve wages and service provision for our core programs.

Question

Do you support a levy increase to \$1.50 per session for full-time graduate students and \$0.75 per session for part time students, indexed annually to cost of living?



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