



**University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union
Board of Directors Meeting
Zoom Meeting Thursday, April 27, 2023 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)¹
- c. Seating Guests (Discussion & Decision)²
- d. Approval of Minutes from March 13, 2023 (Discussion & Decision)³
- e. Approval of Minutes from March 20, 2023 (Discussion & Decision)⁴

2. Reports

- a. Executive Committee Reports⁵

3. Levy Fee Changes for FY2024⁶

4. Mid-Year Financial Business⁷

5. Election Results

- a. Ratification of Election Results⁸

¹ DRAFT MOTION: BIRT the UTGSU Board of Directors adopt the April 27, 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 March 13, 2023 Board of Directors meeting.

⁴ DRAFT MOTION: BIRT the UTGSU Board of Directors approve the minutes from the March 20, 2023 Board of Directors meeting.

⁵ DRAFT MOTION: BIRT the UTGSU Board of Directors accept the Executive Committee reports up until April 18, 2023.

⁶ DRAFT MOTION: BIRT the UTGSU Board of Directors approves a 6.0% cost of living increase to the OPIRG portion of the UTGSU fee for FY2024 to \$6.31 ($\$5.95 + 0.36 = 6.31$); and BIFRT that this fee be collected in two equal sessional amounts.

⁷ DRAFT MOTION: BIRT the UTGSU Board of Directors approve the FY2023 Mid-Year Financial Statement as presented.

⁸ DRAFT MOTION: BIRT the UTGSU Board of Directors ratifies the election results for the 2023-2024 academic year, for the following positions:

President: Lynne Alexandrova

Vice-President External: Neelofar Ahmed

Vice-President Finance: Zoya Tawhidi

Vice-President Internal: Aanshi Gandhi

Academics & Funding Commissioner, Divisions 3 & 4: Mohammadmir Ghasemian Moghaddam

Board of Directors (Division 3): Friedemann Krannich

Board of Directors (Division 4): Rohankrishna Harikumar, Jady Liang, Vida Maksimoska, Chris Rodgers



- b. Ratification of Referendum Results⁹
- c. Finance Authority Transfer¹⁰

6. Appointments

- a. Appointment to the Chair Nominating Committee¹¹

7. Other Business

8. Adjournment

⁹ DRAFT MOTION: BIRT the UTGSU Board of Directors ratifies the referendum results for the following 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?

Yes - 720 (76.8%)

No - 218 (23.2%)

Abstain - 199 (17.5%)

¹⁰ DRAFT MOTION: BIRT the UTGSU Board of Directors transfer signing authority to the newly elected Executive Officers from May 01, 2023 to April 30, 2024.

¹¹ DRAFT MOTION: BIRT the UTGSU Board of Directors appoint _____ and _____ to the Chair Nominating 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?