



**University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union
Special Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
Virtual, on Zoom
Wednesday, August 9th, 2023 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

4:00 PM - Meeting will come to order

1. Meeting Comes to Order
 - a. Appointment of Meeting Chair and Equity Officer (Discussion and Decision)
 - b. Equity Statement (Commitment)
 - c. Adoption of Agenda (Discussion and Decision)
 - d. Introductions and Rules of Order (Information and Discussion)
 - e. Guests and Media (Discussion and Decision)
2. Committee Appointments (Discussion and Decision)
 - a. Governance Committee
 - b. Finance Committee
3. By-Election and CRO Nominating Committee (Discussion and Decision)
4. Office Space Renovation and Development (Discussion and Decision)
5. Fall/Winter Board of Directors Meeting (Discussion)
 - a. Dates/Times
 - b. Format - Virtual/In Person/Hybrid
6. Reports
7. Other Business
8. Adjournment



Motions

DRAFT MOTION: BIRT the UTGSU Board of Directors appoints Kayla Weiler as Chair for this meeting.

DRAFT MOTION: BIRT the UTGSU Board of Directors appoints Gadfly Stratton as Equity Officer for this meeting.

DRAFT MOTION: BIRT the UTGSU Board of Directors approves the agenda for August 9, 2023 as presented or amended.

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

DRAFT MOTION: BIRT the UTGSU Board of Directors appoints ___ to the Finance Committee.

DRAFT MOTION: BIRT the UTGSU Board of Directors appoints ___ to the Governance Committee.

DRAFT MOTION: BIRT the UTGSU Board of Directors appoints ___ to the CRO Nominating Committee.

DRAFT MOTION: BIRT the UTGSU Board of Directors approves up to \$25,000 from the Building, Planning and Accessibility Fund for office space renovation and development during 2023-2024 term.



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?