University of Toronto Graduate Students’ Union
Assembly Meeting Agenda
Hybrid, on Zoom and in person (SS 1085)
Tuesday, November 28th, 2023 5.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.

5.30 pm - Meeting comes to order

1. Meeting Comes to Order
   a. Land Acknowledgement and Equity Statement (Commitment)
   b. Adoption of Agenda (Discussion and Decision)
   c. Guests and Media (Discussion and Decision)
   d. Adoption of minutes from October 27th, 2023 (Decision)

2. Reports (Information and Discussion)
   a. Executive Committee
   b. Course Unions
   c. Receiving reports (Decision)

3. Head Grant Reminder (Information)
4. Other Business
5. Adjournment

Draft motions

BIRT the UTGSU Assembly moves to seat all guests with speaking rights.
BIRT the UTGSU Assembly approves the meeting minutes from October 27th, 2023 as presented or amended.
BIRT the UTGSU Assembly receives all reports under Item 2.

Head Grant Reminder

If your course union has not yet submitted your Head Grant application, you have until January 1, 2024 to submit your form and receive 100% of your fall cheque. Course unions that apply between January 2 and April 15 are eligible for only 50% of the fall cheque.
Links to the course union orientation video, quiz, and Head Grant application are all available on our website: https://utgsu.ca/funding-2/course-union-head-grants/
Please note that your second cheque will not be released unless all requirements have been met - application, emailed financial statement, and orientation video & quiz. All second/winter semester cheques will begin distribution at the end of March 2024.
Please email Gail at membership@utgsu.ca if you have any questions.
Land Acknowledgement and Equity Statement

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:

We acknowledge this land on which the University of Toronto Graduate Students’ Union operates. For thousands of years, it has been the traditional land of the Huron-Wendat, the Seneca, and the Mississaugas of the Credit River. Today, this meeting place is still the home to many Indigenous peoples from across Turtle Island and we are grateful to have the opportunity to operate on this land.

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 behaviour 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 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?