UTGSU Assembly Meeting
Thursday, February 29, 2024 | 6:00PM-8:00PM
Location: ES, Room B149, 5 Bancroft Avenue or on Zoom

1. MEETING COMES TO ORDER
   a. Land Acknowledgement and Equity Statement (Commitment, Page 3)
   b. Adoption of Agenda (Discussion and Decision)
      
      MOTION
      
      BIRT the agenda be adopted as presented.
      
      Moved: Seconded:
      
   c. Guests and Media (Discussion and Decision)
      
      MOTION
      
      BIRT all guests be seated with speaking rights with a maximum of 30 seconds per speech.
      
      Moved: Seconded:
      
   d. Adoption of minutes from November 28, 2023 (Discussion and Decision)
      
      MOTION
      
      BIRT the minutes from the November 28, 2023 UTGSU Assembly be adopted.
      
      Moved: Seconded:
2. REPORTS (INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION)
   a. Executive Committee
   b. Course Unions

3. UTGSU ELECTIONS (INFORMATION)

4. COURSE UNION ELECTIONS & TRANSITION (INFORMATION)

5. BASE FUNDING CAMPAIGN (INFORMATION)

6. HEAD GRANT REQUIREMENTS REMINDER (INFORMATION)

7. UTGSU BYLAWS ARTICLE 5 (DISCUSSION)
   The UTGSU Governance Committee is currently reviewing Article 5 of the UTGSU Bylaws. Article 5 governs the formation of Course Unions and the UTGSU Assembly. If you have any feedback, ideas for improvement etc for Article 5 please contact internal@utgsu.ca.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

9. ADJOURNMENT
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?