1. Meeting Comes to Order

The meeting is called to order at 7:21 pm

a. Appointment of Meeting Chair (Discussion and Decision, Page 2)
BIRT the UTGSU Board of Directors appoints Justin Patrick as Chair for this meeting.

Moved: F. Krannich Seconded: A. Moghadam Result: Carried

b. Appointment of Equity Officer (Discussion and Decision, Page 2)

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

Moved: F. Krannich Seconded: A. Hamed Mohamed Result: Carried

c. Land Acknowledgement and Equity Statement

The land acknowledgement and equity statement were read and all attendees agreed to abide by the statement

d. Adoption of Agenda (Discussion and Decision)

BIRT the UTGSU Board of Directors adopt the agenda as presented.

Moved: F. Krannich Seconded: A. H. Mohammad Zadeh Result: Carried

F. Krannich made a friendly amendment and added an item on announcing the resignation of Jonah Dunch.

e. Guests and Media

BIRT the UTGSU Board of Directors moves to seat all guests with speaking rights limited to 30 seconds per speech.

Moved: F. Krannich Seconded: Z. Tawhidi Result: Carried

Emma Livingstone: The Varsity
Fateme Eskandary: the minute taker
Lynne Alexandrova: non-voting member

f. Resignation

F. Krannich read Jonah Dunch’s resignation letter as follows:

Dear Friedemann and Corey,
Due to other commitments and challenges I am facing this semester, I have decided to resign from the Board of Directors. I wish all the best to the board and staff in their important work together this semester.

Best regards,
Jonah

The resignation is received and accepted.

2. Appointment of CRO for UTGSU General Election 2024
Motion voted by e-mail between December 14, 2023 and December 22, 2023

BIRT the Board of Directors appoint Devonnia Miller as the Chief Returning Officer for the 2024 UTGSU General Elections and Referenda.
Moved: A. Moghaddam    Seconded: F. Krannich    Result: Carried

Motion carries with noted opposition by C. Rogers

3. Committees

BIRT the UTGSU Board of Directors appoints the following members to the Campaigns & Activism Committee:
- Hazirah Mohamad from division 1
- Petra Duff from division 3
- Vida Maksimosa from division 4

DISCUSSION
J. Liang explained the role of the Campaigns & Activism Committee.
The nominees gave a 30 second motivation each.
C. Scott suggested not asking questions for each candidate and committee for the sake of time.
S. Kazemi proposed to have questions when deemed necessary.

BIRT the UTGSU Board of Directors appoints the following members to the Governance Committee:
- Zoya Tawhidi, Vice-Chair
- Sabeen Kazemi, Division 2
- Jocelyn van der Veen, Division 3
- Chris Rodgers, Division 4

DISCUSSION
F. Krannich explained the role of the Governance Committee.
Each nominee motivated their nomination.
C. Scott suggested there is no need for a vote since there is no contest.

L. Alexandrova suggested a motion to a general agreement to accept all the nominees to be on the committee.

C. Scott agreed.

**BIRT** the UTGSU Board of Directors appoints the following members to the Graduate Affairs Committee:

- Kanika Lawton, Division 1
- Abdul Hamed Mohamed, Division 2
- Sabeen Kazemi, Division 2
- Ameer Ali, Division 2
- Griffin Schwartz, Division 3
- Kevin Xie, Division 3
- Amir Hossein Mohammad Zadeh, Division 3

**DISCUSSION**

A. Moghadam explained the role of the Graduate Affairs Committee.

The nominees motivated their nomination.

There was a general agreement on accepting all the nominees.

A. Ali proposed all committees being introduced in a row, before moving on to nominations.

There was a general agreement.

**BIRT** the UTGSU Board of Directors appoints the following members to the Finance Committee:

- Friedemann Krannich, Vice-Chair
- Petra Duff, Division 3
- Chris Rodgers, Division 4

**DISCUSSION**

Z. Tawhidi Explained the role.

The nominees motivated their nomination.

There was general agreement.

**MOTION TO EXTEND MEETING**

**BIRT** that meeting be extended to 9:15pm

Moved: F. Krannich         Seconded: G. Schwartz         Result: Carried

**BIRT** the UTGSU Board of Directors appoints the following members to the Elections & Referenda Committee:

- Kevin Xie

**DISCUSSION**

C. Scott explained the role.
There was general agreement.
Corey asked the board’s consent to have the previous board members who were
members of this committee to continue to help out the committee, since there is only one
nominee.
There was general agreement.
The nominee motivated his nomination.

**BIRT** the UTGSU Board of Directors appoints the following members to the Funding Committee:
- Julien Nickel, Chair
- Jady Liang, Vice-Chair
- Lily Ziyue Zhang, Division 2
- Hazirah Mohamad, Division 1

**DISCUSSION**
F. Krannich read the role of the committee, written by J. Nickel.
The nominees motivated their nomination.

Be it resolved that the 2023-24 Committee appointments be ratified as presented.

Moved: F. Krannich     Seconded: A. Ali    Result: Carried

**MOTION**
Be it resolved that the 2023-24 Committee appointments be ratified as presented.
Moved: F. Krannich     Seconded: J. Liang    Result: Carried

4. **Appointment of Nominating Committee for Chair and Vice-chair for Board of Appeals**

**WHEREAS** the UTGSU has opened applications for the Appeals Committee Chair and Vice-Chair; and
**WHEREAS** there is no formal process laid out on the selection of Appeals Committee Chair and Vice-Chair; therefore
**BIRT** the UTGSU establish a Nominating Committee to interview and recommend the Board of Appeals Chair and Vice-Chair for the Winter 2024 Term; and
**BIFRT** Board of Directors appoints the following members to the Nominating Committee
- Abdul Hamed Mohamed
- Vida Maksimoska
- Joscelyn van der Veen
- Corey Scott
**BIFRT** the Nominating Committee recommends at least two candidates per Chair and Vice-Chair position, and to have the final decision on the last board meeting.
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Moved: F. Krannich      Seconded: A. Moghadam      Result: Carried
Abstention: C. Rodgers

C. Scott suggested a process like the CRO appointment since the bylaws are not clear about this subject.

A. Mohamed and V. Maksimoska nominated themselves for the committee.

5. Adjournment

*BIRT* the meeting adjourns.
Moved: F. Krannich      Seconded: A. Mohamed      Result: Carried

The meeting adjourns at 9:14 PM.

Minute Taker: Fateme Eskandary  
Chair: Justin Patrick