1. MEETING COMES TO ORDER

The Meeting is called to order at 5:16pm

a. Appointment of Meeting Chair (Discussion and Decision)

BIRT the UTGSU Board of Directors appoints Justin Patrick as Chair for this meeting.

Moved: F. Krannich   Seconded: C. Rodgers   Result: Carries

b. Land Acknowledgement and Equity Statement

F. Krannich reads the land acknowledgement.

c. Adoption of Agenda (Discussion and Decision)
BIRT that the UTGSU Agenda be adopted as presented.

Moved: J. Liang  
Seconded: F. Krannich

Result: Carries (Friendly amendment)

F. Krannich submits a friendly amendment to reclassify Item 3: Appointment of CRO be moved from voting item to a discussion item.

d. Guests and Media (Discussion and Decision)

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

Moved: F. Krannich  
Seconded: A. Moghaddam  
Result: Carries

The Chair identifies guests Lynne Alexandrova, Emma Livingstone (The Varsity) and Songhee Back (UTGSU Chief Returning Officer).

2. RATIFICATION OF RESULTS OF THE FALL 2023 BY-ELECTION (PAGE 3)

BIRT the Board of Directors ratifies the results of the UTGSU Fall 2023 By-election.

BIFRT the Board of Directors receive the report of the CRO.

Moved: F. Krannich  
Seconded: C. Rodgers

Result: Carries (Friendly Amendment)

J. Liang asks for more information regarding the Election Report, specifically the complaint on slates.

**MOTION**

Be it resolved that the CRO be given unspecified speaking time to report on the Elections.

Moved: F. Krannich  
Seconded: A. Moghaddam  
Result: Carries

S. Back states that there was a complaint relating to a series of documents, specifically a google sheet that was circulated, that was sent to them regarding students interested
in running for the UTGSU with some intents to slate. She states that there was insufficient evidence that slating occurred during the election. She states that it looks like there were attempts to potentially figure out who was running for which positions and potentially nominate each other.

C. Rodgers states that he saw there were indications in candidate statements about references to organizing against defunding the UTGSU. He asks the CRO on their interpretation of candidate statements which references to past organizing on UTGSU issues and causing the elections to occur.

S. Back states that there is insufficient evidence since there is strong suspicion but that there was no evidence of slating since they did not name each other and there was no communication during elections.

C. Scott states that the current policies and practices need to define what a slate is. He states this is one of the recommendations.

A. Moghaddam responds to C. Rodgers question and states that the organizing that the students mentioned is membership engagement in the UTGSU and should be celebrated.

C. Rodgers states that the mention of the letter should be evidence enough. He states that there should be consistency in identifying what slate and slate-like behaviour is.

S. Back states that we need to look at past practice but that the by-laws are fairly vague and leave much up to interpretation to the CRO. She states that this is why the main recommendation of the Report states that we need to define the term slate.

C. Scott states that the previous point made by other Board Members about celebrating membership engagement is made by a Board Member and not the CRO. The CRO did apply the procedures consistently.

J. Liang asks if the complainant was responded to.

S. Back states that they did respond to the complainant and that additional evidence could not be produced.

**MOTION**

Be it resolved that the meeting be extended to 6:30pm.
Moved: F. Krannich    Seconded: A. Moghaddam    Result: Motion Withdrawn

C. Rodgers states that they agree with the CRO about lacking past practice and the need to set additional rules. He states that he agrees that the CRO does not have enough rules to work off of.

F. Krannich makes a friendly amendment to include a motion to ratify the report.

L. Alexandrova states that previous legal advice states that reports should be received and not ratified.

F. Krannich makes a friendly amendment to their motion.

3. APPOINTMENT OF CRO FOR 2024 GENERAL ELECTION

The Chair reminds Board Members that this has been changed to a discussion rather than a motion.

C. Scott states that there have been delays to meeting as a hiring committee. He asks for permission to ratify the recommendation of the Chief Returning Officer through an online vote over the break.

L. Alexandrova states that there needs to be a review of the legislative function of the UTGSU. She states that the Election Results should be posted on the website.

F. Krannich states that Election Results have been posted on the website and have also been sent to the Board of Directors ahead of this meeting. He states that he supports the recommendation to vote for the CRO via email.

J. Liang agrees with conducting the CRO ratification vote online.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

C. Scott thanks S. Back for their work as the Chief Returning Officer on such short notice. He states that she has been very adaptable over the past week to meet the organization’s needs.

L. Alexandrova states that she will continue to follow up on outstanding business around resolution processes and previous meetings and their irregularities.

5. ADJOURNMENT
MOTION

Be it resolved that the meeting be adjourned.

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

Meeting adjourns at 5:47pm

Chair: Justin Patrick

Minutetaker: Corey Scott