University of Toronto Graduate Students’ Union
Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
Hybrid, on Zoom and in person (Grad loft, 16 Bancroft Avenue)
Thursday, March 7th, 2024 7.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. EST

7.00 p.m. - Meeting comes to order

1. Meeting Comes to Order
   a. Appointment of Meeting Chair (Discussion and Decision, Page 2)
   b. Appointment of Equity Officer (Discussion and Decision, Page 2)
   c. Land Acknowledgement and Equity Statement (Commitment, Page 7)
   d. Adoption of Agenda (Discussion and Decision)
   e. Approval of Minutes (Discussion and Decision, Page 2)
      i. Board of Directors meeting February 1st, 2024
      ii. Board of Directors meeting February 20th, 2024
   f. Guests and Media (Discussion and Decision, Page 2)

2. Bursaries (Discussion and Decision, Page 3)
   a. Black Graduate Student Bursary
   b. Graduate Indigenous Student Bursary

3. Suspension of the President (Information and Discussion, Page 4)
   a. In-camera session
   b. Ex-camera session

4. Endorsement of CUPE 3902 strike (Discussion and Decision, Page 5)

5. Board of Directors Honorarium (Information and Discussion, Page 6)
   a. In-camera session
   b. Ex-camera session

6. CFS National Graduate Caucus Meeting (Information)

7. Committee Reports

8. Other Business

9. Adjournment
Motions for consideration - Item 1

**BIRT** the UTGSU Board of Directors appoints ____ as Chair for this meeting.

Moved; F. Krannich

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

Moved; F. Krannich

**BIRT** the UTGSU Board of Directors approves the agenda as amended.

Moved; F. Krannich

**BIRT** the UTGSU Board of Directors moves to seat all guests with speaking rights limited to 30 seconds per speech and with a two strike conduct rule to be facilitated by the meeting Chair.

Moved; F. Krannich

**BIRT** the UTGSU Board of Directors approves the minutes for the Board of Directors meetings as presented in Item 1e of the agenda.

Moved; F. Krannich
Motion for consideration - Item 2

**BIRT** the UTGSU Board of Directors approves the policy for the creation of Black Graduate Student Bursary as presented.

Moved; Z. Tawhidi

**BIRT** the UTGSU Board of Directors approves the policy for the creation of Graduate Indigenous Student Bursary as presented.

Moved; Z. Tawhidi
Motion for consideration - Item 3

**BIRT** the UTGSU Board of Directors moves in-camera at ___ pm.

Moved; F. Krannich

**BIRT** the UTGSU Board of Directors moves ex-camera at ___ pm.

Moved; F. Krannich

**WHEREAS** the UTGSU President, Lynne Alexandrova, was suspended from office at the September 28, 2023 Board of Directors meeting; and

**WHEREAS** an internal investigation has been conducted by the Executive Director, Interim Vice-President Internal and Interim Vice-President External; and

**WHEREAS** a confidential report for the Board of Directors has been prepared; therefore

**BIRT** the Internal Investigation Report be accepted; and

**BIFRT** the Board of Directors determine the next appropriate steps following suspension.

Moved; F. Krannich
Motions for consideration - Item 4

**BIRT** the UTGSU Board of Directors endorse the ongoing CUPE 3902 strike.

Moved; A. Moghaddam
Motion for consideration - Item 5

**BIRT** the UTGSU Board of Directors moves in-camera at ___ pm.

Moved; A. Moghaddam

**BIRT** the UTGSU Board of Directors moves ex-camera at ___ pm.

Moved; A. Moghaddam
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?