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# **UTMSU BOARD MEETING #5**

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# Your Guide to Robert's Rules of Order

## RULES OF ORDER AT A GLANCE

To Do This:	You Say This:	May You Interrupt the Speaker?	Must You be Seconded?	Is the Motion Debatable?	Is the Motion Amendable?	What Majority is Required?
Object to incorrect procedure being used	Point of order	Yes	No	No	No	No vote taken, chair rules
Seek clarification from the previous speaker	Point of information	Yes, if urgent	No	No	No	No vote taken, chair rules
Object to something which prevents your continued participation (eg. excessive noise)	Point of personal privilege.	Yes	No	No	No	No vote taken, chair rules
Object to a motion being considered	I object to consideration of this motion.	Yes	No	No	No	2/3 Majority
Consider something out of its scheduled order	I move the agenda be amended in order to deal with the following item...	No	Yes	No	No	2/3 Majority
Overturn the ruling of the chair	I challenge the chair on...	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Majority
Change a motion	I move that the motion be amended to read...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
Have a motion studied more before voting on it	I move that the motion be referred to...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
Postpone further discussion on a motion until later in the meeting	I move that the motion be tabled until...	No	Yes	Only to time	Yes	Majority
Postpone consideration of a motion until a future meeting	I move that the motion be postponed until...	No	Yes	Only to time	Yes	Majority
Raise a matter previously tabled	I move that motion...be lifted from the table.	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
Reconsider a motion already voted on earlier in the meeting	I move that motion...be reconsidered.	Yes	Yes	Yes (if original motion was)	No	Majority
End debate on a motion	I call the question.	No	Yes	No	No	2/3 Majority
Ask that everyone's vote on a particular motion be recorded in the minutes	I call for a roll call vote.	No	No	No	No	No vote required, chair rules
Recess the meeting	I move that the meeting recess until...	No	Yes	Only to time	No	Majority
End the meeting	I move that the meeting adjourn.	No	Yes	No	No	Majority

**Attendance**

Executives

Joelle Salsa  
Ronny Chen - proxy to T. Chen  
Daniel Ripoll  
Philip Anyang  
Sidra Ahsan  
Joy Pius (non-voting)

Division I

Vacant

Nikita Galanin  
Farzana Ishmael  
Joel (Yue) Xing

Division II

~~Maya Atte~~  
Tom (Yi Feng) Chen  
Andrew Park

Division III

Vacant

Staff (non-voting):

Felipe Nagata (Executive Director)  
*Bethany Loeb sack* (Assistant to the Board)

David Han  
Betty (Yulin) Dong  
Ashley Ganga  
Faris Khalili  
Rayan Hobeika

Division IV

Vacant

Guests

Greg Owens  
Razia (UTM Bureau Chief)

**#1. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order at 11:20AM.

**#2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & EQUITY STATEMENT**

Done by Ronny Chen

**#3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**MOTION**

Moved: Joelle Salsa

Seconded: Daniel

Be it resolved that the agenda be approved as presented.

Amendment to agenda by Ronny Chen ( Mover: [Ronny Chen](#) Seconded: Rayan)

Ronny proposed adding three items to the agenda:

- A hiring committee report.
- A motion to form a Pro-Palestine Committee.
- A motion to strike the Black History Month Committee

**VOTE - CARRIED**

**#4. EXECUTIVE REPORTS**

**MOTION**

Moved: Joelle Salsa

Seconded: David

Be it resolved that the Executive Reports be approved as presented.

Sidra

- Credit/No Credit (CR/NC) system survey update
  - challenge in gathering responses due to lack of incentives
  - collaborative efforts to lobby for changes to the grading system using student feedback across campuses
  - call for participation of attendees in survey

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- Looking to schedule meeting by January between UofT admin and other student unions
- WUSC Update
  - WUSC Overview: UTMSU sponsors a student refugee each year through WUSC, in collaboration with the university's administration. The International Education Centre (IEC) handles residence, and the administration covers the student's first-year tuition, while the union manages everything else.
  - Current Sponsored Student: Abdiaziz, who works at the Blind Duck Pub. Working on obtaining documentation for students, including a health card, but noted that process was complex due to the interconnected requirements of different documents.
  - Highlighted @wuscutm instagram account and mentioned walkout planned for Oct 7th for Palestine
  - Statement released for Lebanon bombing - mention of ad hoc committee for Palestine
- Mentorship Program - collaboration between nine academic societies and UTMSU
  - experiencing difficulties in recruiting mentors, especially from upper-year students, which impacted its ability to pair first-year students with suitable mentors
  - Mentors would receive CCR (Co-Curricular Record) recognition, a reference letter, and a certificate for their participation. If they fulfill certain criteria, they would also be eligible for honoraria payments at the end of the year.
  - Going to continue to promote the program and adjust its recruitment strategies to meet the demand for mentors.

Philip

- Accessibility
  - Talked about research on paid note-taking systems for students with accessibility needs
  - Idea of incentivizing note taking in addition to CCR
  - Meeting with universities and researching how paid note-taking works in their institutions - met with Stanford already and meetings planned with Cambridge
- Food Insecurity
  - Partnerships with food provider (Tre'dish) to address student food insecurity highlighted
- Bursaries
  - Have been reviewed and approved
  - Fall 2023-Winter 2024 bursaries have all been released
- Black Mentorship Program
  - Mentorship program similar to Sidra's but for black students

Ronny

- WeChat Committee
  - Hosted WeChat orientation on Sept 13th - huge success (had to close registration early due to volume of registrants)
  - Exec. team attended and delivered a small speech in Mandarin
- HR
  - Get Hired Fair attendance in Gym A/B - advertised current job postings and did outreach
  - 2 full-day meetings over the weekend for execs where campaign points and planned events were organized
  - Working on MEGA commission, where the preliminary budget of Campaigns and Advocacy Commission, Student Service Commission, and Student Advice Commission Budget work will be presented

Daniel

- Transit
  - Updated transit survey - accounts for line 126
  - Noticed long lines at bus stop - a lot more students travelling west vs. east

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- Working on incentives for taking survey (ex. Uber eats gift cards, wonderland tickets, etc.)
- Go Bus Initiative
  - Meeting with Amanda Butler (public relations for U of T) and Mark Overton, Dean of Academics regarding
- Housing
  - Looking for housing solution
  - Housing Committee research team doing research to secure funding for housing grant - based of \$10,000 housing grant Simon Fraser University gets from Pepsi, McMaster does the same through government avenue
  - Role as a part of hiring committee for House Canada - held interviews in the past week
  - Housing lobby document work to present to university admin and city council
  - Networking with clubs to talk about transit
- All You Can Eat Buffet
  - Discussing menu and additional aspects of event with Shane

Joy

- Orientation recap - boat cruise, medieval times, boat cruise, paint and foam - all successful with lots of positive feedback from students
- QUEST 24 - student takeover of the Student Centre
- Clubs tabling
- Money raised for orientation was more than expected - 50,000 instead of 40,000 - 10,000 more than expected
- All you can eat buffet - combo event for Thanksgiving

Joelle

- Student contingents being organized at universities like Scarborough, Waterloo, Guelph, McMaster, and St. George to join larger protests.
- A tri-campus initiative planned for the beginning of October.
- Involvement with Occupy U of T, with the speaker representing the UTMSU.
- A statement issued with the Middle Eastern Student Association regarding Israeli government actions in Lebanon.
- The development of a mental health and wellness program, "Here to Help," which will offer workshops, meditation, and peer support.
- Volunteer coordination, with 105 volunteers and events including appreciation and training sessions.
- Launching a free breakfast program starting on October 2nd.
- Participation in the Get Hired Fair and involvement in the UTM Teaching Excellence Award.
- Efforts to facilitate training on U of T governance and preparing for Fall Lobby Week with MPPs and other stakeholders.

**VOTE - CARRIED**

<b>#5.</b>	<b>MINUTES PACKAGE</b>
	1. Emergency Board of Directors Meeting #1 Minutes - Thursday, August 1st, 2024 2. Board of Directors Meeting #4 Minutes - Tuesday, August 20th, 2024 3. Clubs Committee Meeting #2 Minutes 4. Clubs Committee Meeting #3 Minutes

**MOTION**

Moved: Joelle Salsa

Seconded: Andrew



Whereas the Government has announced that minimum wage must increase from \$16.55/hour;

Whereas the UTMSU is a progressive organization and acknowledges that minimum wage is not enough for students as being a student is very expensive;

Be it resolved that the UTMSU adopt the changes to the 'OPERATIONAL POLICY – Remuneration' as presented in Appendix A

- The proposal is to increase wages for UTMSU workers from the current rate of \$17, which is close to the new minimum wage, to ensure fair compensation.
- Some confusion arose over wording, but it was clarified that the minimum wage will rise from \$16.55 to \$17 in October.

**VOTE - CARRIED**

<b>#9</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS</b>
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**MOTION**

Moved: Ronny Chen

Seconded: Rayan

**Hiring Committee**

- The hiring committee concluded that the best candidate for the campus student coordinator position was an exceptional fit. The candidate demonstrated excellent work ethic, adaptability, independence, and a positive response to criticism. The candidate was praised for their empathy and ability to work in a team while also handling situations independently. The committee found no reason not to hire the candidate, with positive feedback following interactions post-hiring. No motion or vote was required.

**Pro-Palestine Ad Hoc Committee:**

- A new open ad hoc committee called the "Pro-Palestine Committee" was proposed, focusing on long-term divestment from Israeli apartheid. The committee aims to keep discussions on Palestine ongoing and includes various activities like protests, sit-ins, and research. It will be chaired by the president and open to all students. After discussions, the motion to create the committee passed.

**Black History Month Committee:**

- A motion was proposed to create an open ad hoc "Black History Month Committee" to plan events and collaborate with external organizations. The committee aims to secure venues and plan well in advance for Black History Month, ensuring community involvement and diverse input. It will be chaired by the VP Equity, and the motion passed without opposition.

**VOTE - CARRIED**

<b>#10.</b>	<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>
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**MOTION**

Moved: Joelle Salsa

Seconded: David

Be it resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 12:32 PM.

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**VOTE - CARRIED**

<b>VALIDATION</b>		
<b>Joelle Salsa PRESIDENT</b>		<b>Wednesday, September 25, 2024</b>
<b>NAME AND POSITION</b>	<b>SIGNATURE</b>	<b>DATE</b>