



1815 Inner Circle Rd, Mississauga Road Mississauga, Ontario L5L 1C6 | Tel: (905) 569-4676

UTMSU BOARD MEETING #7

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

- CR/NCR
 - was able to meet with all the other unions and discuss deadlines as well as have discussions of the future (continuity) of the campaign
 - Average of 2 academic offence case per week

Joelle

- Housing and transit
 - Joelle, Daniel, Felipe and Chiara met with Major of Mississauga and talked about housing and transit, resulting in a scheduled meeting, called an operational table meeting, with the city of Mississauga and the UTM Administration to present a report on the map that Daniel and his team have been working on and the suggestions for new transit lines.
- Ontario Election
 - Currently working with the CFS Ontario for a provincial election campaign on educating students about the provincial election.
 - We got a polling station at the UTMSU for the day of voting

Ronny

- UTMSU Spring Elections
 - CRO hired
 - CRO will be hiring DROs and Poll Clerk after reading week
- Formed a new hiring committee in the last board meeting: Ronny, Joelle, Philip, Rayan, Nikita. Working on hiring the new Executive Director
- Met with accountant to look over the operating budget

Joy

- Love Week
 - Giving out Roses
 - Cookie Decorating (cancelled due to weather)
 - Speed dating event
 - Bridgerton themed Valentine's Day Pub Event
- Montreal trip (reading week)
 - 100+ students
 - 5 days

Daniel

- Housing and Transit
 - as briefly mentioned by Joelle, Daniel meet with the mayor of Mississauga along with Joelle, Felipe and Chiara.
 - Discussed the map as mentioned in last board meeting
 - Suggesting new transit lines to Miway
 - we have been invited to collaborate further and closer with the City of Mississauga (Operational Table meeting on Feb 26)
 - Daniel and team has scheduled multiple housing workshops with House Canada that should be taking place throughout the month of March and April.

VOTE CARRIED

#5.	MOTIONS TABLED FROM PRIOR BOARD MEETING (AGM MOTIONS)
------------	--

a)	Investigation of Social and Financial benefits of a makerspace at UTM
-----------	--

MOTION

Moved: Joelle

Seconded: Sidra

Whereas a makerspace (also known as a hackerspace) is a multifaceted space that promotes hands-on learning, sustainability and fostering a community;

Whereas the community spaces that don't require the purchasing of a good or service to lounge are rare occurrences on and around *UTM*;

Whereas makerspaces often contain tools used to support sustainability through mending and repairing such as sewing machines, 3D printers and/or soldering equipment;

Whereas a makerspace could provide the UTMSU with additional potential to generate income and sustain further independence from the *University of Toronto*;

Whereas makerspaces exist at many post-secondary universities, with a prominent example being the *University of Toronto Scarborough*, which currently has one;

Be it resolved that the UTMSU will investigate the viability of the following pertaining to the creation of a makerspace over the next year.

- a. The value in seeking private and/or public partnerships to fund the creation of the makerspace
- b. Potential collaborations with the *University of Toronto* in finding an on-campus location
- c. Surveying students for types of equipment and services available through the makerspace (such as 3D printers, sewing machines, power-tool library, etc.)
- d. Creating a four-year financial plan draft starting in the 2025/2026 academic school year for the makerspace including
 - i. Financing of equipment
 - ii. Ongoing costs of upkeep and materials
 - iii. Potential sources of revenue for the *Union*

Be it further resolved that the UTMSU publish this as a report alongside the creation of an abstract outlining the benefits and drawbacks of a makerspace.

MOTION

Moved: Joelle

Seconder: Ronny

Be it resolved that Dakota Kelm has speaking rights for item 5A

VOTE: CARRIED

Dakoda

- The library does presently have something akin to a maker space where there's 3D printers AVR headsets and other types of equipment available.
- However, the current use for this space is just for academic use.
- The purpose of this motion was to bring students back to campus, increase student participation, and give students a space where they can be creative and where they can engage with one another.
- "The main inspiration for this motion was actually back at home in Kamloops, British Columbia, which is about three hours away from Vancouver interior BC. There is a university called Thompson Rivers University, and they have an entire makerspace with sewing machines, 3D printers, VR headsets, computers, pin making, etc. this brings a lot of students

who are otherwise commuters to the TRU campus in Kamloops and lets them stay on campus and engage with other students and build a sense of pride around that.”

- The secondary purpose of this motion is the purpose of economic independence from the university.
- Seeing the potential for another Conservative government in Ontario, there may be less education funding, particularly for student unions and other levy groups.
- An important aspect of a makerspace could be to generate a bit of revenue independent of the university for our student union.

VOTE CARRIED

b) Sexual Education Centre Office Space

MOTION

Moved: Andrew

Seconded: Nikita

Whereas the University of Toronto Mississauga Sexual Education Centre (SEC) provides vital, confidential, and accessible resources for students, including those with disabilities;

Whereas relocating the SEC to a smaller space would compromise the confidentiality and accessibility, particularly for students with disabilities who rely on the elevator, further stigmatizing an already sensitive resource;

Be it resolved that the UTMSU retain the SEC’s current office space to ensure its services remain private, accessible, and inclusive for all students.

MOTION

Moved: David

Seconder: Nikita

Be it resolved that Paris, Kelly and Clarice have speaking rights for item 5B

VOTE: CARRIED

Clarice

- “The Sexual Education Center (SEC) is a student levy group that provides sexual and reproductive health resources like menstrual products to students free of charge. We additionally have snacks for those who are less certain.
- Our motion is to essentially remain in the space that we're currently in due to accessibility and safety concerns as well as ensuring that there is enough space for students to come in.
- We've been in our current space since the Student Center was built in 1999, so there is also historical significance there.
- Since we have obtain the keys in October 2024, we have ordered and given away over 2,500 condoms, a combined total of 170 pregnancy tests and ovulation tests during our office hours between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m..
- Helping a combined total of around 20 to 25 students every day, whether it is peer support or with our supply support
- We are hoping to stay in the space because of how large it is and how accessible it is to students with physical disabilities, but also for awareness purposes because we believe that it is a little bit more accessible than other spaces that we have been shown.
- Additionally, we have had a lot of events this year with notably 16 people showing up to our peer support program for survivors of sexual assault and harassment with funds from the sexual violence prevention center at UTM.

- And our most recent speed dating event, which had to be rescheduled, had 122 signups from our student population”

Sidra (speaking against the motion)

- In terms of accessibility, there is an elevator that students regularly use for events upstairs. We regularly operate that and help students with it as well if need be.
- Additionally, taking into account point of fairness to other levy groups, there are other levy groups being in a similar situation with less accessible spaces and having to move around heavy equipment.
- There's multiple levy groups, all of them do very important work just like folks at SEC, and have the right to demand the same considerations we give to SEC and have access to spaces as well.

Clarice (speaking in favour of the motion):

- On the point of elevators, in case a student needs to ask someone else to help them use the elevator, this may constitute an additional barrier to the SEC that we think would mitigate more attendance for our space and that support would be a little bit more difficult to come by, especially these services we provide for free.

Philip (speaking against the motion):

- All members who work in the UTMSU have gone through various trainings and UTMSU is non-judgemental space, so no one will be judged for what they are doing

Daniel (speaking against the motion):

- With regard to privacy and an issue of space, the UTMSU already has a peer support room on the second floor of the Student Center, which is roughly the same size as the office that the SEC would be relocated to, and is perfectly capable of providing the confidential support.

Paris (speaking in favor of the motion):

- The office space was originally designed for the SEC about 30 years ago. So not only does it have an important means in terms of operations and functions, it has an important historical precedent as well.
- Not only is the space important to providing secure and equitable peer support to students, it's important for resource distribution in a safe and private way.
- There is also a concern that students may feel uncomfortable walking in if the space were to be moved.
- Currently, our office actually already feels quite cramped and small. So effectively going to a smaller space, not only will dismantle our services, but will affect the student body.

VOTE: DEFEATED

#5. PRESENTATION OF OPERATING BUDGETS

a) APPROVAL OF BLIND DUCK PUB OPERATING BUDGET

MOTION Moved: Ronny Chen Seconded: Philip

Be it resolved that the Operating Budget of the Blind Duck Pub be approved as presented on Appendix A

Summary:

- Sales Revenue and Other Revenue of operating budget 24-25 same as preliminary budget 24-25; hence, we are doing well on our estimations
- Sales Expense of operating budget 24-25 less than preliminary budget 24-25
 - Satellite expense \$1000 less: we have cancelled the Bell service
 - Repairs and maintenance \$3500 less: not much replacement needed
 - Flex charges \$1500 less: less people are using their T-card for purchases
 - Security \$1500 less: since we don't have any Other events that require security so far, we also do not estimate on a big spending for that
- Overall, we do have a loss of 54K, even with all the profits and customer.
- This is because Blind Dog is a service, not a profit-making space. Food and labour costs have all increase, but we did not pass the price to the students.

VOTE: CARRIED

b)	APPROVAL OF UTMSU OPERATING BUDGET
-----------	---

MOTION

Moved: Ronny Chen

Seconded: David

Be it resolved that the Operating Budget of the UTMSU be approved as presented on Appendix B

Summary:

UTMSU

- Schedule 1: UTMSU Membership fee Operating Budget 24-25 more than Preliminary Budget 24-25
 - \$50k more: we expect more full-time students enrolled this year
- Schedule 2: Health and Dental Plan stays the same
- Schedule 3: Services Operating Budget 24-25 less than Preliminary Budget
 - Admin fee \$5k less
 - Upass \$5k less: since everything is digital U-pass, there's no replacement fees that applies anymore
 - Lockers \$2k less: less rentals than projected
- Schedule 4: Major Events Operating Budget 24-25 more than Preliminary Budget
 - *Orientation* - This year, we were not allowed to outreach and we can't sell wristbands anymore which decreased the number of events we can charge for (from 7 to 3)
 - Therefore, this brought down orientation sales by a lot \$86.5k
 - Orientation sponsorship increased by \$15k
 - Operating Budget 24-25 \$70.5k more, so we are at a major loss
 - Montreal Trip - Tickets all sold \$2k more than preliminary budget (however, may anticipate miscellaneous spending)
- Schedule 5: Administration
 - Legal fees \$5k less: before the ceasefire, we have to go back and forth with the lawyers a lot. But since there's a ceasefire now, we don't have to meet with them that frequently anymore.
- Schedule 6: Communications, everything stays the same
- Schedule 7: Stipends, everything stays the same
- Schedule 8: Commissions & Committee Allocations, everything stays the same
 - Note, however, the Wechat team has gained \$7k in sponsorships which isn't reflected at yet
- Schedule 9: Grants, everything stays the same
- Schedule 10: Clubs, everything stays the same
- Schedule 11: Services, everything stays the same
- Schedule 12: Conference and Meetings
 - Conference \$1k less: there will be no more conferences before April
- Schedule 13: UTMSU Levies operating budget more than preliminary budget
 - Food centre levy \$4,050 more: more food and supplies purchased

Info-Booth

- All schedules stay the same

Duckstop

- Food sales \$10k increase: more customers, more advertising, more food varieties
- Food purchase \$19k increase: food and labour cost increase
- Net loss operating budget \$1k more than preliminary budget

VOTE: CARRIED

#6. REFERENDUM QUESTION APPROVAL

MOTION

Moved: Nikita

Seconded: David

Be it resolved that the referendum question be approved as presented below.

Question: *Are you in favour of the implementation of modifying the Blind Duck Pub Fee from \$3,50 to \$3,50 with a CPI increase*

Amendment

Moved: Joelle

Seconded: Nikita

Be it resolved that the referendum question be approved as presented below.

- *Are you in favour of the modification of the Blind Duck Pub Levy Fee from \$3,25 to \$3,25 with annual adjustment of CPI, per session for full-time and part-time students?*
- *Are you in favour of the modification of the Student Centre Levy Fee from \$12,50 to \$12,50 with annual adjustment of CPI, per session for full-time students?*
- *Are you in favour of the modification of the Student Centre Levy Fee from \$3,75 to \$3,75 with annual adjustment of CPI, per session for part-time students?*

Vote: Carried

VOTE CARRIED

#7. ELECTION PROCEDURE CODE AMENDMENTS

MOTION

Moved: Philip

Seconded: Joelle

Be it resolved that the amendments to the Election Procedure Code (EPC) suggested by the Election and Referendum Committee (EARC) be approved as presented on Appendix C

Joelle:

- In the last Elections and Referenda Committee (EARC) meeting, we went through the elections procedure code and made some suggestions.
- There were some definitions that were outdated, for example:
 - Previously ‘at large director’ referred to “the Faculty of Arts and Science directors”, now referred as “the elected representatives of the general membership of the UTMSU”, as outlined in the UTMSU bylaws
 - Previously, in order to post campaign materials, you have to approve it by the CRO. However, we’ve added that any message boxes, scripts, or written posts that have been approved already by the CRO may be reused in a different format without changes in content with no need to seek re-approval.

- Previously, in an event of a tie, there will be a runoff or a vote by the board (confusing language). To clarify the language, “a runoff election shall be called by the board of directors within 14 days of the closing of the voting period. If a runoff election is not possible, the EARC may recommend to the board of directors that the winners be decided through a vote of the board. In this case, candidates shall have the opportunity to present their platform to the board for up to 15 minute followed by a 15 minute question period”

VOTE CARRIED

#8. OTHER BUSINESS

- UTMSU Election Period
 - Starts Feb 24, Ends Mar 13
 - If any of the board members or execs are planning on either running for the election or helping out someone, you would need to take a leave of absence from your current position as a board member or as an executive.
 - If you are taking leave of absence, please send an email to vpinternal@utmsu.ca and CRO@utmsu.ca before February 24th
 -

#9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

Moved: Joelle Salsa

Seconded: David

Be it resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 11:07am.

VOTE CARRIED

VALIDATION		
JOELLE SALSA PRESIDENT		Saturday, February 15, 2025
NAME AND POSITION	SIGNATURE	DATE