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# **UTMSU EMERGENCY BOARD MEETING #3**

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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  
Daniel Ripoll  
Philip Anyang  
Sidra Ahsan  
Joy Pius (non-voting)

Division I

~~Hasan Malik~~  
~~Xinhe (Cecilia) Wang~~

Nikita Galanin  
Farzana Ishmael  
Joel (Yue) Xing

Division II

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

Division III

*Vacant*

Division IV

Samantha Bestavros

Staff (non-voting):

Felipe Nagata (Executive Director)  
Shuling Luo (Assistant to the Board)

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

**#1. CALL TO ORDER**

*Meeting called to order at 3:12pm.*

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

*Done by Joelle*

**#3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**MOTION**

Moved: Joelle Salsa

Seconded: Sidra

Be it resolved that the agenda be approved as presented.

**VOTE - CARRIED**

**#4. EXECUTIVE REPORTS**

**MOTION**

Moved: Joelle Salsa

Seconded: Nikita

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

Joelle

- In November, we had an ombudsperson meeting with UofT. We spoke to them about concerns of student safety and UofT's actions.
- We've had weekly UPAS discussions with MyWay and the City of Mississauga
- We also met with the provost twice, once about the guide to policy of protest and another about the sexual harassment policy
  - They brought up their new working group on Arabs, Muslims and Palestinians
  - we also brought up concerns with another working group that they had
- We had a QSS meeting
  - We met with Cameron, who is a student from Governing Council. He sent a letter to Brian Hoppe, which is the person who oversees the shuttle bus service and parking.
  - We asked him to increase shuttle bus services between St. George and UTM.
  - And we're also working with Daniel to change the shuttle host location to be back to Hart house.

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Monday, January 27th, 2025 • UTMSU, Student Center, Room 100

- We also kick-started our governance series filming to educate students on governance at UofT because that's one of our campaign points.
- We had an ice coffee giveaway as part of our Divest Now campaign to educate students on why they should boycott Starbucks
- We scheduled meetings with MPPs and the mayor for lobby week starting next month.
- Also kickstarted meetings with Cordilla and Dakota to work on the land acknowledgement
  - We started meeting weekly to discuss it and are waiting for approval for the formulation of a Committee for Indigenous people. (will be discussed in motion 6a)
- We also have a collab on Wednesday, January 29th with MSA (Muslim Student Association)
- We had two events for Here to Help program (further discussed by Sidra shortly)
- We had a Black & STEM event last week.
- And we also had a self-help kit stressor
- We had a third ad hoc committee meeting.
  - We spoke about boycott, divestment, sanctions, the update/actions for the year.
- And we also had a food service advisory committee meeting, which Joelle and Daniel attended and talked about the budget of UTM and how they're keeping things up

Philip

- Groceries
- Black mentorship program with BSA
- Accessibility Lobby Week
- Prayer spaces.
- Lastly, we also doing peer assistant meetings where you get to decide how some of the fees will be implemented to students and ways in which we as a union talk about some of the things that you want to enforce

Joy

- November/December:
  - Christmas market at the end of November to wrap up the semester
  - Ski trip after exams. It went really well.
- January:
  - Defrost week: includes crochet event, skating and we took students to Hart House (in an effort for us to introduce UTM students to Hart and some of the things that they offer and how they can access it as part of a campus initiative)
  - Around the world food festival
    - About 10 student groups of different ethnicities are coming together and we're going to be handing out free food for students
    - There's also going to be some arcade games and a chance for a student to win an iPad.
- We've attended the QSS meeting and have again voting on certain stuff.
  - So far, we voted yes on everything except for the the RAWC (things that have to do with the athletic department)

Daniel.

- UPASS
  - we've been having weekly meetings with MyWay and Presto to iron out the final details of our switch from UPASS being on the QR codes to the actual Presto cards via the e-voucher program
  - We've also been developing a communication plan on how we're going to share that with students.
- Lobby Documents for Transit
  - Over the break and for the first part of January, me and my campaigns partner Nazar were working on maps of the GTA
  - On ArcGIS, we made a map of the student population, student population density, and transit service time.

- And by making those maps, we identified that the majority, like the outer parts of Brampton towards Caledon and parts of Vaughan, it takes students roughly two hours to get from there to UTM based on the current transit service schedule.
- So what we're trying to do in terms of that is we're trying to set meetings with Brampton City Council and Metrolinks to discuss the possibility of a GO bus from UTM to Brampton or some other increased service in terms of the 199 or other Brampton transit lines as they see appropriate.
- Another thing we've identified is the possibility of starting a new Miway or GO line to Milton as there is a big service gap between areas of Milton and UTM as it takes about two hours as well.
- Lobby document for Housing
  - We've made a lot of recommendations based on rooming houses (which are houses that have more than one people in one room)
  - A big part of the lobby document is recommendations on how to regulate them so that they can be a solution to the current housing crisis rather than a problem because of how unregulated they are.
  - We're also making recommendations to the city to update their licensing requirements for landlords, because as it stands, only landlords that rent out more than two units are required to get licenses to be landlords in Mississauga.

Sidra.

- Academic advocacy week - around November time
  - it seemed to work (telling people what constitutes as an academic offense and whatnot) because there was an influx in academic offense cases (currently, there's four going on)
- Provost
  - We talked about the draft policy that they have for anti-Semitism and racism against Israeli students
  - We brought up the fact that anti-Palestinian racism exists too. We feel like it fits this category and it should be there as well.
- Working on lobby document particularly for CR/NCR
  - there will be a meeting this week with all the other unions to go over the draft lobby document that we have that has all our analyzed data on it and what's essentially going to be presented to administration.
  - And the goal is essentially to have a meeting with all three registrars across U of T as they're the ones that we have to actually get on board to help us convince the Governance council
- We started having consultations with professors, department chairs for lobby weeks. So we essentially present our campaigns to them and everything we've collected so far and we get their feedback as well.
- We've had two so far. So we had one before and today, and they were pretty useful, just getting their feedback, what they think
- Muslim Students Association (MSA)
  - We are collaborating on a statement and then tabling on Wednesday is the National Day of Remembrance of the Quebec City Mosque attack.
  - So everyone will be like giving these green squares to wear that represent like the carpets of the mosque where worshippers were
  - we also have been meeting with them regularly to discuss the ongoing efforts to campaign and lobby for our prayer spaces

Ronny

- WeChat committee
  - We have a lunar new year event happening tonight at 6 p.m. Inside the Blink Duck Pub.
  - Tickets were all sold out last night and we have 150 attendees that will be joining us.
  - And we also invited some of the clubs to come outreach, including Chinese Undergraduate Association, UTM Chinese events, UTM Chinese finance and economic association and Moon psychology



Be it further resolved that the purpose and definitions of the committee are to seek collaboration across the Tri-Campus with UTSU and SCSU and to focus on advocating for the recognition of all 94 calls to action, with a special consideration to call to action number 80 in the TRCC's 94 Calls to Action;

Be it further resolved that there be no prejudice to any non-Indigenous member wanting to be on, or who is already involved in, the Committee;

Be it further resolved that the future of the committee to be continued after the 2025-2026 academic year if and only if the following is true, else it be dissolved, such that: The committee successfully connects with the UTSU and SCSU, and/or the committee receives an official response from a governing body or committee at either the *UTM* or *University of Toronto* governance levels on the call to action number 80.

Be it further resolved that the UTMSU publish a release stating its explicit support for the continued work of *UTM* and the *University of Toronto* towards the 94 calls to action alongside a new call to action for the recognition of September 30<sup>th</sup> as a statutory holiday for the Tri-Campus.

**VOTE - Referred to Land Ack Committee (carries)**

<b>b)</b>	<b>Investigation of Social and Financial benefits of a makerspace at UTM</b>
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**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.

**VOTE - Referred to next BOD Meeting (carries)**

**c) Prayer Spaces**

**MOTION** Moved: Sidra Seconded: Philip

Whereas the UofT Mississauga Campus lacks sufficient space for people of all faiths to pray and fulfill religious obligations;

Be it resolved that the UTMSU lobbies the University for significantly larger multi-faith spaces for both men and women.

**VOTE - (carries)**

**Amendment** Moved: Sidra Seconded: Joelle

Be it resolved that the UTMSU lobbies the University for **more and** significantly larger multi-faith spaces for **all users** ~~both men and women~~.

**VOTE (carries)**

**d) Students Strike for Palestine**

**MOTION** Moved: Andrew Seconded: Nikita

Whereas there have been over 186,000 Palestinian deaths this year alone and countless more since 1948 as a cost of the brutal occupation and genocide by the Israeli regime. The situation is only escalating as Israel continues its invasion into Lebanon—proving the falsity of its claim that its actions are in self-defense—so we must also escalate our tactics. Our strategies must now orient towards the goal of a mass national student strike because this is the only path that will seriously injure the ruling class.

Whereas 40+ student strike committees have formed across Canada in post-secondary institutions proving not only the necessity of this strike but also its popularity. On November 21st and November 22nd, 2024, 40 student unions representing more than 80,000+ students in Quebec went on strike as a united front lasting two days and causing campuses to cancel classes.

Be it resolved that a mass strike campaign/committee at the University of Toronto Mississauga campus be initiated and forward towards a national student strike for Palestine. A student strike committee is an open and bold political organization of students and activists on school campuses dedicated to building a strike in protest of injustices such as the Palestinian genocide. Its goal is to shut down campuses nationally to force all administrations to hear its political demands: divestment, disclosure and control.

Be it further resolved that there be posting privileges for such committees which includes access to the UTMSU’s community boards for campus posterage.

Be it further resolved that there be printing privileges for such committees which includes access to UTMSU printers to print small-scale ephemera.

Be it further resolved that there be tabling privileges for such committees which includes campaign access to booking tables for tabling events



