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UTMSU BOARD MEETING #3

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

Se Chan (Andrew) Park
 Rui (Owen) Zhang
 Rajas Dhamija
 Miatah McCallum
 Manaal Fatima - Present via Proxy
 Lois Ogunnubi (non-voting)

Division I

Vacant

Suleyman Yusuf
 Farzana Ishmael
 Aishat Abdulrazaq

Division II

David Han
 Jordan MacLean
 Summer Qiu
 Sarah Gamal El-Dean
 Saad Hussain
 Enran Zu
 Abeeha Imitez
 Adam El-Falou

Division III

Vacant

Division IV

Samantha Bestavros

Staff (non-voting):

Melissa Theodore (Executive Director)
 Nikita Galanin (Executive Assistant)

#1.	CALL TO ORDER
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Meeting called to order at 11:14 Am.

#2.	LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & EQUITY STATEMENT - OWEN
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#3.	APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
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MOTION – CARRIES ▾ Moved: Saad Hussain ▾ Seconded: David Han

Be it resolved that the agenda be approved as presented.

VOTE – PASSED ▾

#4.	EXECUTIVE REPORTS
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MOTION – CARRIES ▾ Moved: Saad Hussain ▾ Seconded: Miatah McCallum

Se Chan (Andrew) Park : June was a busy month that began with my speech at the Progress Pride Flag Raising and wrapped up with the completion of our part-time staff hiring process. We met with the UTSU to discuss Credit/No Credit, transit, and orientation plans, and attended a presentation from the Secretary of Governing Council on university decision-making structures. I participated in the Skills Symposium hosted at UTM, visited Hart House to discuss future collaborations, and met with the Career Centre about workshops and CLNX data that will support our advocacy on employment outcomes. We hosted a staff and board retreat with training sessions, met with the Office of the Vice Provost and the Centre for Student Engagement, and supported Pride Week programming. Within my portfolio, I finalized the handbook order, launched the Committee for Indigenous Justice and Collaboration, advanced our volunteer program structure, and continued work on accessibility-reviewed resources and bylaw revisions.

Rui (Owen) Zhang : In June, we completed the hiring process for all part-time UTMSU staff across coordinators, associates, and communications, and welcomed them through a staff retreat that included two presentations I led on expectations and UTMSU policies. I created official emails for all hires, set up mailing lists for internal communication, and supported UTMSU Pride Week logistics, including events like the iced coffee giveaway, pottery repainting, and Pride Picnic. I met with all members of the VP Internal team to outline their responsibilities for summer and fall, and we're finalizing both our WeChat sponsorship package and the framework for Frost Orientation. I also collaborated on outreach planning and logistics for WeChat programming. Lastly, I participated in the 2025 CFS Skills Symposium, connecting with student leaders across Ontario to share strategies on inclusive and effective union organizing.

Miatah McCallum : In June, I hired my full Equity team, including coordinators for sustainability, food, bursaries, and queer students and held transition meetings where each member presented year plans, while also reworking the Queer Students coordinator portfolio for relevance. I planned and executed all of Pride Month, including a pop-up shop featuring student vendors, three days of iced coffee giveaways, a plant and pottery event using Food Centre seeds, and a well-attended indoor Pride Picnic. I coordinated with Harthouse as a Board of Stewards voting member, initiated biweekly meetings with the Scarborough VP Equity to explore tri-campus collaboration and a queer/trans student bursary, and established monthly check-ins with Indigenous Initiatives to support events and community accountability. With Manaal, I co-developed and facilitated an interactive Anti-Oppression 101 session for the staff and board retreat, and continued work on the client-choice Food Centre revamp, including connecting our coordinator with Food Banks Mississauga. I also attended the Skills Symposium, built connections with other student leaders, and began updating the Equity Handbook to reflect new racialized clubs, services, and changing campus contacts.

Manaal Fatima : In June, I attended a training by the Academic Integrity Unit and supported seven students through academic offense cases, including preparing them for dean's designate meetings and explaining tribunal procedures. I collaborated with Downtown Legal Services and the Scarborough Student Union to streamline our academic offense intake and support processes. I completed WUSC sponsorship documentation for the incoming student, ensured continued support for the current WUSC student, and attended training on intercultural communication. I participated in my first Committee on Standing meeting, gaining insight into how academic appeal decisions are reviewed and voted on. Lastly, I worked with other campus unions on a tri-campus Credit/No Credit campaign, including survey planning and outreach.

Rajas Dhamija : This month, I visited the Scarborough Campus Students' Union with our team to explore collaboration opportunities, including a rideshare discount program in development with our Programs and Research Coordinator and Associate. I completed hiring for my portfolio, bringing on an associate, housing coordinator, and analytics coordinator, and held our first team meeting. On the transit front, I coordinated with MiWay and Urbanism on our transit complaint form and upcoming annual survey, and submitted a GO Bus Route 21 proposal to Metrolinx, though we are still awaiting a response. I also participated in the Harthouse visit and will be representing UTMSU on their advisory committee. Lastly, I was appointed treasurer of House Canada and will provide financial oversight and recommendations on behalf of UTMSU.

Lois Ogunnubi : This month, my team completed staff onboarding and formed the orientation committee, hiring key coordinators including orientation, sponsorship, logistics, events, and an associate. We held a successful staff and board retreat and have been actively planning orientation and summer events with regular meetings. We also engaged with the Career Services Centre to coordinate support for orientation. Additionally, we visited Hart House, began planning programming and activities for UTM students, including a visit to the museum. Finally, I finalized and sent out the sponsorship package, receiving verbal pledges, and I'm now working on drafting contracts to secure our sponsorship goals.

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

VOTE – PASSED

#5.	MINUTES PACKAGE
	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Executive Committee Meeting #2 Minutes - June 3, 2025 - Minutes2. Executive Committee Meeting #3 Minutes - June 9, 2025 - Minutes3. Executive Committee Meeting #4 Minutes - June 16, 2025 - Minutes4. Executive Committee Meeting #5 Minutes - June 23, 2025 - Minutes5. BOD Meeting #2 Minutes - Friday, May 30, 2025.docx

MOTION – CARRIES ▾ Moved: Saad Hussain ▾ Seconded: Jordan MacLean ▾

Be it resolved that the Minutes Package be approved as presented.

VOTE - PASSED ▾

#6.	MULTI-FAITH COMMITTEE DISCUSSION
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Motivation

Adam EL-Falou

- Observed a lack of union initiatives addressing religious diversity and the needs of religious students.
- Proposed the formation of a Multifaith Committee to support religious inclusivity on campus.
- Aimed to ensure students of all faiths have access to resources like prayer space, holiday accommodations, and exam flexibility.

Se Chan (Andrew) Park

- Supported the idea of an open committee rather than one limited to board members, to avoid giving disproportionate influence to specific religious groups.
- Emphasized the importance of preventing a scenario where only certain religions are represented or prioritized in decision-making.

Discussion

Adam EL-Falou

- Explained that equal representation is essential so no single group dominates or shapes the committee's direction disproportionately
- Highlighted the importance of fairness due to the wide diversity of religious backgrounds on campus
- Suggested the committee remain ad hoc and open, allowing broad participation

Se Chan (Andrew) Park

- Warned against structuring the committee in a way that could lead to bias.
 - e.g., if only board members of a particular religion are on it.
- Proposed inviting campus religious groups to send representatives, as a way to ensure broad, balanced participation.

Saad Hussain

- Posed a question regarding the structure of open committees and their decision making organization?

Response:

Se Chan (Andrew) Park

- Every member of the open committee has an equal vote and thus equal representation

Adam EL-Falou

- Asked on how the open committees function, specifically Can students join at any time throughout the year? And is there a deadline after which participation is closed?
- Raised the concern that some religions may not have formal student groups, and therefore might lack representation.

Response:

Se Chan (Andrew) Park

- Clarified that open committees can remain open indefinitely, unless the committee itself decides to close registration.
- Acknowledged the issue of underrepresented or unaffiliated students and emphasized the need for inclusive outreach, such as:
 - Social media announcements.
 - Clear messaging that the committee is open to all faiths.

Adam EL-Falou

- Shared his personal experience as a member of the Muslim Student Association:
 - Highlighted long-standing issues like lack of sufficient faith space, resulting in students praying under staircases or on the grass due to overcrowding.
 - Mentioned the need for holiday exam accommodations, calling for negotiation with university administration.
 - Stressed that these issues are not exclusive to Muslims — cited an example of Christian students using study rooms for prayer due to lack of dedicated space.
- Advocated that a Multifaith Committee could address these shared concerns collectively, providing a platform for coordination and advocacy with both the union and university administration.

Se Chan (Andrew) Park

- Noted a major issue is the loss of continuity due to annual student turnover
 - Stressed that a standing committee could help preserve institutional memory and allow students to build on previous initiatives, rather than restarting efforts each year.

Melissa Theodore

- Provided institutional memory, noting that the issue of insufficient prayer space has persisted for many years.
- Criticized the construction of new campus buildings without integrated prayer spaces, despite repeated student needs.
- Pointed out the inconvenience of travel for students needing to move between distant buildings just to access prayer space between classes.
- Suggested the best practice would be to include a prayer space in each building going forward.
- Supported the importance of a continuous, long-term committee to build momentum and advocate effectively for these long-standing issues.

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- Discussed the creation of a dedicated committee to representing religious students and their needs on campus. Proposed structure with equal representation from all present religions on campus.

Saad Hussain

- Acknowledged personal biases as a Muslim regarding religious accommodations.
- Highlighted the challenge of fulfilling religious obligations during the university's standard 10-minute breaks.
- Emphasized the importance of having accessible prayer spaces during short breaks to meet these needs.
- Reinforced Adam's point that many students require dedicated spaces for religious practices.
- Supported Andrew's idea to first consult existing religious groups for representation on the committee.
- Acknowledged Adam's point that some religions may not have formal student groups.
- Suggested implementing a nomination process, similar to board director nominations, for individuals from religions without established groups to self-nominate and represent their faith.
- Aimed to ensure inclusive representation for all religious backgrounds, including minority or unaffiliated groups.

Sarah Gamal El-Dean

- Echoed Saad's idea and proposed using a public call for participants, similar to the Indigenous Justice and Collaboration Committee's process.
- Highlighted the challenge of having multiple candidates wanting to represent the same religion.
- Suggested implementing a presentation and voting process where candidates explain why they should be chosen as representatives, followed by a vote to decide.

Andrew Park

- Raised concerns about board members voting on the representatives due to potentially unequal representation

David Han

- Agreed with Andrew that the Board of Directors should not decide who represents each religion.
- Believed representation should be determined by members of the respective religious communities.
- Mentioned past instances of unofficial endorsements on campus for candidates representing clubs.
- Suggested a transparent campaign and voting process, allowing candidates to campaign for a few days before a vote.
- Emphasized the importance of a fair, transparent election that allows the community to choose their representatives independently.
- Clarified the idea would resemble the Board of Directors election process
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 - Conducting a vote to select representatives for each religion based on majority support.
- Acknowledged there will be logistical challenges and workload involved in organizing this process.

#7.	UPCOMING EVENTS
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July Events

- BBQ - July 9th (1:00 pm)
- Hart House visit

August Events

- Beach Day

#8.	ORIENTATION
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#9.	OTHER BUSINESS
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- Bathroom Renovation
- Bill 5 Protest July 1st
- Bill 33

#10.	ADJOURNMENT
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MOTION – CARRIES ▾ Moved: Saad Hussain ▾ Seconded: Miatah McCallum ▾

Be it resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 12:31 Pm .

VOTE – PASSED ▾

VALIDATION		
ANDREW PARK PRESIDENT		Friday June 27th, 2025
NAME AND POSITION	SIGNATURE	DATE