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UTMSU BOARD MEETING #6

September 26, 2025

Board Meeting 6 of the University of Toronto at Mississauga Students' Union
 Friday, September 26, 2025 • UTMSU, Student Centre, Room 100

Robert's Rules of Order

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
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 the motion ... be lifted from the	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	Majority
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

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Executives

President	Se Chan (Andrew) Park	→	Present ▾
Vice President Internal	Rui (Owen) Zhang	→	Present ▾
Vice President University Affairs	Manaal Fatima	→	Present ▾
Vice President Equity	Miatah McCallum	→	Present ▾
Vice President External	Rajas Dhamija	→	Present ▾
Vice President Campus Life	Lois Ogunnubi	→	Present ▾

Division I

First Year Representative	Vacant	→	Pending ▾
First Year Representative	Vacant	→	Pending ▾

Division II

Board Member	Abeeha Imitaz	→	Present ▾
Board Member	Adam El-Falou	→	Present ▾
Board Member	Aishat Abdulrazaq	→	Present ▾
Board Member	David Han	→	Present ▾
Board Member	Enran Zu	→	Present ▾
Board Member	Farzana Ishmael	→	Present ▾
Board Member	Jordan MacLean	→	Present ▾
Board Member	Summer Qiu	→	Present ▾
Board Member	Saad Hussain	→	Present ▾
Board Member	Sarah Gamal El-Dean	→	Present ▾
Board Member	Suleyman Yusuf	→	Present ▾

Division III

Part-Time Directors at Large	Vacant	→	Pending ▾
Part-Time Directors at Large	Vacant	→	Pending ▾

Division IV

Professional Faculties at Large	Samantha Bestavros	→	Present Via Proxy ▾
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Staff (non - voting)

Executive Director	Melissa Theodore	→	Present ▾
Executive Assistant	Nikita Galanin	→	Present ▾

Quorum ACHIEVED ▾

17 ▾ Voting members present (9 required for Quorum)

Agenda Item	Speaker(s)	Time	Page
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Attendance		<2 Min	3
Call to Order	Chair	<2 Min	5
Land Acknowledgement & Equity Statement		<2 Min	5
Approval of Agenda		<2 Min	5
Hart House Restoration	David Kim - Hart House Warden	<15 Min	5
Executive Reports		<20 Min	5-7
Minutes Package		<2 Min	7
Striking of AD-HOC Committees		<15 Min	8-9
DisOrientation		<10 Min	9-10
Free Breakfast Wednesdays		<10 Min	10
October Pub & Halloweek events		<5 Min	11
Other Business		<5 Min	12
Adjournment	Chair	<5 Min	12

Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

This meeting has been Called to Order at 11:14 am.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & EQUITY STATEMENT

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved: Se Chan (Andrew) Park ▾ Seconded: Jordan MacLean ▾

BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda be approved as presented.

VOTE - PASSED ▾

4. HART HOUSE RESTORATION

5. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

Moved: Rui (Owen) Zhang ▾ Seconded: Saad Hussain ▾

Se Chan (Andrew) Park:

This month I worked on several projects, including preparing the destressor room, supporting the volunteer appreciation party, and attending campus groups training. I filmed videos for pub night and our bidet campaign, and took part in bursary, clubs, and EARC meetings. On September 24th, I attended an all-union coalition meeting with GSU and SCSU, followed by the Bill 33 town hall with MPP Peggy Sattler. I also participated in a campaigns commission meeting, volunteam training, and a meeting with the Toronto Youth Cabinet. Additionally, I contributed to planning around the UTM Teaching Excellence Award and ongoing Bill 33 organizing.

Rui (Owen) Zhang:

In September, I focused on Chinese student engagement and recruitment initiatives. On September 12, I supported logistics for Frosh Orientation with the UTM WeChat Team and delivered a presentation introducing UTMSU's services, events, and advocacy to new international students. On September 19, I co-hosted Chat n Meet n Eat with UTM CAPS, featuring 14 student panelists, interactive games, and a buffet dinner, while also introducing basic Mandarin phrases to improve communication. Recruitment progressed with the hiring of the CRO and DRO for Fall Elections, as well as interviews for Poll Clerks on September 24-25.

Manaal Fatima:

Launched the Academic Mentorship Program with 9 academic societies, including 5 new ones, and began outreach through class talks and upcoming mentorship coordinator and AIU mentor trainings. Continued work on Islamic Heritage Month with Councillor Dipika and Muslim Student Association, developing the speakers list and joint promotions. Delivered exec presentations at campus group training and campaigns commission, and attended UofT coalition and town hall on Bill 33. Supported the WUSC student with financial setup, reviewed emergency academic bursaries with the committee, and prepared for cheque distribution. Advanced the CR/NCR campaign with UTSU, SCSU, and ASSU by revising the survey for approval before launch.

Miatah McCallum:

This month I worked on Black Career Pathways sponsorship and attended BMP orientation, along with preparations and presentations for Dis-Orientation. I supported the hiring of the Bursary Coordinator, attended bursary and EARC meetings, and joined the Complaints Committee meeting with a student. Events included Kickback, Chinese BBQ, StarGAYzing, the Queer Business Market, iced coffee giveaway, and WeChat orientation, while I also attended a Committee to Indigenous Justice and Collaboration (CIJC) meeting, Campaigns Commission, and Hart House Board of Stewards. I met with Kiethan on Responsible Cafes TO, YFS on community safety, and our NEADS contact for the accessibility guide, while an associate began applying for grants. Additional work included a Varsity interview on Bill 33, tri-campus fundraising planning for Congo, Sudan, and Palestine, plus supporting UTMSU 101 and Campus Groups 101.

Rajas Dhamija:

This month I worked on multiple advocacy initiatives, starting with bus shelters, where I raised concerns about heating, cleanliness, and posters, and proposed UTMSU-managed notice boards for transit materials. Administration confirmed they are working on improvements, and our goal is to implement the boards by the end of the semester. Most of my time was spent finalizing the UTMSU transit survey, which launches next week to provide baseline data for advocacy with MiWay and city councillors. I was also busy with orientation in the first week, supporting events alongside other executives. Finally, I advanced housing advocacy through House Canada training and supported my Housing Coordinator's "Know Your Rights, Win a Prize" videos, where students answered housing rights questions to win prizes.

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Lois Ogunnubi:

This month, I helped plan and execute Orientation and Welcome Back Week, including the carnival, Blue Jays game, and boat cruise, which were very successful. I presented at clubs training, chaired multiple clubs committee meetings, and closed out orientation by distributing bundles and facilitating both staff and executive debriefs. I attended a Bill 33 coalition meeting with our sister campuses and also facilitated a Campaigns and Advocacy Commission meeting to gather student input on our response to the legislation. We also hosted a sold-out Back to School Pub, marking the first time the event reached full capacity. Moving forward, I will be working on actions against Bill 33, planning Halloween programming, and exploring the feasibility of a fall reading week trip.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Reports be approved as presented.

VOTE - PASSED ▾

6. MINUTES PACKAGE

- Board Meeting #5 Minutes - 27 August, 2025
- Bursary Committee Meeting #3 Minutes - August 26, 2025
- Bursary Committee Meeting #4 Minutes - September 16, 2025
- Clubs Committee Meeting #3 Minutes - August 25, 2025
- Clubs Committee Meeting #4 Minutes - September 17, 2025
- EARC Committee #2 Minutes - 2 September, 2025
- EARC Committee #3 Minutes - 22 September, 2025
- Executive Committee Meeting #10 Minutes - August 13, 2025
- Executive Committee Meeting #11 Minutes - August 28, 2025
- Executive Committee Meeting #12 Minutes - September 12, 2025
- Executive Committee Meeting #13 Minutes - September 19, 2025

BE IT RESOLVED that the Minutes Package be approved as presented.

Moved: David Han ▾

Seconded: Miatah McCallum ▾

VOTE - PASSED ▾

7. STRIKING OF AD-HOC COMMITTEES

a) Black History Month Committee

Moved: Saad Hussain ▾

Seconded: Se Chan (Andrew) Park ▾

WHEREAS Black History Month is an essential time to acknowledge and celebrate the histories, cultures, and achievements of Black communities, and to create a safe space for reflection, learning, and solidarity on campus; and

WHEREAS the Black History Month Committee allows students the chance to actively participate by connecting with Black Student Clubs, contributing ideas, and helping to plan and host events that bring the Black community together in which these and other qualities that are acquired through the committee are key to fostering a sense of community and promoting the importance of Black-led initiatives on campus; and

WHEREAS this involvement also allows students to build their co-curricular record, gain leadership and event planning experience, and play a core role in shaping how Black History Month is celebrated at UTM; and

WHEREAS the ongoing work of the Black History Month Committee helps ensure that our campus continues to honor Black excellence, promotes equity, active work towards decolonization and foster a more inclusive university environment.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Black History Month Committee be struck as an AD-HOC Committee by the UTMSU Board of Directors.

VOTE - PASSED ▾

b) Palestine Committee

Moved: Jordan MacLean ▾

Seconded: David Han ▾

WHEREAS the struggle for Palestinian liberation is deeply connected to global struggles against Western imperialism, colonialism, and systemic violence, and students at UTM have a responsibility to stand in solidarity with oppressed peoples worldwide; and

WHEREAS the establishment of the Palestine Ad Hoc Committee last year marked a significant step in creating a space for students to challenge apartheid, resist imperialist narratives, and strengthen collective advocacy efforts on campus; and

WHEREAS solidarity with the Indigenous peoples of Turtle Island is central to this work, as both Palestinians and Indigenous communities here face displacement, occupation, and erasure under settler colonial systems; and

WHEREAS the continued presence and work of the Palestine Ad Hoc Committee ensures that students have an organized voice to plan, agitate, and hold the university accountable to principles of justice, equity, and decolonization;

Question <hr style="border: 0.5px solid black;"/> Saad Hussain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are these committees open for external organizations?
Answer <hr style="border: 0.5px solid black;"/> Melissa Theodore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Typically no, that is the role of coalitions, however, this can be looked into further.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Palestine Committee be struck as an AD-HOC Committee by the UTMSU Board of Directors.

VOTE - **PASSED** ▾

8. **DISORIENTATION**

Moved: Se Chan (Andrew) Park ▾ Seconded: Suleyman Yusuf ▾

WHEREAS DisOrientation Week aims to encourage student activism, work

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towards decolonization, anti-oppression, and educate students on issues pertaining to student life;

Whereas students are the drivers of change, and DisOrientation provides opportunities to insist on and create that change;

Whereas all DisOrientation initiatives and activities are accessible to students free of cost;

BE IT RESOLVED that up to \$2,500 be allocated for Disorientation from budget line 8.20 Campaigns and Advocacy Commission.

VOTE - PASSED ▾

9. FREE BREAKFAST WEDNESDAYS

Moved: Saad Hussain ▾

Seconded: Manaal Fatima ▾

Whereas Free Breakfast Wednesdays provide students with accessible, no-cost meals to address food insecurity on campus;

BE IT RESOLVED that up to \$35,000 be allocated for Free Breakfast Wednesdays for the 2025–2026 year from budget line 8.1 Free Breakfast.

VOTE - PASSED ▾

10. OCTOBER PUB & HALLOWEEK EVENTS

Moved: Rui (Owen) Zhang ▾

Seconded: David Han ▾

Question
David Han

- Can you clarify whether the \$40,000 allocation is the total amount, made up of \$30,000 from Orientation and \$10,000 from Student Life, or if the motion is asking for \$40,000 plus the additional \$30,000 and \$10,000?

Answer
Nikita Galanin

- The \$40,000 is the total amount being requested for the October Pub and Halloween Events. It is comprised of \$30,000 from budget line 4.1 Orientation and \$10,000 from budget line 8.4 Student Life.

BE IT RESOLVED that up to \$40,000 be allocated for the October Pub and Halloween Events from budget line 4.1 Orientation (\$ 30,000) & 8.4 Student Life (\$ 10,00).

NOTED ABSTENTIONS

Aishat Abdulrazaq

Sarah Gamal El-Dean

Suleyman Yusuf

VOTE - PASSED ▾

11. OTHER BUSINESS

- Multifaith Committee

Suggestion
Sarah Gamal El-Dean

- Suggested to look at the structure of the multifaith committee in other Unions.

- Coalitions

12. ADJOURNMENT

Moved: Saad Hussain ▾

Seconded: Enran Zu ▾

BE IT RESOLVED that the meeting be adjourned at 12:46 pm.

VOTE - PASSED ▾



Se Chan (Andrew) Park
President of the UTMSU
Validated on September 26, 2025