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UTMSU BOARD MEETING #2

May 29, 2026

Board Meeting 2 of the University of Toronto at Mississauga Students' Union
Friday May 29, 2026 • 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

Executives

President	Adam El-Falou	→	Present ▾
Vice President Internal	Xingyi (Freya) Gao	→	Present ▾
Vice President University Affairs	Dana Al-Habash	→	Present ▾
Vice President Equity	Tiffany Da Silva	→	Present ▾
Vice President External	Rajas Dhamija	→	Present ▾
Vice President Campus Life	Lois Ogunnubi - Oriade	→	Present ▾

Division I

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

Division II

Board Member	Cynthia Tong	→	Present ▾
Board Member	Jana Al-Mallah	→	Present ▾
Board Member	Joud Al-Habash	→	Present ▾
Board Member	Marcus Lee	→	Present ▾
Board Member	Maryam Zeeshan	→	Present ▾
Board Member	Nabeeha Shamim	→	Present Via Proxy ▾
Board Member	Saad Hussain	→	Present ▾
Board Member	Sierra O'Brien	→	Present ▾
Board Member	Suleyman Yusuf	→	Present ▾
Board Member	Xinhe (Cecilia) Wang	→	Present ▾
Board Member	Ya (Gloria) Gao	→	Pending ▾

Division III

Part-Time Directors at Large	Onoasi Odo-Effiong	→	Present ▾
Part-Time Directors at Large	Vacant	→	Pending ▾

Division IV

Professional Faculties at Large	Vacant	→	Pending ▾
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Staff (non - voting)

Executive Director	Melissa Theodore	→	Present ▾
Assistant to the Board			

Quorum **ACHIEVED** ▾

— ▾ Voting members present (9 required for Quorum)

Agenda Item	Speaker(s)	Time	Page
Call to Order	Chair	<2 Min	5
Land Acknowledgement & Equity Statement		<2 Min	5
Approval of Agenda		<2 Min	5
Executive Reports		<20 Min	5-6
Minutes Package		<2 Min	6
Striking of Closed Committees		<30 Min	6-9
Striking of Open Committees		<10 Min	9
Striking of Ad-Hoc Committees		<5 Min	10
Indigenous History Month & Pride Month Events		<10 Min	10
Student Centre Maintenance - Painting		<10 Min	10
Board Member Report - Backs		<10 Min	10
Other Business		<5 Min	11
Adjournment		<5 Min	12

1. CALL TO ORDER

This meeting has been Called to Order at 11:05am.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & EQUITY STATEMENT

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved: Saad Hussain ▾

Seconded: Tiffany Da Silva ▾

BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda be approved as presented.

VOTE - PASSED ▾

4. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

Moved: Marcus Lee ▾

Seconded: Saad Hussain ▾

Adam El-Falou:

- I attended the Executive Retreat this month, where I participated in sessions led by external speakers, anti-oppression training, team-building activities, and internal planning discussions. The retreat provided an opportunity for the executive team to discuss future campaigns, upcoming events, and priorities for the year ahead. I also attended the OEC Meeting, where I connected with representatives from other campuses and discussed shared student issues and advocacy priorities. In addition, I participated in hiring processes for several coordinator and part-time staff positions, attended Governing Council and Campus Council meetings, supported planning for the TTW x UTMSU event, and met with the International and Indigenous Office to begin discussing future collaboration opportunities.

Xingyi (Freya) Gao:

- This month, a significant portion of my work focused on developing the preliminary budget for the upcoming fiscal year. I worked closely with the accounting team and fellow executives to review departmental budget requests and ensure that spending priorities aligned with both organizational goals and student needs. During the

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budgeting process, I incorporated campaign commitments such as the \$5 Meal Deal and Grocery Bursary while balancing financial sustainability. I also supported recruitment and hiring efforts across the organization, including reviewing applications, participating in interviews, and assisting with staffing processes for both full-time and part-time positions.

Dana Al-Habash:

- I focused on transitioning into the Vice President University Affairs role by meeting with previous executives, coordinators, and campus partners to gain a stronger understanding of the portfolio. I began identifying key priorities for the year, including academic advocacy initiatives, exam deferral concerns, credit policy work, and supports for graduating students. I attended several meetings with student associations, university departments, the Office of the Registrar, and student union representatives across campuses to establish relationships and discuss opportunities for collaboration. These conversations helped shape future advocacy goals and provided valuable insight into student concerns and institutional processes.

Rajas Dhamija:

- I completed the Transit Lobby document and worked with the Graphics Team on final edits and formatting before its presentation to external stakeholders. I continued discussions regarding transit advocacy, including future conversations with MiWay and ongoing work related to Brampton Transit. Beyond transit initiatives, I attended the Executive Retreat, participated in staffing and hiring processes, attended meetings regarding student services and council matters, and explored opportunities for partnerships with both campus and community organizations. I also continued discussions regarding improvements to the Student Centre and other student-facing initiatives.

Tiffany Da Silva:

- I focused on transitioning into the Vice President Equity role and establishing relationships with campus and community partners. I began developing initiatives related to global awareness, Indigenous engagement, Pride Month programming, and Food Centre operations. I attended meetings with various organizations and stakeholders to explore collaboration opportunities and identify areas where UTMSU can better support students. In addition, I participated in hiring processes, bursary planning, and Food Centre training while continuing to familiarize myself with the services and responsibilities within the portfolio.

Lois Ogunnubi - Oriade:

- This month, I focused primarily on Orientation planning and staffing initiatives. I worked closely with the Orientation Coordinators throughout the application review and interview process and participated in hiring decisions for orientation-related positions. I also began reviewing applications for my Associate position and preparing for upcoming interviews. Alongside Orientation planning, I started organizing summer engagement opportunities, including the Summer BBQ, Beach Day Trip, and other student-focused events. These initiatives are intended to increase student engagement and help establish a strong foundation for the upcoming academic year.

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

VOTE - PASSED ▾

5. MINUTES PACKAGE

- BOD Meeting #1 Minutes - Thursday, April 30th, 2026 (INCOMING)
- BOD Meeting #13 Minutes (OUTGOING) - Thursday, April 30th, 2026
- Executive Committee #1 Minutes
- Executive Committee #2 Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED that the Minutes Package be approved as presented

Moved: Maryam Zeeshan ▾

Seconded: Dana Al-Habash ▾

VOTE - PASSED ▾

6. STRIKING OF CLOSED COMMITTEES - Appendix A

Moved: Tiffany Da Silva ▾

Seconded: Saad Hussain ▾

BE IT RESOLVED that Elections of the Closed Committees be struck via Secret Ballot.

VOTE - PASSED ▾

a) Executive Review Committee

Moved: Maryam Zeeshan ▾

Seconded: Saad Hussain ▾

BE IT RESOLVED Maryam Zeeshan ▾ **and** Suleyman Yusuf ▾ **from Division II, [Vacant] ▾ from Division III, and** Marcus Lee ▾ **from Division I or II be appointed by the Board of Directors to the Executive Review Committee for the Summer Session.**

VOTE - PASSED ▾

b) Executive Review Committee - Chair

Melissa:

- The Executive Review Committee Chair is responsible for leading the Executive Review Committee, facilitating meetings, overseeing investigations related to Executive conduct or performance concerns, and presenting recommendations to the Board when required. People who raise their hands will be the chair of the committee.

Moved: Saad Hussain ▾

Seconded: Maryam Zeeshan ▾

BE IT RESOLVED that Maryam Zeeshan ▾ **be appointed by the Board of Directors as Chair of the Executive Review Committee for the Summer Session**

VOTE - PASSED ▾

c) Budget Committee

Xingyi (Freya) Gao:

- The Budget Committee is responsible for preparing and recommending preliminary, operating, and revised budgets for approval by the Board of Directors. The committee provides oversight of the Union's budgeting and financial planning processes, including both short-term and long-term financial planning. It was noted that the committee is chaired by the Vice-President Internal or designate and includes Executive and Board representation from all divisions.

Moved: Marcus Lee ▾

Seconded: Saad Hussain ▾

BE IT RESOLVED that Saad Hussain ▾ **and** Xinhe (Cecilia) Wang ▾ **from**

Division II, [Vacant] ▾ from Division III, and [Vacant] ▾ from Division I or II be appointed by the Board of Directors to the Budget Committee for the Summer Session.

VOTE - PASSED ▾

d) Policy & Procedures Committee

Melissa:

- The mandate and composition of the Policy and Procedures Committee were reviewed. The committee is responsible for reviewing, discussing, and developing Union policies and procedures and bringing recommendations forward to the Board of Directors for consideration. It was noted that the committee is chaired by the President or designate and includes Executive and Board representatives from all divisions.

Moved: Marcus Lee ▾

Seconded: Saad Hussain ▾

BE IT RESOLVED that Nabeeha Shamim ▾ **and** Maryam Zeeshan ▾ **from Division II, [Vacant] ▾ from Division III be appointed by the Board of Directors to the Policy & Procedures Committee for the Summer Session.**

VOTE - Passed

e) Bursary Committee

Tiffany Da Silva:

- The committee is responsible for reviewing bursary and grant proposals and making recommendations regarding the allocation of financial assistance based on academic merit or demonstrated financial need. The committee's mandate, membership structure, and funding recommendation process were reviewed.

Moved: Saad Hussain ▾

Seconded: Sierra O'Brien ▾

BE IT RESOLVED that Joud Al-Habash ▾ **and** Jana Al-Mallah ▾ **from**

Division II, Onoasi Odo-Effiong ▾ from Division III be appointed by the Board of Directors to the Bursary Committee for the Summer Session.

VOTE - PASSED ▾

f) Elections and Referenda Committee

Melissa :

- The mandate and composition of the Elections and Referenda Committee were reviewed. The committee is responsible for overseeing UTMSU elections and referenda in accordance with established policies and procedures. It also provides recommendations to the Board regarding amendments to election and referendum governing documents, including the Elections Procedure Code and Referenda Charter, and recommends election and referendum timelines and dates.

Moved: Saad Hussain ▾

Seconded: Sierra O'Brien ▾

Be it resolved that Suleyman Yusuf ▾ and Saad Hussain ▾ from Division II, [Vacant] ▾ from Division II or III be appointed by the Board of Directors to the Elections and Referenda Committee for the Summer Session.

VOTE - PASSED ▾

g) Clubs Committee

Lois Ogunnubi - Oriade:

- The mandate and composition of the Clubs Committee were reviewed. The committee is responsible for recognizing UTM clubs, reviewing funding and special project requests, organizing the Clubs Awards Ceremony, and supporting the promotion of clubs across campus. The committee also provides recommendations to improve club services and reviews club-related policies before making recommendations to the Policy and Procedures Committee.

Moved: Tiffany Da Silva ▾

Seconded: Marcus Lee ▾

Be it resolved that Marcus Lee ▾ **and** Sierra O'Brien ▾ **from Division II, (vacant) from Division III and** Nabeeha Shamim ▾ **from Division II or III be appointed by the Board of Directors to the Clubs Committee for the Summer Session.**

VOTE - PASSED ▾

7. STRIKING OF OPEN COMMITTEES - Appendix A

a) WUSC Committee

Dana Al-Habash:

- The mandate and composition of the WUSC Committee were reviewed. The committee is open to all UTM students and is responsible for supporting fundraising initiatives for the World University Service of Canada (WUSC) and raising awareness about WUSC and the Student Refugee Program (SRP). It was noted that the committee is chaired by the WUSC Coordinator or the Vice-President University Affairs and is open to participation from all UTMSU members.

Moved: Tiffany Da Silva ▾

Seconded: Dana Al-Habash ▾

BE IT RESOLVED that the WUSC Committee be struck as an open committee by the UTMSU Board of Directors.

VOTE - PASSED ▾

b) Housing Committee

Rajas Dhamija:

- The mandate and composition of the Housing Committee were reviewed. The committee is responsible for developing and implementing housing advocacy initiatives both on and off campus. Its work includes researching housing issues and strategies, advocating to the City of Mississauga and the University of Toronto on matters affecting student housing, and identifying services and resources that help address the rising cost of housing for students. The committee is chaired by the Campaigns Coordinator or Vice-President External and is open to all UTMSU members.

Moved: Marcus Lee ▾

Seconded: Rajas Dhamija ▾

BE IT RESOLVED that the Housing Committee be struck as an open committee by the UTMSU Board of Directors.

VOTE - PASSED ▾

c) Transit Advocating Party

Rajas Dhamija:

- The mandate of the Transit Advocating Party was reviewed. The group was established to address student transportation concerns involving MiWay and other transit providers. Its primary focus is advocating for more accessible and affordable public transit, including increased service frequency, expanded transit routes, and reduced transit fares for students.

Moved: Rajas Dhamija ▾

Seconded: Marcus Lee ▾

BE IT RESOLVED that the Transit Advocating Party be struck as an open committee by the UTMSU Board of Directors.

VOTE - PASSED ▾

d) Committee to Indigenous Justice and Collaboration

Moved: Saad Hussain ▾

Seconded: Joud Al-Habash ▾

BE IT RESOLVED that the Committee to Indigenous Justice Collaboration be struck as an open committee by the UTMSU Board of Directors.

VOTE - PASSED ▾

8. STRIKING OF AD-HOC COMMITTEES

e) Palestine Committee

Melissa:

- The purpose and objectives of the Palestine Committee were reviewed. The committee focuses on raising awareness of issues affecting Palestinian communities, supporting educational initiatives and advocacy efforts, and providing opportunities for student engagement and discussion on related topics.
- Need to strike the Wechat Committee in the next board meeting.

Moved: Adam El-Falou ▾

Seconded: Saad Hussain ▾

BE IT RESOLVED that the Palestine Committee be struck as an ad-hoc committee by the UTMSU Board of Directors.

VOTE - Passed

9. Indigenous History Month & Pride Month Events

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Tiffany Da Silva:

- We are going to spend money on indigenous food ,and asked students that sit on the indigenous committee to recommend food and places.Also event supplies (table cloths and other things for set up).Collebrate with the UTM SEC.Purchase the flag.

Question from Marcus:

- On a preliminary budget, you put the 5000 dollars for the whole year, but right now it is already used for indigenous history month event?

Answer from Melissa:

- Preliminary is different from the operating budget,we want to put money on different commissions and events. We have the campaign budget as well for others.

Moved: Saad

Seconded: Onoasi

BE IT RESOLVED that up to \$5000 be allocated for the Indigenous History Month and Pride Month Events from budget line 8.20 Campaigns & Advocacy Commission.

VOTE - PASSED -

Abstention - Marcus Lee

10. Student Centre Maintenance - Painting

Moved: Maryam

Seconded: Onoasi

BE IT RESOLVED that up to \$13,000.00 be allocated for painting the Student Centre from budget line 3.20 Student Centre Management.

VOTE - Passed

11. BOARD MEMBER REPORT - BACKS

12. OTHER BUSINESS

- Summer Meetings - Last Friday of the Month at 11 - 1pm

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- Staff & Board Retreat - June 18th
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13. ADJOURNMENT

Moved: Marcus Lee ▾

Seconded: Saad Hussain ▾

BE IT RESOLVED that the meeting be adjourned at <u>12:35pm</u> .

VOTE - Passed



Adam El-Falou
President of the UTMSU
Validated on May 25, 2026