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UTMSU BOARD MEETING #4
August 28, 2026

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 Via Proxy ▾
Board Member	Maryam Zeeshan	→	Present ▾
Board Member	Nabeeha Shamim	→	Present ▾
Board Member	Saad Hussain	→	Present Via Proxy ▾
Board Member	Sierra O'Brien	→	Present ▾
Board Member	Suleyman Yusuf	→	Present Via Proxy ▾
Board Member	Xinhe (Cecilia) Wang	→	Absent ▾
Board Member	Ya (Gloria) Gao	→	Absent ▾

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)

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Executive Director	Melissa Theodore	→	Present ▾
Assistant to the Board	Amana Noreen	→	Present ▾

Quorum [ACHIEVED ▾](#)

__ ▾ Voting members present (9 required for Quorum)

Agenda Item	Speaker(s)	Time	Page
1. Call to Order	Chair	<2 Min	5
2. Land Acknowledgement & Equity Statement		<2 Min	5
3. Approval of Agenda		<2 Min	5
4. Executive Reports		<15 Min	5
5. Minutes Package		<2 Min	7
6. Re-Striking of Elections and Referenda Committee - Appendix A		<10 Min	8
7. Orientation & Welcome Back Week		< 10 Min	8
8. WeChat Orientation		< 10 Min	8
9. Disorientation		< 10 Min	9
10. Board Member Report - Backs		<10 Min	9
11. Other Business		<5 Min	9
12. Adjournment		<5 Min	9

1. Call to Order

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

2. Land Acknowledgement & Equity Statement

3. Approval of the Agenda

Moved: Tiffany Da Silva ▾

Seconded: Nabeeha Shamim ▾

BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda be approved as presented.

VOTE - PASSED ▾

4. Executive Reports

Moved: Maryam Zeeshan ▾

Seconded: Xingyi (Freya) Gao ▾

Adam El-Falou:

- **Orientation Volunteer Preparation:** Conducted full-day Orientation Volunteer Training on August 19, 2026 going over volunteers' roles, responsibilities, expectations, and overall involvement
- **Palestine Committee and Advocacy Work:** Met with Palestine Committee leads to go over ongoing and future work for this academic year, as well as some representatives from downtown to plan the Drop HUJI campaign. Also, met with Muslim students on campus to discuss possible municipal election-related initiatives, including voter literacy work and the possibility of organizing a mayoral debate.
- **Clubs, Elections, and Governance:** Attended the Clubs Committee meeting to support the recognition and funding approval process for student clubs, and chaired the Elections and Referenda Committee to approve the timeline for the fall by-elections
- **Communications and Student Outreach:** Brought back the UTMSU Newsletter to share updates, events, opportunities, and important information from the union

Xingyi (Freya) Gao:

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- **Wechat Orientation (September 22.):** With a budget of \$3,500 - 4,000, planning the orientation event where students connect with others, learn more about campus services, and resources, and will soon begin event outreach and volunteer recruitment.
- **International Student Orientation (September 30th):** Planning post-card making, photo booth, and other social activities for students to learn more about campus support and connect with others.

Dana Al-Habash:

- **WUSC Updates (Student Pre/Post Arrival):** Prepared for student's arrival on August 27th by setting up their dorm room, preparing resources, designing signs, and meeting with IEC to ensure organized arrival. Also, established the WUSC Committee with Zoha as the Social Media Director, Gita as the Events and Logistics director and Mballanay as the Outreach Director.
- **Here to Help - Minority Mental Health Awareness Event (July 14):** Hosted an Art and Reflection Mural event to share students' reflections about mental health in their culture & identity, using the prompt "if only someone knew".
- **Campaigns:** Met with the VP University Affairs from sister unions to discuss our campaign point (elimination of extra fees) as well as research the absence declaration policy at UTM and other major universities to see if improvements can be made.
- **Academic Offence Cases:** Supported students in preparing their Dean's Designate meeting and writing their personal statements

Rajas Dhamija:

- **MiWay x UTMSU Collaboration:** Planned and coordinated a transit awareness campaign for first year students in collaboration with MiWay and our Marketing team. Filming took place from July 27 to August 7.
- **Mississauga Transit Survey:** Work for the annual Mississauga Transit Survey is in progress, with a launch scheduled for October. The findings will be compiled and presented to MiWay to support our advocacy efforts..
- **HOUSE Canada:** Scheduled and attended a meeting where HOUSE Canada presented partnership proposals.
- **Housing Event:** Planning is underway for a housing event that will provide students with resources and support.
- **Housing Resource Form:** Work is underway to create a form that will help students share housing related concerns and connect them with the appropriate people, supports, and resources.
- **Pot Painting Palooza (August 19):** Students painted pots and planted seeds.
- **Other:** Attended EARC, CIJC Committee, Weekly Events, Campaigns, Executive, CUPE 3902, and Municipal Election meetings, along with Orientation Leader Training and Volunteer Training.

Tiffany Da Silva:

- **Ontario General Meeting (OGM) by CFS (August 14–16):** Prepared for OGM by reviewing and discussing the motions being brought forward at the Ontario General Meeting; and attended the meeting with Adam and Melissa.
- **Bursary Planning:** Met with representatives from the St. George campus to discuss bursary planning. Provided an overview of UTMSU's bursary programming and discussed grocery bursary implementation
- **Anti Oppression Trainings & Orientation:** Met with the SCSU VP Equity to coordinate the anti-oppression training, which was presented at the UTMSU/SCSU Leader Training and Orientation Volunteer Training.
- **DisOrientation:** Completed event planning/coordination for all ten events (Queer Orientation, Who Are We? Social, Free Breakfast Wednesday, Iced Coffee Giveaway,

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Know Your Rights Workshop, International Student Mixer, Debunked Workshop, Drag Makeup Workshop, Cultural Arts & Crafts Day, Candidate Debate)

- **Mature Students Orientation:** Met with Melissa and Freya alongside with CSE, to discuss coordination for Mature Student Orientation.
- **Committees and External Meetings:** Attended my second Committee on Standing meeting, where we discussed student cases with the Office of the Registrar. Attended the first Elections and Referenda Committee meeting. Attended the Committee to Indigenous Justice and Collaboration meeting. Discussed relief drive and grassy narrows run rally endorsement. Attended HOUSE meeting, where they presented to the Executive team. Met with Lois and Shunsho to discuss the Clubs Coalition and how it will operate.
- **Sexual Violence Prevention Centre:** Attended the Sexual Violence Prevention Centre Student Advisory Committee onboarding meeting and participated in a Sexual Violence Prevention Centre disclosure training.
- **Campaign Planning:** Worked with my Equity Associate on planning for the upcoming food campaign, and met with each coordinator to plan campaigns under portfolio.
- **Other:** Attended the Executive, Campaigns, Events, and Equity Team meetings, along with one-on-one meetings with the Queer and Trans Coordinator, Food Centre Coordinator, Racialized Coordinator, Equity Associate, and Bursary Coordinator and the Pot Painting Palooza event.

Lois Ogunnubi - Oriade:

- **Bay Beach trip (August 12):** Finished the annual beach trip
- **Orientation & Welcome Back Week:** Continuing to prepare for the eight orientation events (Student Centre Debut, Blackout Bingo, Student Center After Party, Action Day, Film Screening, Premiere Night, Paint and Glow Party), along with Hype Week, and Welcome Back Week events (Blue Jays game, boat cruise, welcome back pub).

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

VOTE - PASSED ▾

5. Minutes Package

- ➔ BOD Meeting #4 Minutes - Friday, July 31st, 2026
- ➔ Executive Committee Meeting #11 Minutes
- ➔ Clubs Committee Meeting #4 Minutes
- ➔ Clubs Committee Meeting #5 Minutes
- ➔ EARC Committee Meeting #1 Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED that the Minutes Package be approved as presented

Moved: Adam El-Falou ▾

Seconded: Dana Al-Habash ▾

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VOTE - PASSED ▾

6. Re-striking of Elections and Referenda Committee - Appendix A

Moved: Tiffany Da Silva ▾

Seconded: Adam El-Falou ▾

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Saad Hussain ▾ **and** Suleyman Yusuf ▾ **from Division II, Onoasi Odo-Effiong ▾ from Division II or III be appointed by the Board of Directors to the Elections and Referenda Committee for the Fall Session.**

VOTE - PASSED ▾

7. Orientation and Welcome Back Week

Moved: Dana Al-Habash ▾

Seconded: Sierra O'Brien ▾

BE IT RESOLVED THAT up to \$160,000.00 be allocated for Orientation and Welcome Back Week from budget line 4.10 Orientation.

VOTE - PASSED ▾

8. WeChat Orientation

Moved: Joud Al-Habash ▾

Seconded: Sierra O'Brien ▾

BE IT RESOLVED THAT up to \$4,000 be allocated for WeChat Orientation from budget line 8.50 Wechat Team.

VOTE - PASSED ▾

9. DisOrientation

Moved: Maryam Zeeshan ▾

Seconded: Jana Al-Mallah ▾

BE IT RESOLVED that up to \$3000 be allocated for Disorientation from budget line 8.20 Campaigns and Advocacy Commission.

VOTE - PASSED ▾

10. Board Member Report - Backs

11. OTHER BUSINESS

Fall By-election Dates

- Nomination Period - Monday, September 28th - Friday, October 2nd, 2026
- All Candidates Meeting: Saturday, October 3rd, 2026
- Campaigning Period - Monday October 5th - Thursday, October 15th, 2026
- Voting Period - Tuesday October 13th - Thursday, October 15th, 2026

12. ADJOURNMENT

Moved: Adam El-Falou ▾

Seconded: Tiffany Da Silva ▾

BE IT RESOLVED that the meeting be adjourned at 11:42 am.

VOTE - PASSED ▾



Adam El-Falou
President of the UTMSU
Validated on August 28th, 2026