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UTMSU ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

November 27th, 2025

**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

**Quorum** Pending ▾

\_\_ ▾ Voting members present ( 50 required for Quorum )

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Call to Order		<2 Min	4
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Presidential Address		<5 Min	5
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Approval of the Minutes Package		<5 Min	9
Receipt of the Audited 2024 - 2025 UTMSU & Blind Duck Financial Statements - Appendix B		<25 Min	10
Appointment of Auditors for 2025 - 2026		<5 Min	11
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Motions Submitted by Members		<30 Min	13 - 16
Other Business		<5 Min	17
Adjournment	Chair	<5 Min	17

**Minutes**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

This meeting has been called to Order at 6:19 pm.

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**2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & EQUITY STATEMENT**

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**3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Moved: Saad (board)

Seconded: Yifeng

**BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda be approved as presented.**

VOTE - PASSED -

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**4. APPROVAL OF THE CHAIR**

Moved: Mekayel (board)

Seconded: Dakota

**BE IT RESOLVED that Kayla Weiler be approved as the Chair for the UTMSU Annual General Meeting 2025 - 2026.**

VOTE - PASSED -

## 5. PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

## 6. EXECUTIVE PRESENTATION ON ANNUAL REPORT

Moved: Dakota

Seconded: Sara (board)

### Events:

#### *Cultural & Community Initiatives for Chinese Students*

- 2024 Lunar New Year Roundtable Gala: Performances, traditional meal, and film screening fostering community.
- Dedicated Frosh Orientation: Delivered with the Chinese Undergraduate Association and Chinese Scholars and Students Association, supported by the Chinese Consulate.
- WeChat Meet and Eat: Connected over 300 new students with peers and professional guidance.

#### *Black History Month 2025*

Opening ceremony led by the Black History Month Committee and volunteers. Programming included Buy Black, Paint and SIP at Riverwood Conservatory, annual open mic night, and Valentine's Day programming themed "Circle of Life."

#### *Pride Month 2025*

Opened with an intersectional statement honoring Jonathan Joss and 2S LGBTQ+ communities. Programming included Pride and Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation flag raising, pride planting activity, and Pride picnic.

#### *Sustainability Week 2025*

Activities included Harthouse Farm events, campus-wide scavenger hunt, No Fashion on a Dead Planet workshop, and the student-built plant wall promoting environmental action.

#### *Other Notable Events & Programs*

- Picnic and Play: Stargazing event for queer students in collaboration with SGDO.
- Sisters-in-Law: Mentorship panel with Black Future Lawyers and the Career Center.
- Black Mentorship Program: Supported Black students academically and socially.
- A Different World: Connected first-year Black students with alumni through panels, networking, and a Caribbean-inspired meal.
- Disorientation: Events included Indigenous Futures, Decolonizing Pedagogy, Unlearning 101, and Hot Takes and Cold Treats.

#### *Recreational & Engagement Trips*

- Ski Trips: Mount St. Louis (2024) and upcoming Blue Mountain trip.
- Winter Reading Week: Montreal trip with customizable itinerary.
- Beach Day: Crystal Beach/Niagara day trips.
- Orientation Week: 8-day legacy orientation including scavenger hunts, movie night, Sports Day, casino night, and paint-and-glow party.
- Welcome Back Week: Carnival, rock climbing wall, Blue Jays game, pub night, and Toronto skyline boat cruise.
- Halloween: "The Fallen Campus" with pumpkin carving, ghost story contests, horror movie night, Wonderland trip, and pub night featuring Murda Beats and Smiley.

## **Campaigns:**

### *Hands Off Education / Bill 33*

UTMSU actively opposed Bill 33 through the Hands Off Education campaign, including awareness events, rallies, email campaigns, and service pauses to demonstrate the potential impact on student services. Over 12,000 petitions were collected. Although Bill 33 passed, UTMSU continues to monitor developments and advocate for students, emphasizing the ongoing fight for accessible, student-centered education.

### *Credit/No Credit Campaign*

Based on student feedback regarding academic policies and mental health, UTMSU relaunched the Credit/No Credit campaign at a tri-campus level with the Scarborough Campus Students' Union, University of Toronto Students' Union, and Arts and Science Student Union. A new survey and lobbying document are planned for next semester.

### *Transit Advocacy*

UTMSU launched a Transit Survey on October 1, receiving over 500 responses, which informed advocacy efforts. Efforts included:

- Route analysis for long commutes, especially from Milton, and proposals to modify GO Transit Route 21 (resulting in a UTM connection).
- Introduction of MiWay Route 110 weekend service following meetings with MiWay and city councillors.
- Advocacy for expanded midday and late-night service on MiWay Route 126.
- Ongoing proposals for Brampton Transit Route 199.
- UTM remains the only GTA campus offering the U-Pass, providing unlimited fare-free MiWay rides. A tuition price freeze was secured, and the system transitioned from QR codes to Presto cards, enabling participation in the OneFare program for 2-hour GTA transfers (excluding GO Bus). Bus shelter concerns, including heating, cleanliness, and unregulated posters, were also raised with the university.

### *Academic Support Advocacy*

UTMSU launched the Emergency Academic Bursary to alleviate financial barriers, supporting textbooks, lab equipment, accessibility needs, academic fees, and extracurricular academic activities. Support was also provided to students navigating academic offense allegations, petitions, and appeals related to academic standing, reducing procedural barriers and improving access to advocacy.

## **Services:**

### *De-Stressor Room*

The Student Center now features a De-Stressor Room with a beanbag room, arts and crafts area, and main lounge with TV, accommodating 4–6 students per room. PlayStation 4 rentals are available, and hours will extend in winter from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

### *Bidet Installation*

Four handheld bidets were installed in collaboration with the UTM Muslim Students Association, making the Student Center the first non-residential UTM building with bidets. Locations include men's and women's washrooms, the all-gender washroom, and the multi-faith prayer room. A feedback survey supports potential campus-wide expansion.

### *Health and Dental Plan*

Supporting 16,000 full-time students, the plan includes mental health coverage, virtual counseling, and gender-affirming care, ensuring inclusive and responsive support.

### *Food Center*

Addressing food insecurity (affecting 40% of post-secondary students), the Food Center provides free non-perishable groceries. Improvements include additional shelving and storage and a client-choice system. Special giveaways were hosted for St. Patrick's Day, Pride, and orientation. Since August 2025, 515 students have been assisted. A pilot food voucher program allows campus-wide meal purchases.

### *Bursaries Program*

Over \$40,000 in bursaries were awarded for needs-based, transit, and emergency support, helping students focus on academics and student life. Plans include a grocery bursary in the new year.

### *Academic Mentorship Program (AMP)*

Relaunched with nine academic societies, AMP pairs incoming students with upper-year mentors to provide guidance on academics, campus resources, and involvement. Mentors receive training in academic integrity, generative AI, and anti-oppression practices. Over 150 mentees joined this year, with CCR credits and letters of recommendation available.

### *Professional Headshots*

UTMSU provides free professional headshots with upgraded studio-quality equipment, supporting students' LinkedIn profiles, portfolios, and professional presence.

### *Student Refugee Program (SRP)*

In collaboration with World University Services of Canada (WUSC) and the International Education Center, refugee students receive academic, financial, and social support. Aziz and Sol Mary were welcomed this year. A WUSC Committee will involve volunteers in program development, event execution, and refugee advocacy.

### *Coalitions*

Safe spaces were hosted based on queer identity, women's identity, Black identities, and food security. Coalitions enabled students to share experiences, receive support, and engage in activism alongside UTMSU.

**BE IT RESOLVED that the Annual Report presented by the UTMSU Executive Committee be approved as presented.**

**VOTE - PASSED -**

## 7. REPORT ON LAST YEAR'S MOTIONS

### **MOTION 1: Revise the Land Acknowledgement**

*Objective:*

Lobby the university to review and revise the current land acknowledgement to better reflect Indigenous voices and perspectives.

*Background:*

Original land acknowledgement created in 2016, revised in 2021.

*Concerns:*

The phrase "we are grateful to have the opportunity to work on this land" may not resonate with all Indigenous peoples.

"We wish to acknowledge" implies optionality; land acknowledgements should be intentional.

No reference to treaties, which are foundational to Indigenous-settler relations.

*Actions Taken:*

Committee to Indigenous Justice and Collaboration formed, open to all students, Indigenous and non-Indigenous.

Consultation with UTM senior administration (Principal Alex Gillespie, Office of Vice Provost Students).

Engagement with Vern Ross (First Nations House) and Shannon Simpson (Downtown Office of Indigenous Initiatives), who supported a revision process.

Prioritized feedback from host nations, Indigenous community, and Elder Circle.

Meeting scheduled with Shannon Simpson for December 4 to gather guidance for the revision.

*Initiatives & Outcomes:*

Executives encouraged to draft personal land acknowledgements for Board of Directors meetings.

Events held to discuss purpose and significance of land acknowledgements (e.g., Indigenous Futures Decolonizing Pedagogy on Sept 30).

Educational efforts: Indigenous house names introduced during orientation (Shakote, Newton, Aki, Nibi representing Earth, Water, Fire, Air).

The Committee to Indigenous Justice and Collaboration will become a permanent standing committee in UTMSU bylaws.

The committee continues to raise awareness on Indigenous issues and promote solidarity (e.g., flag drop of Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, statements on hate crimes).

### **MOTION 2: Recognize National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (Sept 30)**

*Objective:*

Lobby UTM to recognize September 30 as a statutory holiday, following TRC Call to Action #80.

*Background & Considerations:*

Some universities suspend classes without statutory recognition.

*Concerns:*

Blanket closures may be performative.

Indigenous students should have flexibility to mourn, reflect, or attend classes.

Avoid barriers like requiring proof of Indigenous status.

*Recommendations & Outcomes:*

Indigenous students can submit a special consideration request to take the day off.  
 University precedent: National Indigenous Peoples Day (June 21) will have institution-wide closure starting 2027.  
 UTMSU continues lobbying for support and equitable policies.

**MOTION 3: Investigate Feasibility of a Makerspace**

*Objective:*

Assess whether UTMSU can create a makerspace for students to innovate, learn, and collaborate.

*Background & Benefits:*

Makerspaces provide 3D printers, laser cutters, electronics, tools, and collaborative spaces.

*Benefits include:*

Sustainability and repair culture  
 Practical skills development  
 Creativity, problem-solving, and cross-discipline collaboration  
 Academic integration and experiential learning

*Feasibility Assessment:*

Limited space in Student Center  
 High upfront and ongoing costs (equipment, staff, insurance, maintenance)  
 Safety and liability concerns

*Alternatives & Opportunities:*

Existing campus resources:

- Digital Exploration Lab – 3D printers, VR equipment, die cutters (library)
- Open Design Collaboratory – 3D printers, laser cutters, woodworking and electronics equipment (CCT 3110)
- Heart House (downtown) – plans for makerspace in ongoing renewal project, student feedback welcomed

*Conclusion:*

Full UTMSU makerspace is currently not feasible.  
 Smaller-scale alternatives or partnerships better meet student needs while remaining sustainable.

**8. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES PACKAGE**

→ Appendix A - 2024-25 UTMSU Annual General Meeting (AGM) Minutes

**BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes from the 2025 - 2026 Annual General Meeting be approved as presented.**

Moved: Mekayel

Seconded: Dakota

**VOTE - PASSED -**

9. **RECEIPT OF THE 2024 - 2025 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS UTMSU & BLIND DUCK – APPENDIX B**

Moved: Sara

Seconded: Haolin

Question	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What exactly are the UTMSU investments going into? Could you please go into a little bit of detail regarding that?</li> </ul>
Silas	
Answer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our investments are all short-term GICs, expiring in one, two, or three years as per Union policy. This year we have more of a mixture because of the increased rates of the US dollar. None of the investments are high risk and we stick to GICs to give us flexibility of withdrawing any time without incurring costs.</li> </ul>
Adnan	
Question	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How do you feel about using the reserves, or a part of the reserves to invest more so as to combat factors like inflation for instance, given we have a strong base of reserves?</li> </ul>
Silas	
Answer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This year we actually have invested more, however we must keep a certain amount of capital in hand for working capital. Our monthly cash flow is around \$600,000 - \$750,000 CAD a month which necessitates a certain amount of cash on hand.</li> </ul>
Se Chan (Andrew) Park	

→ By consensus of the members, the budget presentation was shortened for the sake of time.

**BE IT RESOLVED that the audited financial statements of the Erindale College Students' Union (operating as the UTMSU) and The Blind Duck for the fiscal year ending April 30th, 2026 be approved as presented in Appendix B.**

VOTE - PASSED ▾

10. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS FOR 2025 - 2026

Moved: Owen

Seconded: Maryam

**BE IT RESOLVED that Yale PGC be appointed as the external auditors for the Erindale College Students' Union (operating as the UTMSU) for the fiscal year ending April 30th, 2026.**

VOTE - PASSED ▾

11. ORGANIZATION NAME CHANGE

Moved: unzeila

Seconded: andres

Question  
TJ

- Why is this change necessary? What are the benefits that we will accrue in the changing of the name of the organization?

Answer  
Melissa Theodore

- This change was a recommendation put forward by our lawyers. This change would ensure continuity in both our Constitution and Bylaws while being compliant with the requirements of ONCA.

Question  
TJ

- Are there any costs associated with this change or other potential disadvantages that can arise?

Answer  
Melissa Theodore

- The cost for the organization name change would be \$150. CAD and would not result in any disadvantages in the foreseeable future.

**BE IT RESOLVED that the legal name of the organization be changed from Erindale College Student Union to University of Toronto Mississauga Students' Union.**

VOTE - PASSED -

12. AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS - APPENDIX C

Moved: Moham

Seconded: Jordan

Question <hr/> Dakota	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Considering that in the past the directors at large, who ran for the election had smaller budgets for campaign materials, is the temporary increase for this budget reflected in the Bylaws?</li> </ul>
Answer <hr/> Se Chan (Andrew) Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The bylaws do not have language for the reimbursement of campaign materials as this would be in the Elections and procedure code. If this change is recommended as a permanent one, it would have to go to the Elections and Referenda Committee.</li> </ul>
Speaking Against <hr/> TJ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Raised concerns with section 8.6 - remuneration. More transparency is needed as current language states that the board decides on the payment. Remuneration should be set at a standard level during the AGM, or otherwise reported on each fiscal year.</li> </ul>
Question <hr/> Joshua	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What would constitute a situation of a Force Majeure? How would the case of calling elections early to suit political needs be avoided?</li> </ul>
Reply <hr/> Se Chan (Andrew) Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The criteria would be determined on a case by case basis. The easiest example would be the pandemic or other cases in which the students are not able to hold in-person elections. Only in those cases would alternative options to in-person voting be explored.</li> </ul>

**BE IT RESOLVED that the Amendments proposed the Constitution & Bylaws be approved as presented in Appendix C.**

VOTE - PASSED - WITH 2/3 MAJORITY

13. MOTIONS SUBMITTED BY MEMBERS

a) ACORN ACCESS

Moved: Sarah

Seconded: Miatah

Speaking Against

Dakoda

- The UTMSU needs to focus their resources towards things that are important to the student movement. These things can be fixed by the UofT Information Technology services and I do not believe the UTMSU can do anything in this regard.

Speaking Against

TJ

- It is not necessary to try to increase the capacity of ACORN as it would be quite costly and the effect of enrolling in one's courses a couple of minutes earlier would not make a significant difference at the end of the day. This will impose significant costs without incurring significant benefits.

Moved: Dakoda

Seconded: Onuwasi

**BE IT RESOLVED that motion 13.a be tabled to the Board of Directors.**

VOTE - PASSED -

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**WHEREAS** students often experience difficulties accessing ACORN during peak times, particularly during course enrolment periods;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the UTMSU lobby the University administration to improve ACORN's accessibility and performance during periods of high volume.

VOTE -

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## b) WI-FI CONNECTIVITY

Moved: Dakota

Seconded: Jordan

Moved: Dakota

Seconded: Mohammed

**BE IT RESOLVED** that motion 13.b be tabled to the Board of Directors.

VOTE - **PASSED** ▾

**WHEREAS** Wi-Fi connectivity on campus, particularly in the William G. Davis Building, often experiences disruptions;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the UTMSU lobby the University administration to implement solutions that improve Wi-Fi reliability across campus.

VOTE -

**c) PARKING**

Moved: Miatah

Seconded: Johan

<p>Speaking Against</p> <hr style="border: 0.5px solid black;"/> <p style="text-align: right;">TJ</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I speak in opposition to the motion, stating that parking fees reflect the limited supply of parking on campus. I argue that reducing the cost would increase demand, worsen existing waitlists, and potentially prevent those who need parking most from obtaining a pass.</li> </ul>
<p>Speaking Against</p> <hr style="border: 0.5px solid black;"/> <p style="text-align: right;">Silas</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reducing parking fees promotes car use, which students should not encourage given climate change concerns. that efforts should instead prioritize public and alternative transportation, such as buses, rather than increasing access to car-focused transportation.</li> </ul>
<p>Speaking For</p> <hr style="border: 0.5px solid black;"/> <p style="text-align: right;">Onuasi</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Campus parking is heavily ticketed, and parking passes are costly compared to tickets, which does not effectively discourage car use at our primarily commuter campus. Parking spaces are limited, but I argue that parking pass costs should be reviewed. I suggest engaging the administration on reducing pass costs while continuing to work with GO Transit to improve commuter bus routes to areas where most students live.</li> </ul>
<p>Speaking For</p> <hr style="border: 0.5px solid black;"/> <p style="text-align: right;">Desiree</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I speak in favor of targeted parking fee reductions for those who could benefit most, such as students from areas like Milton who face long transit times, or those who rely on accessible transportation. I suggest establishing criteria to ensure reduced fees support specific groups in need rather than a blanket reduction.</li> </ul>
<p>Speaking Against</p> <hr style="border: 0.5px solid black;"/> <p style="text-align: right;">Dakoda</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I oppose the motion because we already have a bursary fund and see no need for another program serving the same purpose.</li> </ul>

**WHEREAS** parking passes are often unaffordable for students, particularly those who commute from afar or have difficulty accessing transit;

**WHEREAS** parking tickets can, at times, be cheaper than purchasing a parking pass;

**BE IT RESOLVED that the UTMSU investigate funding options for students who require parking passes.**

VOTE - **FAILED** ▾

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#### d) ONLINE VOTING

Moved: Dakota

Seconded: Enrique

Moved: Dakota

Seconded: Mohammed

**BE IT RESOLVED that motion 13.d be tabled to the Board of Directors.**

VOTE - **PASSED** ▾

**BE IT RESOLVED that the UTMSU adopt online voting as the standard for all elections and referenda through the SimplyVoting platform.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, if adopted, the Elections and Referenda Committee review and amend the Elections Procedure Code to reflect this change accordingly.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Returning Officer (CRO) be responsible for ensuring the technical integrity, accessibility, and operation of the SimplyVoting platform for each election cycle.**

VOTE -

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14. OTHER BUSINESS

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15. ADJOURNMENT

Moved: Saad

Seconded: Dakota

**BE IT RESOLVED that the meeting be adjourned at 9:01.**

VOTE - PASSED ▾



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**Se Chan (Andrew) Park**  
President of the UTMSU  
Validated on November 27, 2025