

SCARBOROUGH CAMPUS
STUDENTS' UNION

General Meeting Package

Thursday March 8, 2018

6:00PM – 9:00PM

University of Toronto Scarborough Campus

MW170



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	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 that the agenda be amended in order to deal with the following item . . .	NO	YES	YES	YES	2/3 majority
Appeal the ruling of the chair	I appeal the ruling 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 postponed 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
Defer consideration of a motion temporarily	I move that motion . . . be laid on the table	NO	YES	NO	NO	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.	NO	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	YES	Majority
End the meeting	I move that the meeting adjourn.	NO	YES	NO	NO	Majority



SCSU GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order

The meeting is called to order at __:____.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOTION Moved: Srithas Seconded:

Be it resolved that the agenda for the SCSU General Meeting be approved as presented.

3. Equity Statement and Land Acknowledgement

4. Overview of Robert's Rules of Order

5. Financial Statements

6. Executive Report

MOTION Moved: Srithas Seconded:

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

7. **MOTION** Moved: Konstantopoulos Seconded:

WHEREAS the Scarborough Campus Student Union (SCSU) currently spends over \$13,500 on Orientation costs, according to the Financial Report released at the 2017 Annual General Meeting - a significant sum that should be spent wisely;

WHEREAS concerns have often been raised regarding the suggested misuse of student funds with an Orientation that may not satisfy the expectations or needs of all students;

WHEREAS comparisons to the Orientations organized by similar post-secondary institutions have often been made, with the concern that UTSC does not measure up;

WHEREAS Orientation tickets cost students a significant \$100 per student and we know students already face considerable financial pressure due to tuition fees and other barriers;

WHEREAS First Year Students are new to post-secondary, may be anxious or feel unprepared to face large and loud crowds, and who deserve to feel welcomed instead of disoriented;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Scarborough Campus Student Union (SCSU) and affiliated Orientation Team create a Working Group with the support of the First Year Representatives to consult current first year students on their Orientation experiences to identify ways to improve and potential new programming;



BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SCSU and affiliated Orientation Team identify archived Group and House Leader Facebook groups to reach out to possible students who may also want to sit on a working group;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SCSU and affiliated Orientation Team look into the feasibility of having demonstrations and hands-on programming during breaks and fairs engaging students in activities to prepare them for their first year at post-secondary;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SCSU provide these recommendations to the Orientation Team for consideration in the initial planning stages.

8. **MOTION** Moved: Konstantopoulos Seconded:

WHEREAS the Scarborough Campus Student Union (SCSU) is committed to providing the membership with services supporting access their education in an equitable manner;

WHEREAS food insecurity affects 4 in 10 university students, according to Meal Exchange;

WHEREAS Scarborough food bank usage has increased to 40% over the past year (in comparison to 3%), according to Daily Bread;

WHEREAS in the first year of opening, the SCSU Food Centre has seen rising numbers from international and residence students, as well as local off-campus students;

WHEREAS Orientation costs students almost \$100 per student, which is a significant amount for students who may be facing or will face food insecurity at some point during their time at UTSC;

WHEREAS First Year Students are often inexperienced in taking care of themselves financially, and may be unaware of budgeting tools and tips;

WHEREAS the SCSU Food Centre is not only a food bank but also a campus pantry with the capacity for increased programming;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Scarborough Campus Student Union (SCSU) and affiliated Orientation Team to add the Food Centre to their Campus Tours, and familiarize students with where they can access food on campus;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SCSU and affiliated Orientation Team look into the feasibility of having demonstrations and hands-on programming during breaks and fairs engaging students in food literacy activities to prepare them for their first year at post-secondary;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SCSU provide these recommendations to the Orientation Team for consideration in the initial planning stages.



9. **MOTION** Moved: Konstantopoulos Seconded:

WHEREAS the Scarborough Campus Student Union (SCSU), acting in the best interests of their student membership, is required to ensure the membership is adequately informed of General Meetings and Electoral Processes in advance using the resources they have to their advantage for accessibility to resources and general best-conduct;

WHEREAS the SCSU General Meetings and Electoral Processes have often not been advertised for, other than via a rotating banner on their webpage as well as posters on campus board, and has not had a Facebook event page made available;

WHEREAS the SCSU states that proxy forms with student signatures are due a week before General Meetings, with the ability to represent 25 + 1 students for each proxy, yet most students are unaware that Meetings take place or that proxy forms are available;

WHEREAS the Elections and Referenda Committee assigns the Chief Returning Officer and the Deputy Returning Officer(s) with the responsibility to ensure that the elections procedure follows best practices for democracy and in an accessible, accountable, equitable, and transparent manner;

WHEREAS the SCSU has prior commitment to accountability and transparency as of this current term through the Motion for the Accessibility and Promotion of the SCSU General Meeting, as of the previous AGM held in November 2017, which stipulates:

“BE IT RESOLVED that the Scarborough Campus Student Union commit to taking measures - in addition to the website and posters - in the future to ensure that the Annual General Meeting and the proxy process is adequately advertised to students ahead of time;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SCSU use available and innovative resources in the future to ensure that students know that the Annual General Meeting will be occurring and what their rights are outside and within the space - examples of this include: paid targeted Facebook advertisements, Facebook events, and on-the-ground advertising.”

BE IT RESOLVED that the Scarborough Campus Student Union (SCSU) commit to taking measures to ensure that students and media representatives are aware of their rights prior to and during all meetings of the Membership, including Board Meetings and General Meetings.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SCSU commit to taking measures - in addition to the website and posters -- in the future to ensure that General Meetings and the proxy process is adequately advertised to students ahead of time;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SCSU commit to taking measures -- in addition to the website and posters -- in the future to ensure that the Electoral Process and the Candidates Forum is adequately advertised to students ahead of time;



BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SCSU provide these recommendations to the General Meeting Planners for consideration prior to each Meeting of the Membership.

10. **MOTION** Moved: Konstantopoulos Seconded:

WHEREAS the Scarborough Campus Student Union (SCSU) is committed to accessibility, accountability, equity, and transparency of the Membership;

WHEREAS the SCSU Live Streaming of the 2017 Elections Forum was poorly supplied online, with inadequate positioning and audio pick-up;

WHEREAS the SCSU 2017 Elections Forum and associated Live Streaming included an accusation by one candidate placing blame on the Student Union for matters concerning another Student Society, and this was left uncorrected for some time within the Campaign Period;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Scarborough Campus Student Union (SCSU) ensure that Live Streaming during the Elections Forum is conducted in a way that is adequately viewable;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SCSU upgrade their audio and video for the purposes of accessibility, and provide a transcript of the proceedings within reasonable time prior to the Elections to be included in the posting;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Elections Forum begin with a preamble of the purpose of this space, as well as a reminder to Candidates to represent themselves and/or their slate without the misrepresentation of facts and the matters of independent Student Societies and other organizations not pertaining to the Union;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SCSU provide these recommendations to the Elections and Referenda Committee for consideration prior to each Campaign Period.

11. **MOTION** Moved: Konstantopoulos Seconded:

WHEREAS the Scarborough Campus Student Union (SCSU) is committed to accessibility, accountability, equity, and transparency of the Membership;

WHEREAS the SCSU has provided the Meeting Minutes and Packages for 2011 to the present, however the years prior to 2015 are in incorrect order on the website and are thus complicated to comprehend as a historical timeline;

WHEREAS the SCSU has not made public the history of the Union and its archived Meeting Minutes and Packages prior to 2011;

WHEREAS staff Members who are non-voting may be required to attend the Board of Directors Meeting, such as the Chair, the Executive Director, and the Secretary, are not outlined within Board Packages, and may or may not be identified in the minutes of Committee Meetings;



WHEREAS the SCSU General Meetings are where significant motions regarding the Membership and General Conduct of the SCSU are passed;

WHEREAS the SCSU General Meetings operate through quorum representation of the Membership and are subject to constraints on room capacity, meaning that a good number of students will consistently not be represented or who will not be fully aware of the proceedings;

WHEREAS the Membership who passed a motion may not have access to the next term's Meeting due to student turnover, and would benefit from having access to the proceedings;

WHEREAS the SCSU has an obligation to the Membership to ensure that they are adequately informed of the events of such meeting, so that the Membership can follow-up with requests for information, status updates, support and/or concerns in a timely manner;

WHEREAS the SCSU circulates the AGM package prior to the Meeting of the following year to be ratified at the Meeting, yet there is not adequate time to observe the status of previous motions and follow-up with the current executive once the Proxy process begins;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Scarborough Campus Student Union (SCSU) ensure that the Meeting Minutes and Packages be adequately viewable on the website;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SCSU release SCSU Documentation including Meeting Minutes and Packages prior to the 2011 terms;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SCSU ensure that the General Meeting Package be accessible on the Website a week prior to the Proxy process;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SCSU ensure that a General Meeting proceedings document be developed for circulation and provided alongside updates at the Board Meeting following the Meeting in question;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SCSU follow up with all Members who serve and pass motions at the Annual General Meeting in addition to any interested members either individually or through a Working Group, prior to the February Board Meeting;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SCSU hold consultations with the Membership via at the end of each term prior to the Joint Board Meeting with the incoming team in attendance;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SCSU provide these recommendations to the General Meeting Planners for consideration prior to each Meeting of the Membership.

12. **MOTION** Moved: Mohsin Seconded:

WHEREAS the University of Toronto Scarborough (UTSC) is a research-based institution and the Scarborough Campus Students' Union (SCSU) supporting Departmental Student Associations



(DSAs) is vital for our students and their undergraduate experience at UTSC; and
WHEREAS DSAs host various events and initiatives such as academic conferences for students to present their research. It is important to support DSAs in their initiatives and in turn, supporting students' academic experience; and

WHEREAS DSAs and their student membership make up the entire SCSU membership at UTSC;
and

WHEREAS DSAs are also underfunded by supporting organizations and SCSU needs to be a better support and resource system to the DSAs;

BE IT RESOLVED that the SCSU allot \$20,000 to support all the DSA's, where \$16,000 is used to support the 16 DSAs by allocating \$1000 to each DSA, and the remainder \$4000 be used to further support DSAs in other ways.

13. **MOTION** Moved: Dang Seconded:

WHEREAS there has been a split between The Department of Anthropology and The Department of Health Studies;

WHEREAS there has been significant development in UTSC's population;

WHEREAS no directors represent 2 distinct departments;

WHEREAS International Students' contributions have not had their limelight in recent years in board meetings;

WHEREAS Directors of the SCSU (Scarborough Campus Students' Union) usually work with one DSA (Departmental Students' Association) within their jurisdiction;

BE IT RESOLVED that the SCSU investigate splitting the Director of Anthropology and Health Studies into the Director of Anthropology and Director of Health Studies;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SCSU investigate creating two seats on the Board of Directors specifically for International Students;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if these positions are adopted, that they be put into effect at the next general election period in the next academic year.

14. **MOTION** Moved: Touman Seconded:

WHEREAS the Scarborough Campus Students' Union (SCSU) has a mission statement to lobby for a campus that is equitable, inclusive, and accessible for all students at the University of Toronto Scarborough (UTSC); and



WHEREAS the SCSU empowers students' to be faith and culturally sensitive, but SCSU itself is reluctant to faith and so far has not quite catered to meet the needs of students of faith at UTSC; and

WHEREAS previously this year, the SCSU held a non-faith event in the smaller multi-faith prayer room, and left it messy for another faith group to clean who were delayed in performing their religious and spiritual ritual; and

WHEREAS the SCSU needs to be respectful of the prayer spaces in the Student Centre and internally practice faith sensitivity as they preach it; and

WHEREAS despite SCSU operating the Student Centre, the SCSU does not maintain and sustain the multi-faith prayer rooms, does not help to clean it, and preserve the room for students of faith. Instead faith groups who use the multi-faith prayer rooms at the Student Centre are the ones who clean it and maintain it; and

WHEREAS the multifaith prayer rooms are outdated, the foot washing stations in the SCSU bathrooms are inadequately functioning and also inaccessible to many students who don't pray in the student centre; and

WHEREAS it is a commitment for the SCSU to represent all students on campus, including students of faith and their needs; and

WHEREAS the SCSU is also committed this year to creating and lobbying for more accessible bathrooms; so

BE IT RESOVED that the SCSU immediately update and renovate the current multi-faith prayer rooms, with new partitions, carpet, resources, and fresh paint in the bigger multifaith prayer room, and new furniture, set-up, and fresh paint in the smaller multifaith prayer room; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SCSU update and add more foot washing stations in the student centre bathrooms (upstairs and downstairs), as the knobs on the current ones are broken so students can perform ablution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SCSU lobby the university administration to build more foot washing stations in bathrooms across the campus, as many students find the Student Centre bathrooms inaccessible and out of reach.

15. **MOTION** Moved: Jabali Seconded:

WHEREAS a comprehensive by-law review is necessary for the well-functioning of the SCSU;

WHEREAS these gaps in the by-laws threaten the daily operations and special operations of the SCSU Whereas previous SCSU Policy and By-laws Committees have not submitted amendments to the by-laws in recent years;

WHEREAS previous SCSU Board of Directors have also not submitted amendments to improve



the by-laws in recent years;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors take into consideration amending Bylaw III 1.3 from providing the membership 10 days notice of a general meeting to 14 days instead of 10 days;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Directors consider amending By-law III 1. by adding the following, "Winter Semester General Meeting" with the clauses underneath that heading being, "1. A winter term general meeting will be held between February 15th and March 15th of the current academic year to show the progress that SCSU has made towards advancing the objectives sought after by the executive committee." and, "2. During this meeting, Board of Directors will present their progress on their projects to the union's membership";

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Directors consider amending By-law III, 1.4. to change the numbers for an annual general meeting, from 500 to 700, and 1.4 to be amended to include, "The quorum required for a Winter General Meeting of the Union shall be no less than five hundred (500) Members of the Union, of whom at least forty (40) Members shall be present in person";

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Directors consider amending By-law III 1.5., to add, "Minor programs may vote for their department director," and, "First years may not vote for their department director, but only for executive candidates";

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Directors consider amending the dates specifically listed in By-law X 3. As August 1st, from August 1st to May 1st;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Directors consider amending By-law X 1., to include the clause, "Executives of the Union are considered abandoning their office when they have missed 5 board of directors meetings without adequate reason, and have missed at least 3 executive committee meetings per month without adequate reason, and shall receive a special hearing by the board of directors to rectify the situation";

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Directors consider amending, By-law X, 3., to include the following, "For financial transactions that take place at commissions, commissions members may grant up to \$250 per project informally with explanation of where the money will be directed," and, "For projects that request over \$500, they will be required to make a formal presentation to the commission," and amending 3.(f) to read, "Quorum is three (3) non-Board members and three (3) members of the Board of the Commission(s) with at least one of those members being a Department Director.

16. **MOTION** Moved: Ayub Seconded:

WHEREAS the role of the Muslim Chaplaincy at the University of Toronto Scarborough (UTSC) is to provide spiritual and faith-based counselling, mentorship and guidance to students of faith, establish programs, workshops and services that would improve and promote the mental health and spiritual wellbeing of Muslim students. All the while, being culturally sensitive and conscious of meeting unique intersectional identities and religious observances of all students; and



WHEREAS the Muslim student population is currently one of the largest faith group on campus; and

WHEREAS 93.2% of students of Muslim students surveyed by the Muslim Chaplaincy team feel the need for a full-time Muslim Chaplain; and

WHEREAS 94.6% of Muslim students surveyed by the Muslim Chaplaincy team believe a Muslim Chaplain is crucial for their mental health and the quality of their undergraduate experience at UTSC; and

WHEREAS the American political climate which attempts to temporarily ban people from several Muslim-majority countries has resulted in the “Trump effect” as international Muslim students reconsider pursuing education in America. This has resulted in a significant increase in applicants to University of Toronto Scarborough as per University of Toronto spokeswoman Larysa Woloszansky. The school has received 22 % more international applications for the 2017 school year compared with the previous 2016 academic year; and

WHEREAS many Muslim students feel disengaged from their Islamic identity due to political and social pressures; and

WHEREAS 94.6% of Muslim students surveyed by the Muslim Chaplaincy team believe the Muslim Chaplaincy can help empower their identity in order to deal with the challenges and effects of racism and Islamophobia on campus; and

WHEREAS 21.6% of Muslim students surveyed by the Muslim Chaplaincy team have experienced a form of Islamophobia or have felt unsafe on campus; and

WHEREAS 58.1% of Muslim students surveyed by the Muslim Chaplaincy team believe other counselling services on campus do not do an effective job of providing faith-sensitive guidance to Muslim students; and

WHEREAS the Scarborough Campus Students' Union (SCSU) Mental Health Survey identified cultural gaps in the services provided by the Health and Wellness Centre; and

WHEREAS over the past year, three Muslim students have committed suicide at the University of Toronto due to extreme mental health issues; and

WHEREAS the Muslim Chaplaincy at UTSC has helped prevent over six Muslim student suicides at the Scarborough Campus in the past academic year; and

WHEREAS over the past academic year the Muslim Chaplaincy has held 137 counselling sessions accommodating the needs of 100 students on campus. Of these students, 20 students came back for recurring sessions; and

WHEREAS there has been an overwhelming increase in the number of students who are booking counselling appointments with the Muslim Chaplaincy at UTSC. There is a large demand for the service, but due to limited office space and funding, it is difficult to accommodate for the



increasing demand; and

WHEREAS UTSC on the principles of equity, inclusion, and diversity and the SCSU (referencing SCSU's current mission statement) aims for a more safer and inclusive campus; and

WHEREAS the Canadian Federation of Students and the SCSU has a long-standing commitment to challenging systems of oppression, including the "Anti-Islamophobia" campaign and "Challenge Racism" under the United For Equity Campaign; and

WHEREAS Islamophobia, racism and other forms of discrimination intersecting with student mental health affects students across the Scarborough campus; and

WHEREAS it is important for the SCSU to meet the needs of Muslim students on campus to counter the rampant Islamophobia that students face; and

WHEREAS as students, we need to ensure that the SCSU is fulfilling their responsibility to collectively challenge these systems of oppression on campuses and beyond while supporting and resourcing the Muslim community at UTSC; and

BE IT REOLVED that the SCSU allows the Muslim Chaplaincy to utilize and share the Racialized Students' Collective space to hold counselling sessions for students, as was similarly done by Ryerson Students' Union at Ryerson University, which permits their centres to be used by their chapter of the Muslim Chaplaincy to function; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SCSU commits to creating a permanent space for Muslim Chaplaincy in the upcoming SCSU expansion plans and goals; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that \$25,000 is donated by the SCSU to help fund the operational costs to sustain the service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SCSU donate \$25,000 annually to the Muslim Chaplaincy to aid in the operational costs required to sustain a vital and important service for Muslim students at UTSC; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SCSU connect with Canadian Federation of Students–Ontario to investigate more thoroughly for spiritual and faith-sensitive mental health services on campuses across the province; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SCSU connect with the Muslim Chaplaincy at UTSC to seek ways of further supporting this service as it is extremely vital for the Muslim students on campus.

17. **MOTION** Moved: Zakir Seconded:

WHEREAS Soleiman Faqiri was an inmate living with mental health issues, and was brutally murdered by prison guards in his cell in the "most complained about jail" at Central East



Correctional Centre in Lindsay on December 15, 2016; and

WHEREAS Soleiman Faqiri was a visible Muslim individual living with schizophrenia under government care; and

WHEREAS the family was concerned about Soleiman Faqiri's care through Central East Correctional Centre before his death, requesting a mental health assessment three days before he was murdered; but the family never received this assessment; and

WHEREAS the Coroner's report was supposed to be released 6-8 weeks after Faqiri's murder, but after seven months, the report was officially released;

WHEREAS without the coroner's report, Faqiri's lawyers were not able to access any files or video recordings of Soleiman Faqiri in the prison system; and

WHEREAS it has been revealed that despite the prison administration knowing that Soleiman Faqiri was mentally ill and diagnosed with Schizophrenia, he was placed in segregation, otherwise known as solitary confinement; and

WHEREAS Soleiman Faqiri was brutally beat inside his jail cell, with his legs and arms cuffed, pepper sprayed, and then covered with a spit hood; and

WHEREAS the coroner's report did not identify the guards involved or the legal consequences for their actions; and

WHEREAS a campaign called 'Justice For Soli' was launched in efforts to seek justice for Soleiman Faqiri and his family; and

WHEREAS the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services refused to make a statement on Soleiman Faqiri's arrest and murder; and

WHEREAS Soleiman Faqiri's death was due to a lack of education and training of officials with mental illness awareness; and

WHEREAS the Canadian Federation of Students-Ontario (CFS-O) and the Scarborough Campus Students' Union (SCSU) has a long-standing commitment to challenging systems of oppression, including the Anti-Islamophobia campaign and "Challenge Ableism," under the United for Equity campaign; and

WHEREAS the brutal murder of Soleiman Faqiri is clearly an instance of Islamophobic death and a hate crime against differently abled people; and.

WHEREAS Islamophobia, ableism, and all other forms of discrimination affect students across the province; and

WHEREAS as student representatives, it is our responsibility to collectively challenge these



systems of oppression;

BE IT RESOLVED that SCSU endorse the Justice For Soli campaign; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that SCSU support the campaign by writing a letter to Marie-France Lalonde, Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services (and/or other relevant bodies), and that this letter condemn the actions of Central East Correctional Centre, demand that the names/identification of the guards involved with the murder of Soleiman Faqiri be made public and that these guards face appropriate legal consequences for their actions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that SCSU support the campaign by lobbying Marie-France Lalonde , Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services (and/or other relevant bodies) to call for a review of relevant mental health training procedures through correctional services across the province; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SCSU make a donation of \$1000 to the Justice For Soli organization to help sustain the operational costs of the movement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SCSU connect with the organizers of the Justice For Soli campaign to seek ways of further supporting.

18. Motion for Adjournment

MOTION Moved: Srithas Seconded:
Be it resolved that the SCSU General Meeting be adjourned.



Scarborough Campus Students' Union (SCSU)

INCOME STATEMENT

May 1, 2017 - Feb 23, 2018

Description of Accounts

REVENUE

Student Fees	\$695,053.30	SCSU Membership fees
Space Rental Income	\$244,997.60	Tenant fee's and conference rooms rental
Services Revenue	\$56,254.41	Discounted tickets and other services
TTC Merchandise	\$517,038.26	Post-secondary, VIP, Day Passes, Tokens
Event Sales	\$122,935.02	Orientation, Spring Formal & other event ticket sales
Vending Commissions	\$3,406.06	Vending machine commissions
Advertising Revenue	\$21,249.05	Student Center advertising and agenda book ad revenue
Other Income	\$112,591.12	Bank Interest, Sponsorship, Grants and all other revenue
TOTAL REVENUE	\$1,773,524.82	

EXPENSE

Salaries, Wages & Benefits	\$489,373.21	Salaries, wages, honorariums, and benefits
Supplies	\$12,572.72	Office, computer, photocopier, and general supplies
Services	\$48,033.41	Discounted Tickets and other services
TTC Merchandise	\$517,620.50	Post-Secondary, VIP, Day Passes, Tokens
Phone & Telecommunications	\$5,736.71	Website, cell phone allowance, e-mail hosting
Capital Renewal	\$41,421.89	Repair and maintenance costs
Event Costs	\$218,695.51	Orientation, Spring Formal & other event costs
Elections	\$11,972.29	Elections supplies and promotion materials
Meetings	\$2,738.51	Conferences and events attended/hosted by the SCSU
Programming Costs	\$54,207.39	Clubs/DSA Funding, campaigns, agenda books and newsletter
Professional Fees	\$15,658.10	Legal, Consulting, auditing fee's
Professional Dev & Travel	\$24,784.48	Transportation, Continuity, Conference Fees
Bank Charges	\$5,423.93	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,442,814.72	

NET INCOME	\$330,710.10
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EXECUTIVE REPORT

PRESIDENT - SITHARSANA SRITHAS

For more information, contact president@scsu.ca

Student Advocacy

Upper Administration Meetings

The Upper Administration is made Principal Bruce Kidd, Vice-Principal and Dean Bill Gough, Acting Vice-Principal Research Marc Cadote, CAO Andrew Arifuzzaman, Dean of Student Affairs Desmond Pouyat, Executive Director, Development & Alumni Relations Georgette Zinaty. The SCSU Executives met with the UTSC Upper Administration and presented a list of priorities and recommendations that were shaped by several months of consultations with students from all departments and faculties, departmental student associations, student clubs, and university departments (like Health & Wellness, Sustainability office, etc.) on how we can make the university experience better for our students. Some of the priorities were: gender-inclusive washrooms, free menstrual products at UTSC, increase multi-faith spaces on campus, extending operational hours for food vendors, temporary parking permits for students, academic rights in the syllabus, implementation of sustainability measures, etc. For the full document, visit: <http://www.scsu.ca/about/priorities/>.

On February 6th, SCSU President, VP AUA, VP Equity and VP Campus Life met with the UTSC Upper Executive. We followed up with several of the priorities and recommendations that the SCSU Executive put forward through student consultations. We discussed the following: availability and supply of free Menstrual Products, follow-up on Monthly Parking Passes for Students, repurpose space to recreational space, student representation on Self-Declared Sick Notes Working Group and updates on CUPE 3902. Conversations are ongoing.

Chief Administrative Officer Forum

On February 7th, SCSU President, VP AUA, VP Campus Life and student representatives from SC:OUT met with CAO Andrew Arifuzzaman to advocate on the following: follow-up on Gender Inclusive Washroom Signs across campus, Hot Water Machine Installation in the IC, and repairing Accessibility Button Repairs. SCSU was able to get a commitment from Andrew to working on these items.

Academic Forum

On February 13, the President, VP AUA, VP Equity, and VP Campus Life met with Dean Bill Gough, Dean of Student Life Desmond Pouyat, Vice-Dean of Academics Mark Schmuckler, and Assistant Dean Liza Arnason. Items that were discussed were lifting the laptop ban, student rights, credit/no credit extension, and self-declared sick notes. There was also discussion about education faculty on following the 72 hour rule to provide appropriate medical documentation for missed assignments, the downfalls of the walk-in counselling system at health and wellness, and the long wait times to see an accessibility counsellor.

Vice Provost Student Advisory Meetings

The President attended several Vice Provost Student Advisory Meetings, made up of



representatives from student societies across all three campuses and the Vice-Provost Office, which took place at the University of Toronto, St. George Campus. This meeting was focused on issues/updates brought up by various student representatives. The information relevant towards UTSC were the items of EDO/Radicalized/Indigenous staff, laptop policies, and disparities in academic policies among the three campuses. An update towards hiring more radicalized and indigenous staff the University has set aside money for twenty new positions for Indigenous staff across all three campuses. We also discussed the Mandatory Leave of Absence Policy, feedback on Sexual Violence Module for faculty, staff and students and discussed U of T's strategy to increase study abroad opportunities among students. Laptop policies, disparities between academic policies (specifically CR/NCR extension) and different start times for three campuses as a barrier for Tri-campus Frosh programming are still being placed under discussion, and has been flagged as a cross campus issue.

Governmental Relations: Meeting with Elected Representatives

SCSU President met with the following elected representatives: MP Gary Anandasangaree, MP Bill Blair, MP John McKay, MP Shaun Chen, MP Jean Yip, MP Salma Zahid, Premier Kathleen Wynne, MPP Mitzie Hunter, Mayor John Tory, Councillor Neethan Shan, Councillor Paul Ainslie, Councillor Jim Hart, to advocate on behalf of students.

A few items discussed with federal representatives were removing the cap on the Post-Secondary Student Support Program (PSSSP) for indigenous students, more funding for graduate student research, alleviate federal student debt, implement diverse, federal funding for transit in Scarborough, and more opportunities for student consultations for the legalization of marijuana. Concerns brought up with provincial representatives were criticisms of the Ontario Student Grant, removing interest on student loans, following up on Bill 132, and more support for international students. Issues discussed with municipal representatives were more bike lanes around the UTSC community, discussed the anti-racism directorate, TTC improvements for Scarborough, the multi-tenant housing act and the pilot project currently in place, and for more opportunities for student voices in the city consultations.

Transit Advocacy

UTSC Commuter Survey

SCSU President, along with a grad student representative and representatives from the Sustainability Office and Department of Student Life, deployed a UTSC wide commuter survey from October 16 - Nov 3rd (three weeks). The survey had questions with a focus on the transit experience and development in Scarborough. We had an amazing response from our students! 1724 total respondents and 1350 completed the survey. On January 26th, SCSU President and Graduate Student Rep Conor Anderson presented the findings of the UTSC Commuter Survey to CAO Andrew Arifuzzaman. Here are some of the findings:

- 1,335 respondents (92% undergrads, 8% grads)
- one fourth of the students live within 5 km radius, 90% live within 25 km radius
- 85% students attend UTSC 3-5 days/week
- 86% students use public transit; only about two-fifths students are satisfied with their commuting experience



Next steps are meetings with transit providers like TTC and YRT to present the findings of the survey and advocate for improvement of service.

Universal Student Pass (UPASS)

SCSU President sits on a GTA UPASS working group made up of several student union representatives across the GTA to advocate for the City to implement a discounted pass for student transit users.

On December 11th, SCSU President spoke in favour of the City of Toronto conducting preliminary consultations for a Universal Pass for post-secondary students. A UPASS would better serve the needs of UTSC students who commute from all over the GTA using different transit systems like TTC, YRT, Brampton transit, etc. The Toronto Transit Commission unanimously voted in favour to move forward.

Advocating for High Order Transit for Scarborough

SCSU President made several deputations at City Hall calling for the City of Toronto to invest in high order transit in Scarborough through both the Scarborough Subway and the Eglinton East LRT, extending from Kennedy Station to UTSC.

In January, SCSU President attended a Stakeholders Meeting to give feedback to the Town Halls and consultations that are going to be held on the Eglinton East LRT.

Advocating for Affordable Housing for Students

The City of Toronto has a proposed zoning approach for multi-tenant housing as an important component of affordable housing in the City, and part of the City's Affordable Housing Strategy. The City is proposing a temporary by-law for 3 years, to permit multi-tenant houses in five selected areas, one of which is Highway 401, Morrish Road, Military Trail (Ward 44 and 43), where multi-tenant housing is not permitted.

Multi-Tenant Housing Consultations

The SCSU President participated in a multi-tenant housing consultation that took place at North York Civic Centre. This consultation was focused on concerns regarding the timing of the consultation and implications of the proposed zoning approach on students was discussed in detail and communicated to the City staff.

Ward 44 Community Meeting on Rooming Houses

SCSU President attended Councillor Jim Hart Community Meeting on Multi-tenant Housing, along with VP Equity and Director of English to speak on student concerns and safety when discussing the regulation and legalization of rooming houses in the community.

Advocating for Civic /Political Engagement Among Students

Student Town Hall with Mayor Tory

SCSU President hosted and spearheaded a Student Town Hall with Mayor Tory called "Vision for Scarborough", in collaboration with Centennial College Students' Association (CCSAI) and Scarborough Community Renewal Organization (SCRO). Policing, housing, transit, food insecurity, job creation, more funding for the arts - These were some of the issues that were



brought up by students. The event was a great success! We had media coverage of the event on Inside Toronto, Varsity, the Underground and UTSC communications. This event was organized to engage students with municipal issues and shed light on Scarborough issues.

Facilitated Roundtable Discussion with MP Patty Hajdu, Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Labour

SCSU President facilitated a student roundtable discussion with Hon. MP Patty Hajdu and MP Gary Anandasangaree. UTSC Student leaders from Co-op Students' Association - CSA, MESA, Biology Students' Association - Biosas, and ACM Connects at UTSC were invited and encouraged to share their experiences. We discussed creating more co-op opportunities for arts and humanities, more financial assistance through the elimination of interest on federal student loans, extending the Canada Summer Jobs program to a year-long program and the youth employment strategy.

UTSC Tamil Heritage Month Closing Reception

Scarborough Campus Students' Union, in partnership with UTSC Tamil Students' Association, hosted the first ever Tamil Heritage Month celebration last week at the University of Toronto Scarborough Campus with guests speakers UTSC Principal Prof. Bruce Kidd, Councillor Neethan Shan and MP Gary Anandasangaree. There were performers, students, and community members who came out to celebrate Thai Pongal, Tamil Heritage Month and the ongoing contributions of Tamil people in this country.

Roundtable with Premier Kathleen Wynne

SCSU President and VP Equity, along with other student leaders, had an opportunity to talk to Premier of Ontario, Kathleen Wynne, and Minister of Advanced Education and Skill Development, MPP Mitzie Hunter, on student issues at UTSC. We discussed enhancing the international student experience, investing in transit in Scarborough, eliminating accessibility barriers, following up on the implementation of sexual violence policies at UofT, providing more funding for indigenous learners and much more.

Student Town Hall with Hon. MPP Mitzie Hunter

SCSU President will be spearheading and hosting a Student Town Hall with MPP Mitzie Hunter, Minister of Advanced Education and Skill Development, in collaboration with Centennial College Students' Association. This event was organized with the purpose of giving students a platform to advocate for themselves and be active and engaged civilians. It will take place in the Meeting Place on Wednesday March 14th.

Tax Clinic

The SCSU President oversees the SCSU Tax Clinic, along with the Tax Clinic Coordinator. It first operated in 2006, is a walk-in service held over two weeks available to all UTSC students. In collaboration with the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP) from the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA), the Tax Clinic is a free service for UTSC students to complete their income tax and benefit returns. The Senior and Junior associates have been hired and undergone training. You can book an appointment at <http://scsu.ca/taxclinic/signup>. We have offered filing students personal income taxes for free from March 7th till March 22.



SCSU Street Team

The SCSU President oversees and supervises the SCSU Street Team, along with the Street Team Coordinator. This is a new volunteer-based outreach and promotional team that was created this year to better promote the events, programming and advocacy initiatives of the Union. This is also a great opportunity for students to get involved with the work that the Union does. The street team has also organized and successfully executed several events this term: Bubble Tea Giveaway, Santa Pictures, Krispy Kreme Donut Giveaway, and Valentine's Cupcake Giveaway. The Street Team constantly looking to improve our methods and continues to evolve with the feedback of our volunteers and students.

Building and Maintaining Cross-Campus Partnerships

University of Toronto Students' Union

SCSU executives met with the University of Toronto Students' Union (UTSU) and discussed priorities for the year and possible collaborations. Some of the items discussed were advocating for gender inclusive washrooms, pride programming, UPASS collaborations, catering to our international students' needs, etc. SCSU President is working with UTSU to advocate for same start times for all three campuses to better coordinate Tri-campus Frosh programming for Fall 2018.

University of Toronto Mississauga Students' Union

The SCSU Executives met with University of Toronto Mississauga Campus Students' Union (UTMSU) and discussed priorities and possible collaborations for the year. Some of the items discussed were the Fight the Fees campaign, gender inclusive washrooms and a tri-campus vision on academic policies. SCSU President is working with UTMSU executive on transit initiatives, in particular advocating for a GTA UPASS.

Centennial College Students' Association Inc.

SCSU President met with, Ravneet Kaur, President of the Centennial College Students' Association Inc, to discuss opportunities for collaboration and student advocacy. Given that UTSC and Centennial share students (because of our joint programs) and are geographically close, it's a great opportunity to leverage and advocate for student issues like improving transit in Scarborough, support for international students and food equity. SCSU President was able to secure two event collaborations with CCSAI for the first time in SCSU history.

University of Toronto Faculty Association

President and VP AUA met with Linda from UTFA to discuss our collective goals for the year. We discussed Equity/Sexual Violence Training for faculty and staff, academic integrity, petitions, appeals, 5% cap off on late penalties, academic rights in the syllabus, and academic advocacy.

Victories

Free Menstrual Products

SCSU President was successful in the advocacy and implementation of Free Menstrual Products in all women and gender-inclusive washrooms on campus. The Principal made a commitment to fund this service, as part of the healthy campus initiative. After receiving complaints from



students that the dispensers were not filled regularly, it was taken to the upper administration. They now have committed to putting signage on the dispensers with a facilities number to contact if they run out of products.

Secure ArtSide Out Storage Space

SCSU President met with CAO Andrew alongside ArtSide Out executives to advocate for storage space for ASO. The meeting was successful and ASO was able to secure storage space to assist with all future events.

UTSC on Ice

SCSU President spearheaded this project, in collaboration with several campus partners, and successfully brought the first ever ice-rink to campus. Students were able to rent out skates and test out the synthetic ice rink for free. The rink was available Jan 9th - 11th and had over 280 participating individuals.

Monthly Parking Passes for Students

The SCSU President met with Gary Pitcher, Director of Campus Safety & Security, to discuss the implementation of the monthly parking passes in order to have an affordable option for students who drive to campus. His office has committed to working on the implementation of the monthly pass for Fall 2018.

More Financial Support WUSC Refugee Student Program

The SCSU President met with Kendel, Coordinator of the International Student Centre, and discussed the possibility of setting up a potential bursary to better support upper year students in the WUSC refugee program. Afterwards, a MOU was drafted and signed by both SCSU and the International Student Centre to financially support, allocated from the Student Refugee Fund, for the purposes of paying rent for the second-year refugee student.

Hot Water Machine in the IC

The SCSU President was able to successfully lobby to get a Hot Water Machine in the IC. The CAO office committed to funding the new machine and installing it in Summer 2018.

More Bikes for UTSC Bike Share

The SCSU President was able to successfully lobby to have the university fund to have more bikes in UTSC's free Bike Share program. Both the Principal's Office and the CAO's office has committed to funding more bikes to the Bike Share program, as well as installing more bike racks around the new Highland Halls building, for Summer 2018.

VP OPERATIONS - DEENA HASSAN

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Financial Statements

The accountant, Executive Director and VP Operations work together to prepare and present monthly financial statements for the board and public each month. These monthly statements overlook the cash flow, onlineing the revenues and expense of the union. We receive our fees from the university 4 times a year which explain for the fluctuating net incomes.



Board Packages

The board packages are prepared by the VP Operations each month. VP Operations is responsible for sending notice for meetings of the Board, coordinating the creation of Board meeting agendas, keeping a record of attendance at Board meetings, arranging proxies for General Meetings when necessary, and in all other ways acting as the secretary of the Union.

Part-Time Staff Hiring

VP Operations overlooks all part-time hiring of the union. They are responsible for setting up and conducting, and facilitating interviews along with the respective executive and staff who overlooks that certain part-time position. VP Operations, along with the President, are responsible for ensuring that all contracts entered into by the Union are with due authority and in the best interests of the Union. The hiring new student staff for the 2017/18 fiscal year was all done by September 2017. We hired a Food Centre Coordinator, Book Exchange Coordinator, RSC Coordinator, Member Services Staff, and a Street Team Coordinator. More recently, the Fight the Fees Coordinator and Tax Clinic Coordinator were hired. The SCSU commits to hiring students to help enrich their experiences and provide professional development.

Food Bank

On Thursday May 25th 2017, VP Operations met with Daily Bread's Iham Saydna to talk about starting a functional food bank from our Student Centre. After multiple meetings, trainings and agreements, SCSU launched their first official fully functional food bank through Daily Bread on Tuesday, September 19th 2017. The Vice President Operations, Campaigns and Advocacy Coordinator, and the Food Centre Coordinator completed a day of volunteer hiring for Food Centre Volunteers. Fifteen volunteers were chosen and asked to attend a two and a half hour training that consisted of an anti-oppression training and a discussion about how to ration and give out food, and the general operations of the food centre. Volunteers began their first shift during the week of September 11th with their first delivery on Friday September 15th 2017. The new operating hours of the foodbank are, Tuesdays and Wednesdays 4pm-7pm in SL210A. We are currently looking to expand the foodbank, after conciliation with the university to increase funding for the service.

Food User Committee

VP Operations currently sits on the Food User Committee, which overlooks food usage and sales on campus and tries to find gaps in what is currently available for students. The food user committee is currently in the works of putting out a survey for all UTSC students, staff and faculty to complete to critique the options available to aid the committee find more affordable, accessible food options while also improving the variety of food options available to include, vegan, halal, vegetarian, kosher, gluten free, etc.

Greenshield

On Wednesday May 17th 2017, VP Operations, the Executive Director and Internal Coordinator met with Susan from Greenshield to talk about ways to make online coverage more accessible. The SCSU currently provides health and dental coverage for students, which students are able to opt out of if they have coverage elsewhere.

VP ACADEMICS & UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS - CHRISTINA ARAYATA

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ACADEMIC ADVOCACY

Academic Advocacy is the largest project that the VP AUA, Christina Arayata has approached this year. In order to shape this initiative the VP AUA had several meetings with administration, consultations with students and DSAs, and researching both University and Provincial Policy throughout the year. This resulted in the “Know Your Rights Campaign” and “Creating an Accessible Campus: Guidelines and Recommendations for the University of Toronto Scarborough”. As a result from the year long project that has been conducted the VP AUA was able to achieve the following: pilot program for a self-declared sick note system and credit/no credit extension to the last day of classes. The following topics are still under discussion: academic rights to be included in online resources, academic integrity, and Accessibility/Wellness resources in order to make the accommodation process easier.

Meeting with Linda from UTFA

On July 21 2017 the VP AUA and President met with Linda from UTFA to discuss our collective goals for the year. We discussed Equity/Sexual Violence Training for faculty and staff, academic integrity, petitions, appeals, 5% cap off on late penalties, academic rights in the syllabus, and academic advocacy.

Meeting with the International Student Centre

The VP AUA and the VP Equity met with Erika Loney, Kendall, and Alyssa from the International Student Centre. Discussion surrounded the different resources that ISC provides to international students and the gaps that need to be filled in order to further their academic success. Conversations and work between both the VP AUA and the ISC will continue throughout the year to ensure that international students are being provided with the resources and support they need.

Academic Advocacy Day and Report

On October 17 the VP AUA conducted Academic Advocacy Day Outreach. This is to go along with the report that the VP AUA has been working on since the Summer Term “Creating an Accessible Campus: Guidelines for the University of Toronto (Scarborough)”. During this outreach day we have had 193 students sign this petition in support of the following items: 5% Cap-off on late penalties, Credit/No-Credit extension until the final day of the study break, student rights in every syllabus and online platforms such as ACORN or Blackboard, self-declared sick notes, and removal of all laptop policy bans.

AART: Academic Advisory Round Table

On May 11, 2017 the VP AUA met with the Academic Advisory Roundtable chaired by Curtis Cole and Jen Gothro. This meeting continued the conversation around the definition of student success and what this means for our students. This meeting was to discuss the possible solutions for the barriers that both domestic and international students face when under suspension. This discussion mainly focused on the ways in which the gaps can be bridged within the institution to provide proper support to ensure successful reintegration after suspension. On Tuesday February 6, VP AUA attended the AART meeting. A review of the terms of reference for this committee was reviewed in order to get a



better understanding of the goals that we are trying to achieve through these meetings. Defining and achieving student success was also a topic that was discussed.

Study Space Working Group

The VP AUA sat on the Study Space working group. Topics discussed included: opening lecture halls as study spaces when not used/booked, midterms, extending library hours during midterms.

Study Space Communications Meeting

On November 21, the VP AUA sat on the Study Space Communications Meeting - a subcommittee of the study space committee. With both Ruxandra and Billi Jo the VP AUA discussed how to advertise the available study spaces during exams.

Academic Travel Fund and Partnership Fund Committee Meeting: Round 1 and 2

VP AUA sat in on the Academic Travel Fund and Partnership Fund Committee Meeting. This space is where student applications for Academic research/travel is approved.

Library Advisory Committee

On November 24, the VP AUA met with the Library Advisory Committee to discuss the overall services that the Library provides to both graduate and undergraduate students as well as the development of a skills class (basic research skills needed).

Curriculum Committee

On December 4, the VP AUA sat on the Curriculum Committee for review the proposed double degree in Statistics and Finance and a graduate proposal for collaborative specializations in food studies.

Meeting with Academic Integrity Office

On Friday January 26, VP AUA and VP Equity met with Nisha Pachal from the Academic Integrity Office. Matters that were discussed was the education on academic integrity (especially in the first years of University) and ways in which we can make the academic integrity appeals process more clear and accessible to students.

Departmental Student Association - Support

Introductory Meetings with DSAs

VP AUA set up introductory meetings with various DSAs to discuss the goals and challenges that they are trying to accomplish and overcome throughout their year. This is to ensure that DSAs are aware of who their VP AUA is for the year to ensure that they know who to contact if they need assistance. This is also to ensure that similar goals of DSAs are being met so that the SCSU can provide adequate support towards providing the support needed for DSA training and upcoming DSA council meetings. The date for DSA training is being finalized and renewal packages were circulated in early May. These meetings continued throughout the summer and fall semester, and then were conducted by the request of DSAs.



DSA Training

The VP AUA, along with the rest of the SCSU executives, conducted DSA Training on June 30. The purpose of DSA training was to prepare our student leaders for the year. Presentations consisted of: Anti-O, Building Your Base, Student Campaigns, Lobby 101, and Event Planning. After the training presentations were completed discussion on Frosh began to coordinate the different DSAs accordingly for presentations. Fourteen DSA's came out for the day, the DSAs who were unable to come to training have been scheduled alternative training dates. Overall DSA Training was a success.

DSA Council

Starting July 27 the VP AUA has chaired DSA Council every month (excluding August). These meetings kept the SCSU and the DSA linked together. This was a space where DSAs can bring up their concerns, department updates, and ideas for collaboration.

DSA Collaborations

On July 20, the SCSU and MESA hosted a Karaoke Night at Rex's Den. This was the first event that MESA and the SCSU has collaborated on. It aligns with the goals of the VP AUA to support and collaborate with different Departmental Student Associations on campus.

On November 27, the VP AUA coordinated the SCSU collaboration with IDSSA and SOS had a Holiday Sweater Social at Rex's Den.

On January 18, the VP AUAs and VP Equity coordinated the SCSU collaboration with SOS for "Policing Bodies and Borders" event.

On February 14 -15, the VP AUA coordinated the SCSU collaboration with SOS, SELF, HCSSA, and ARTSA for a tabling event to celebrate Valentine's Day, "Love is in the Air".

On Monday February 5, VP AUA was invited to speak for a class panel for an Human Resources class. MESA was also present at this panel. Topic surrounded the similarities and differences between associations and unions.

DSA Committee

On January 12 the VP Academics and University Affairs chaired DSA Committee. Both round one and round two of funding were looked over at this meeting. There was a total of 16 applications among six DSAs.

TA Support and Labour Relations

Make it Fair Campaign

On May 15, 2017 the VP AUA went to assist the Make it Fair Campaign for fair \$15 dollar minimum wages and updated labour laws. This involved speaking to other students from other campuses and organizers of the event to learn more about the issue and the progress being made. It also involved assisting them in progressing the postcard campaign through sorting and collecting information so that they will be ready to be mailed out in time. It is an important period for movement as elections being to draw closer. Being at this event was necessary to continue the sport that the SCSU has with fair labour laws and livable wages. This is an issue that affects all students.

Meeting with CUPE 3902

November 22 the VP AUA met with Jessica from CUPE 3902 to discuss the potential of the Unit 3



Strike. The VP AUA has continued to keep in touch with CUPE. These are meetings that have continued throughout the course of the Winter. The VP AUA is keeping close ties with CUPE to continue to collaborate on similar goals, and to have a relationship if a strike may happen.

Undergraduate Research Symposium

Throughout the year the VP AUA has been planning the Undergraduate Research Symposium. This was formerly known as IRDS. The symposium has been remodeled to allow for clarity about the purpose of this event and encourage students to submit. There are currently 8 presenters for the conference, all their abstracts and biographies will be published into a conference proceedings. The conference will be occurring on March 17, 2018.

Free Book Network

The Free Book Network, formerly known as the Book Exchange is a service that the SCSU provides to all students. This is the first year that FBN is operating from a physical space, so we have been able to increase our capacity. Joyce Estrais was hired as our coordinator this year, and because of our increase in capacity and the increased need for this service, we have also hired volunteers for the centre. Both the coordinator and the volunteers went through training, which included anti-oppressive training.

Petitions and Appeals

Throughout the year the VP AUA has supported multiple students through the academic petitions and appeals processes. This assistance comes in many forms such as advice for the best course of action, check-ins throughout the petitions/appeals process, and assisting in composing letters. At times the VP AUA is asked to accompany students to their meetings with the Academic Integrity office as per their request. The support provided from the VP AUA has been conducted with a 100% success rate. In order to improve the accessibility of the information for students the VP AUA has also created an FAQ sheet that will be posted on the SCSU website to help students better understand their academic situation.

Sexual Violence

Meeting with the Sexual Violence Centre

The VP AUA along with the VP Equity met with Colleen from the Sexual Violence Centre. Conversations surrounded the support systems and functionality of the space for our students on campus. Conversations then turned towards what support is provided towards academic appeals, petitions, and extensions. This falls within the goals of the VP AUA to ensure that our students are in an environment that is not only conducive in their learning experience, but also one that conducts its practices in an equitable and accessible manner.

On September 27 the VP AUA and the VP Equity in partnership with APUS, SOS, SELF, Women and Trans Centre, and Health and Wellness Centre came together to revisit the conversations surrounding the sexual violence policy from last year.

Meeting with Terry

November 21 and November 28 the VP AUA, VP Equity, and President met with Terry to discuss the Sexual Violence Training slides for faculty and staff. The second meeting was to provide feedback to ensure that the presentation of the information would resonate with students.



Mental Health Advocacy

Meeting with Laura and Elsa from Health and Wellness

On August 8 and August 3 the VP AUA and President met with the Health and Wellness Office to discuss student rights, accessibility and accommodation. Conversations surrounded student rights to be inserted into the syllabus, 5% cap off on late penalties, and self-declared sick notes. The Health and Wellness Centre is in support for these asks and more work will continue.

VP EQUITY - NANA FRIMPONG

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Anti-Oppression Trainings

Throughout the course of the year, VP Equity conducted several anti-oppression trainings for students and staff. Many of these trainings were held monthly during Club's Training, while others were hosted for the Orientation team, SCSU Free Textbook Network, Racialized Student Collective, and Food Centre coordinators and volunteers, as well as upon request from student organizations and DSA's. Trainings were typically 2 hours in length and asked participants to discuss terms like power and privilege as it relates to race, gender, and sexuality.

Gender Inclusive Washrooms Campaign

At the start of the year, VP Equity met with the SC:OUT Executive to discuss plans for a Gender Inclusive Washroom Campaign that would engage students and administration in a more nuanced conversation about the need to have gender inclusive washrooms added to the already existing washrooms on campus. In previous years, executives and general members of the SCSU have stressed the need to have gender inclusive washrooms on campus, hence its addition to the mockup for the Highland Halls Building.

On September 27th, Vice President Equity organized an outreach day dedicated to talking to students about the importance of having gender inclusive washrooms on campus. Signatures from students who support the implementation of gender inclusive washrooms were also collected on the day. All SCSU executives including members from SC:OUT executives participated in outreach which lasted from 10 a.m. to the late afternoon.

On September 29th, SC:OUT hosted the first session in their discussion series "Bi-Talks." The conversation was hosted in partnership with SCSU to talk about gender inclusive washrooms. The discussion centered around safety for trans and gender non-conforming individuals, why gender inclusive washrooms are a necessary part of campus life, and students' general feeling towards them.

On January 17th, VP Equity and the President met with Chief Administrative Officer Andrew Arifuzzaman and Sexual Gender and Diversity Officer (SGDO) Allison Burgess to discuss gender neutral washrooms and mapping. Currently, there is a website that features a map of the existing washrooms on campus. The university is also developing an app that will make it easier for students to know where washrooms are located. Part of the discussion around mapping was a plan to combine the information that both parties have on this one centralized app.

Currently, VP Equity is investigating what an implementation of a gender inclusive washroom in



the Student Centre could look like. There will be a formalized report with recommendations and costs that will be presented at the final board meeting in March.

Sexual Violence and Prevention Support

VP Equity sits on both the Sexual Violence and Prevention Centre Advisory Board at UTSC as well as on the Sexual Violence Climate Survey Advisory with the Vice-Provost Students downtown.

The first Advisory Board meeting, held on June 5th, was primarily used to discuss response tactics when survivors contact the Centre for help and appropriate channels of communication between working group members. Since that time, ways to improve communication have continued to be discussed as well as ways to better serve students and remain survivor-centric in our approach.

Earlier on in the year, VP AUA and VP Equity met with Colleen from the Sexual Violence Centre. Conversations surrounded the support systems and functionality of the space for our students on campus. Conversations then turned towards what support is provided towards academic appeals, petitions, and extensions. This falls within the goals of both executives to ensure that our students are in an environment that is not only conducive in their learning experience, but also one that conducts its practices in an equitable and accessible manner.

Earlier this year, VP Equity and VP Academics facilitated "Your Campus, Your Space." The event was done in collaboration with Association of Part-Time Undergraduate Students (APUS), Students of Sociology at UTSC(SOS), the Women and Trans' Centre, and Students of English Literature and Film (SELF). The event was a follow-up one to an earlier session in September 2016 regarding the University of Toronto's Sexual Violence and Prevention Policy. It has been a year since the policy has been implemented, so students wanted to come together to think about the ways that the policy can be improved to better suit the needs of students.

Since that time, a training module around sexual violence and prevention has been shared to students through portal. VP Equity, VP Academics, and the President were part of the team that offered recommendations to both the Sexual Violence and Prevention staff and boards about improvements that can be made.

Black History Month

In February, we have hosted a series of events on the multiplicities of the black experience. This year's programming was entitled "It Starts With Us." Our events for the month include(d), Queer Black Experience: A Discussion on Anti-Blackness in Queer Communities, Keynote Address with Emmanuel Jal, "Hallmark of Tolerance" Film Screening, Annual Showcase "Blackout," Politics of Beauty Panel Discussion, Enough: A Black Mental Health Event, Blackness in Faith: A Discussion on Religiosity and Spirituality in 2018.

Black students from around campus, including student organizations like Future Black Physicians and Imani, came together with the SCSU to host these events. Naming Black History Month "It Starts With Us" was one of the ways that we wanted to center community as well as explore critical conversations about the multiplicities of the black identity.



Monologues

The Monologues continues to be an annual celebration of self-identified women through performances that includes visual display, music, dance, and spoken word poetry. Being a self-identified woman, queer, and/or trans-identified person is WERK, hence the theme of our show. Our bodies, actions, minds, and other facets of our identities are constantly being policed by societal expectations, the media, self-doubt, and so much more. It is for this reason, that community and self-care is so crucial. Owning your power starts by acknowledging that it exists in the first place. This year, the VP Equity and executives at the Women's and Trans Centre were intentional about creating a platform for femmes, trans folks (gender-queer/fluid, gender non-binary, and trans men included), and self-identified women to be who they are and do so unapologetically.

On November 9th and 24th, auditions for the 2018 Monologues were held. A total of 18 performers were selected to participate in the show.

On December 1st, the SCSU and the Women's and Trans Centre came together to host the annual Monologues Photoshoot. There was a makeup artist, live calligraphy, button making, and colouring available. The photos from the shoot were then used as promotional material for the Monologues show and at the actual event.

SCSU in collaboration with the Women's and Trans Centre also hosted a 2-hour long workshop for the performers of the 2018 Monologues. The goal of the workshop was to help performers with their stage presence and finalize their pieces. Sharine Taylor facilitated this session.

The Monologues was officially held on January 25th at 5PM in Rex's Den. Over 70 people attended.

Photo Journal

"Maya," the very first Photo Journal profiling self-identified women at UTSC was introduced in the latter part of 2017. There is no single way to adequately define who a woman is or who they have the power to be. Women are creators, organizers, friends, partners, and more. This journal, however, is not so much interested in these titles, but rather, the content of one's character. As creators of the first Photo Journal series profiling self-identified women at UTSC, we are interested in celebrating women in their extraordinary ordinariness. This journal will showcase the women of our campus who before titles and accolades, are kind, thoughtful, and invested in the well-being of others.

Photo Journal nomination forms officially closed on January 12th. Successful applicants for the "Maya" Photo Journal were selected and contacted. Currently, we are still in the process of taking folks' photos. The journal will be released at the end of March.

Women's Writing Circle

Women's Writing Circle was hosted by the Women's and Trans Centre and the Scarborough Campus Students' Union this year. The first Women's Writing Circle of the Winter semester took place on January 11th and was facilitated by VP Equity; however, the first sessions of the year took place in Fall 2017. The Women's Writing Circle is a safer space for self-identified women to write and engage in acts of self-care with others. There are two sessions a month that include a



free lunch. Participants are encouraged to share what they have written, but there is never any pressure to. Our last Writing Circle will take place in March.

Pride Month Planning

On June 9th, VP Equity, VP Campus Life, and the President attended Pride Pub at Hart House. The event was a kick-off celebration for the various events happening for Pride Month.

On June 19th, SCSU, in partnership with APUS, UTMSU, UTSU SGDO, and other queer-identified students groups, etc. came together to host a community barbeque at Hart House. The day consisted of fun activities such as button making and arts and crafts for participants to enjoy.

The Pride T-Shirt Painting Party took place on June 20th in the Student Centre food court as part of our collaboration with SC:OUT.

In June, UTSC and UTSU collaborated on a float for the Pride Parade. Several Board of Directors and Executives participated by being on the float and helping to decorate.

Health and Wellness: Wellness for Racialized Students

In the earlier part of June, Vice President Equity met with staff at the Health and Wellness Centre to talk about the possibility of hosting group therapy sessions for racialized students on campus. The intention of the group is to create space for students to share how their experiences as racialized students impact their mental health and well-being. Moving forward, the next steps will be to conduct a focus group in the latter part of the summer to get an idea of how students want this space to function.

Since that time, VP Equity and VP Academics began to work closely with staff from the Health and Wellness Centre to host two 2-hour long focus groups with racialized students from around campus about what type of wellness supports they would like to see. In the latter part of 2017, the team came together to look through the data, think about the ways to structure the group, and talk about next steps. The group officially began in February.

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Provincial Day of Action

On February 1st, student unions across the province hosted a provincial day of action for the Canadian Federation of Students' Fairness for Students and Fight the Fees Campaign, demanding affordable and accessible post-secondary education. SCSU hosted its very own provincial day of action on campus that started with a gathering in the Student Centre with free burgers and speakers from various fields of work on and off campus highlighting important intersections of being a student. Organizers from SCSU, CFS, CUPE, Racialized Students Collective, Food Equity Campaign, Food Centre, and Women and Trans Centre spoke at this event. They highlighted transit issues, mental health of students, food equity issues, labour rights, divestment, and spoke about the barriers in access to education for indigenous and black students on campus, divestment. They spoke about the skyrocketing tuition fees, and urged the student population to vote in the upcoming provincial elections where many student concerns will be heard and implemented. Later at night, we hosted a Resistance as Art paint night as a de-



stressor and social for students. Going forward, the Fairness of Students and Fight the Fees Campaign will be combined with the CFS Vote now campaign to educate students on Voting for the upcoming provincial elections in June 2018.

BDS/Israeli Apartheid Week 2018

As per a motion that was previously passed by UTSC students at an SCSU AGM in 2015 to support Boycott Divestment Sanctions (BDS) which is a peaceful movement to call our institutions to divest from illegal investments and settlements the university has made that directly profit and aid the occupation of Palestine, i.e. summer abroad program in Israel and partnership with HP (Hewlett-Packard) that directly plays a key role in Israel's oppression of Palestinians. HP provides technology, equipment, and services to the Israeli military, including for the checkpoints and ID card system that underpin Israel's apartheid policies and its movement restrictions for Palestinians. This year in March, Toronto Students for Justice in Palestine and the SCSU will be partnering to implement this motion and hosting an Israeli Apartheid Week to raise awareness about Palestine and the BDS movement and to urge our university administration to take action.

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Hush: Silent Party

SCSU, SAA, ISA, and other campus groups came together to host the first ever Silent party at UTSC. HUSH happened on November 23rd, where students had the opportunity to party in a new atmosphere. Students were provided headphones where they chose from 3 channels to hear from the 3 different DJs playing, with no music playing out loud in the venue. Turnout was amazing! Big shout out to the clubs who came together to host a great party.

Exam Destressors

This semester, we received help from the Environmental Health and Safety Department and APUS to provide students with healthier options for Exam destressors. If you're studying for exams, come by starting today till Friday from 11-1am in the BV atrium to get some goodies to help you get through the night of studying.

Winter Week of Welcome

From January 8-12th, SCSU held a couple events to welcome students into the new semester. On January 8th, we gave away hot chocolate, on the 9th we had a giant games in IC where students were able to play, on the 10th we hosted a paint night in Rex's Den, and finally on the 11th, we had a party on ice, which unfortunately had to be cancelled due to the rain. On January 12th, WOW concluded with Justice for Soli panel discussion.

Clubs Week

Clubs week this semester started on January 15th and went on for two weeks in the meeting place or student center till January 26. This was an opportunity for clubs to engage with students, increase their membership and promote their events.



Clubs Training

Clubs Training happened in both October and January, which is executives inform clubs about the necessary resources and tools to help them with their clubs.

Black Out - Black History Month Showcase

This year for Black History Month's Annual Showcase, we partnered up with Caribbean Connections and African Students' Association to bring the UTSC and External community to celebrate black excellence and talents. Showcase was on Feb 15, with the theme 'It Starts with us'. There were black owned businesses as vendors, as well as a variety of performances throughout the night, which was followed by an after party.

Clubs Funding

The Clubs Funding Committee has met various times throughout the year, to look over applications clubs have submitted for each round. The Committee approved many after going through and having necessary presentations completed. They had also made many suggestions such as looking for more cost efficient items, sponsors, and more details in applications.

Mosaic

This year is the 25th anniversary of the Cultural Mosaic, which is being spear-headed by two students Tala Barham and Nadine Hamra. This year, hopes of showing the vast diversity UTSC holds is the goal, to celebrate and learn more about student's at UTSC. This will be taking place on March 15, in the Meeting place.