



# SCARBOROUGH CAMPUS STUDENTS' UNION

Board of Directors Package #11

Friday February 27th, 2015  
7:00pm  
UTSC Student Centre, SL-232

## ROBERT 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	Request for 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	Yes	Yes	2/3 Majority
Appeal the ruling of the chair	I appeal the ruling of 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, advisability of referral only	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 further discussion on 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 taken from the table	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
Reconsider a motion already voted on earlier in the meeting	I move that the 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	No vote taken, chair rules
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

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AGENDA

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**MOTION**                      Moved: Chowdhury                      Seconded:

Be it resolved that the agenda for the February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015 SCSU Board of Directors meeting be approved as presented

**4. EQUITY STATEMENT**

**5. EXECUTIVE REPORTS**

**MOTION**                      Moved: Chowdhury                      Seconded:

Be it resolved that the executive report be approved as presented

**6. MOTION TO APPROVE THE CHIEF RETURNING OFFICER REPORT**

**MOTION**                      Moved: Chowdhury                      Seconded:

Be it resolved that 2015 Winter General Election CRO Report be approved as presented; and

Be it further resolved that the 2015 Winter General Election ballots be destroyed

**7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION**                      Moved: Chowdhury                      Seconded:

Be in resolved that the February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015 minutes package including the following documents be approved:

- a) Board of Director Meeting Minutes | January 30, 2015

**8. OTHER BUSINESS**

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION**                      Moved: Chowdhury                      Seconded:

Be it resolved that February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Board of Directors meeting be adjourned.

# Services & Operations

## January Operations

TTC Post –Secondary Passes (Jan) -----	111
TTC Adult Tokens (5-pack) -----	2816
1 Love UTSC Merchandize -----	10
Cineplex Movie Tickets -----	170
Postering -----	20

## UPDATE - SCSU Operations/Student Centre Operations

The SCSU, as a part of the PANAM Centre referendum was given a kiosk. This kiosk has been open for about a week while we test the operational plan in place. It is currently operating during the hours of 10am to 4pm as a start but will adjust our operations as demand dictates. Any feedback from students is welcomed.

We are currently working with our partners at the UTSC to upgrade the AV system in the Board Room to allow us to add various AV capabilities, including video conferencing. Furthermore, the meeting rooms, except for the Alumni Lounge have been painted over the reading week, giving them each an individual character.

## NEW Services

The team has learned over the year about new services that by both students and clubs would like. We have continuously expanded our clubs rental program and have now added cash boxes, clubs printing/photocopying and more. For students, we have now begun to offer 3D Cineplex Passes, TTC Day Passes and Sr./Student tickets (only at PanAm). We are always looking new ways to serve you better, so please let us know what more we can do to ease the stress of school and get you some deals!

## REVIEW of Services

We are in the final stage of the Services Survey, which will be launching next month to understand the needs of students and how we can better serve them. Please encourage your fellow students to fill it out. **Prizes will be provided!!**

## Need help with your taxes? Tax Clinic is HERE!!

Each year the SCSU hosts the tax clinic to help and teach UTSC students on the importance of filing their taxes. This year, with the help of our committed Tax Clinic Coordinator, we have already hired 10 Sr. Associates, and are on pace to hire 50 Jr. Associates. This year the clinic will be held during March 2<sup>nd</sup> until March 13<sup>th</sup>. We will also be open on the Saturday to be more accessible for students. For more info visit [www.scsu.ca/taxclinic](http://www.scsu.ca/taxclinic) or contact our coordinator at [taxclinic@scsu.ca](mailto:taxclinic@scsu.ca)

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### DEALS, DEALS, DEALS @ Rex's Den

**Deals:** We aim to lower the stress on the student budget while at the same time making Rex's Den profitable. Here are some delicious offerings:

- a. Date Night: For \$40 dollars, you and your significant other can enjoy a Monday or a Friday night (after 5pm) at the Den on options that include two appetizers, two entrees, and a dessert. If you are flying solo, you can get the deal for \$25.
- b. Group of 5 Deal: Bring yourself and 4 of your friends to Rex's at any time and get 5 appetizers, 5 specialty drinks for only \$50 for the whole crew.



### Services Commission

As a part of a motion in AGM that approved the creation of the Services Commission, one of the primary goals is the review the service delivery model of the SCSU and provides opportunities for students to clearly voice their views on how we can best serve them. As a part of this commission, we will be releasing a services survey shortly. This review will look at a whole host of issues, including: our operating hours, front desk sales, clubs services, utilization of the PANAM centre and more. Please contact [operations@scsu.ca](mailto:operations@scsu.ca) if you would like to get involved.

### SCSU Income Statements – January Operations

As it is customary, the SCSU provides monthly income statements in an effort to be transparent about our operations. The income statement can be found in Appendix 1. Below are some highlights:

- Provided just over 10k worth of clubs finding to clubs
- Fully paid for custodial services of the student center for 14/15 at \$8K (non-reoccurring charge)
- Sold over \$127k worth of TTC products.
  - Note that the majority of the sales are at cost and only resulted in about \$400 worth of commissions from the TTC

# Campaigns & Advocacy

## **SCSU & EPSA ft. Amanda Lickers et Organizers at Fossil Free UofT:**

We teamed up with the Environmental and Physical Sciences Students' Association (EPSA) as well as the Indigenous Students' Association (ISA) to host a #FossilFreeUofT event on Wednesday, February 4. This was a unique event in that it attempted to deconstruct divestment as a method of organizing. The event featured Riley McCullough and Ben Donato-Woodger—leaders of the #FossilFreeUofT initiative as well as Amanda Lickers—an Indigenous organizer who belongs to the Turtle Clan of the Onondowa'ga Haudenosaunee. This event generated conversations on the structures and hierarchies of organizing and the need for Indigenous people to lead the way in land defending movements. If you would like to know more information about this campaign please holla at [equity@scsu.ca](mailto:equity@scsu.ca).

## **Buddhism and Psychology Program at UTSC**

Update: VP AUA and David Perera (student leading the Buddhism and Psychology petition) met with professor George Cree. We received positive feedback, and prof. Cree has agreed to commence the search for a professor to come teach a course in this field, to gauge interest from the student body.

## **CAO Forum**

Another meeting with admin has proven to be quite fruitful, we identified some key issues surrounding multi-faith space and are moving towards a terms of reference for future multi-faith space and how it should be used and the best areas to implement these spaces as the campus expands. This will be on an ongoing discussion as the pieces of the 2030 plan come together. In this discussion we discussed the opening of the new highland hall. and potentially recreating some of the planned space to make it flat-programmable multi-purpose space. The new building promises to have study space, crash space, lounge space etc. The addition of new lecture halls and classrooms also hopes to help the final year students who are having trouble in getting into their classes in order to graduate on time. The project should be completed in 22 months starting this summer.

## **Vagina Monologues (TRANS\* INCLUSIVE) 2015 + ZINE:**

This event took place on Wednesday, February 11 inside the Leigha Lee Browne Theatre in collaboration with the Women & Trans\* Centre. Vagina Monologues (TRANS\* INCLUSIVE) was a space where women and trans\* folks reclaimed their narratives in a variety of creative expressions. This event featured Habiba Desai, Bushra Nabi, Minushi Gomez, Oubah Osman, Nadiya Ali, Yusra Khogali, Sumia Ali, Moyin' Thanni, Kosan Shafaque, Fatma Salim, Trina James, Naveeda Hussain, Faduma Mohamed, Jessica Kirk, & Rachel Ngabire. The Zine included works by women and trans\* folks who wanted to express themselves in a not-so-performative way and featured Ferozan Nasiri, Priscilia Tjandra, Mitra Fakhrashrafi, Sabrina Azraq, Minushi Anne Gomes, Anika Ahmed, Trina James, Elizabeth Mudeny, Noor Khan, Sadaf Ullah, Manjot Bining, Sahar Ullah, and the UTSC Women's Writing Circle. If you would like a copy of the Zine please email [equity@scsu.ca](mailto:equity@scsu.ca).

## **UTSC Food Services Survey**

UTSC has established a practice of reviewing the food operations on campus from the student's perspective through a survey every few years. This year there will be a continuation of this process. Our VP Operations is currently working with the Food Services Committee to draft the survey. If you would like to have input, please contact [operations@scsu.ca](mailto:operations@scsu.ca).

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### **WTC & SCSU's SCARS Present: Stories of Resistance:**

SCSU's Scarborough Campus Anti-Racism Subcommittee in collaboration with the Women and Trans\* Centre are bringing you a dope on conference on Saturday, March 7. Workshops include: Unlearning Feminism and Creating Intersectional Spaces, The "Iron Triangle": Deconstructing the Prison and Military Industrial Complex, Sex Work in Canada and Bill-c36: Empowerment or Exploitation?, Resistance Through Film, Blank Noise, and keynotes by Ayesha A. Sidiqqi and Harsha Walia! Early bird tickets are on sale for a limited time, buy yours before they run out. For more information please visit: <http://storiesofresistance.tumblr.com/schedule> or email [equity@scsu.ca](mailto:equity@scsu.ca).

### **Laverne Cox: Ain't I a Woman: My Journey to Womanhood**

Happening on March 24, this is a collaborative event with Ryerson Students' Union, George Brown Students' Union, York Federation of Students, and the 5 unions of UofT. It is featuring *Orange Is the New Black* actress, Laverne Cox. She will be delivering a 60 minute address of her experience as a trans\* womyn of colour.

### **Mindfulness Programming**

We are currently supporting David Perera (student) in co-organizing with the Dean's Office, an event on Mindfulness at UTSC. We are currently in the planning stages for the event that will occur on March 24.

### **New Parking Structure**

VP AUA met with Security Systems and Services Manager, Carvill Lo to talk about the new parking structure, to be constructed on Parking Lot D.

### **Meeting with Athletics**

Several issues have been brought to our attention via the students in regards to the Pan Am Centre surrounding security, safety, and functionality. We placed several items on their radar, some of which had already been flagged, but the more voices that bring issues to the table the more weight it holds when change is to be implemented. If students have any issues please do hesitate to bring them forward to us or the president of the SCAA, Katrina Pilatos, at [president.athletics@gmail.com](mailto:president.athletics@gmail.com).

### **Video Project, Stories of Resistance:**

We teamed up with the University of Toronto Scarborough Library to create a (digital) space for the narratives of students, faculty & community members to be heard in a digital format made accessible to students at the University of Toronto. This digitization is being done by the Digital Scholarship Unit within the UTSC Library. We are curating a short video to launch this oral history project. Holla at [equity@scsu.ca](mailto:equity@scsu.ca) to learn more!!!

### **SCSU/PSSA Meeting with Tracy McCharles, MPP Pickering-Scarborough East**

On February 13, 2015, the VP AUA with executives/members of PSSA met with MPP Tracy McCharles to discuss the high costs of tuition fees, and their relation to transit, co-op fees, ancillary fees etc. We had fruitful conversation and laid out some solutions for these issues, which will be sent to the Minister of Finance as it is currently time for pre-budget consultations.



# Events & Programming

## Mosaic Updates

A Mosaic team with put together on the 9th of February and have been brainstorming and working out ideas on how the Mosaic is going to look this year. The title MOSAIC XXV will be used to represent the 25th anniversary of the show and graphics for the event are currently being designed. The mosaic will take place in 3 different segments, with the pre-mosaic on the 18th March and the Mosaic: Main show on the 19th March followed by Mosaic: AfterGlow with Live band acts taking stage at Rex's afterwards.

The call for submissions also went out on the 1st week of February and we have been getting many submissions for this year's show. The team is currently working on scheduling physical auditions as well as looking at online submissions to refine the raw list of performers. We are looking for volunteers to help us run the event as well as for promoting partners, and all help is welcome. Email [campuslife@scsu.ca](mailto:campuslife@scsu.ca) if you are interested in being a part.

## Learn to cook program.

We held an event in November where we brought a professional chef to teach students how to prepare an easy, affordable and healthy meal. We will be getting Chef Stark to come back to UTSC for another lesson in healthy cooking. The date is currently set to the 5th of March and the event will be free of charge for participants.

## Montreal Trip.

The Montreal trip took place from the 18th to the 23rd of February. About a 100 students from UTSC attended the trip along with UTSG, UTM and Ryerson. The tour program included optional day trips including Tour of Montreal, Old Montreal, and Ice skating. Extra supplemented trips to Quebec City and a day of skiing and tubing. Students were also given free entry to a nightclub on each of the 3 nights.

## Rex's Den Events

- 1. Jeopardy Nights:** will be hosting a jeopardy night to ensure that students get some time to relieve their stress. This event will happen twice in the Winter semester: one for DSA's and another for Residence. We are happy to partner with groups on campus to host more nights. Contact [events@therexsden.ca](mailto:events@therexsden.ca) if you are interested in creating your own jeopardy night.
- 2. Wired In Wednesday:** Every other Wednesday, Rex's Den partners with the SmashBro's club as well as the Video Game Society to host a video games night at Rex's Den. Bring your friends and destess in YOUR student pub.
- 3. Retro Pub Night (March 5<sup>th</sup>):** Its finally here! The 90's themed event on March 5<sup>th</sup>. This is the FIRST EVER pub night that Rex's Den has ever hosted. We hope to take you for a ride on memory lane through some awesome 90's tracks. Photo booth will be there to keep you entertained. Some prizes as well.



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### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting is called to order at 7:10 pm.

### 2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chowdhury announces Rex's Den has had some noticeable changes and mentions the online voting feasibility report needs to be discussed.

### 3. AMENDMENT TO AGENDA

**MOTION**                      Moved: Chowdhury                      Seconded: Azraq

Be it resolved that the Executive Report be added after item number 6, the Equity Statement.

**CARRIED**

### 4. AMENDMENT TO MOVE

**MOTION**                      Moved: Chowdhury                      Seconded: Yaacoubian

Be it resolved that item number 7 be presented before the Executive Report.

**CARRIED**

### 5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

**MOTION**                      Moved: Chowdhury                      Seconded: Anwar

Be it resolved that the agenda for the January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015 SCSU Board of Directors meeting be approved as presented

**CARRIED**

### 6. EQUITY STATEMENT

Azraq reads the Equity Statement and the Acknowledgement of the Lands. The Acknowledgement of the Lands emphasizes that we are on the traditional lands of the people and it is important to pay our respect to all elders, past and present. The Equity Statement reminds everyone about the importance of mutual respect in creating an inclusive and welcoming place. Hostile environments will not be tolerated and everyone has an obligation to establish open and hate-speech free space.

### 7. ONLINE VOTING REPORT

Chowdhury speaks on the Online Voting Report. At the AGM there was a motion to consider and look into the feasibility of the online voting resources. Regardless of how good it looks requiring fewer workers and less paper being wasted, there are some setbacks. They are outlined below.

- Online voting did increase voter participation
- There were evidence of frauds and online systems can be hijacked
- Making online voting cannot prove that it would highly engage participants
- Online voting will be easily

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- Voters have the right to secret voting and online voting can give space to this System flaws, cyber threats and a few other set backs make it hard to implement an online voting system for this year and time. It can be further explored for other feasibility options.

### Discussion

Julius asks about the online voting system that takes place for positions in the governing council and college councils downtown.

Bashir states though the university uses this system there are still flaws existing.

Julius asks whether SCSU should open up the online voting system to students and ask if they want it to be in effect or not based on simply what they prefer as compared to looking at the pros and cons.

Anwar asks if UTSC can use ROSI if they like.

Bashir states other campus groups use ROSI but ROSI cannot be accessed and gets shut down during high traffic hours which is a flaw and will be a set-back for elections.

Yaacoubian points out that it is unfair for students to have ROSI shut down with course timetables and transcripts just because voting is taking place.

Bakr asks what the percentage during the governing council elections was in regards to voter turn out.

Bashir takes a guess and states about 11%.

## 8. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

### MOTION

Moved: Chowdhury

Seconded: Nehrin

## Services & Operations

### UPDATE - SCSU Operations / Student Centre

Mulatu speaks on the changes around the Student Centre and gives an update on the SCSU Operations. Campus Express no longer exists since they have chosen not to renew their lease. INS Market has replaced Campus Express. INS is considering to offer new services such as dry cleaning service where students can drop off their clothes and pick it up within a few days. They were supposed to take over and start immediately but there were a lot of renovations to be done. The SCSU also revamped all the floors of the food court and second floor of the Student Centre. In addition, the SCSU's effort to open up the kiosk as part of the PANAM CENTRE is underway.

### UPDATE – Rex's Den

Mulatu further speaks on the Rex's Den update. Over the break, Rex's Den did do a lot of renovations. Changes to Rex's Den focused on aesthetics and customer service. With aesthetics, new lighting was installed. Brought in new arcade machines, the TVs are now high definition and floors renovated. A new TV was installed in the Rex's Den lab, new staff shirts have been mandated. In regards to service, improvements of getting food within 20 minutes from the moment of an order have been made.

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### **Rex's Den Events**

Mulatu speaks on the events occurring at Rex's Den. **Superbowl @ The Den** happening on Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm. The SCSU is trying to giveaway a couple of prizes including a five \$100 Visa gift cards and a 40" smart TV. **Jeopardy Nights** with Residence students as well as DSA's to bring them on board and show them how the Rex's Den space can be. **#TasteTheDen** occurred on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day back, on January 6<sup>th</sup> in the meeting place. Free food was given out and the new Rex's menu was showcased. **Deals** include Date Night \$40 for a meal for two on Monday or Friday night after 5 pm. Or if you plan on coming along you can get the deal for \$25. And also, Group of 5 Deal will be introduced as well where you have the option of bringing 5 friends and ordering any 5 appetizers and 5 specialty drinks for only \$50. **Wired In Wednesday** is going to be a recurring event in collaboration with the SmashBro's club and the Video Game Society where video games will be set up for students at Rex's Den. **Open Mic Nights (Tuesdays)** in collaboration with Fusion Radio will happen every two weeks to get students out and showcase their talent. **Retro Pub Night (March 5<sup>th</sup>)** is in the process of planning with a 90's theme.

### **SCSU Meeting Rooms**

Mulatu speaks on the SCSU Meeting Rooms. A couple of meeting rooms were opened up for students to use during exam season based on an AGM Motion. Right now the SCSU is working on keeping all the rooms open for use but students will have to vacate them depending on booking times. All meeting rooms including SL-219 are now equipped with AV/TV system.

### **SCSU Income Statements – November and December Operations**

Mulatu speaks on the November and December Operations. The SCSU recovered some of the expenses that were given as a contribution for Orientation. The SCSU also collected fees for administering of the Health and Dental plan and also provided about \$17k worth of clubs funding that have been approved.

### **Hot Water Machine (Student Centre)**

Chowdhury speaks on the Hot Water Machine in the Student Centre. The SCSU is currently looking for quotes and will get the machine approved by the university to put it up ASAP as this was brought up at the AGM.

## **Campaigns & Advocacy**

### **SCSU's SCARS & IMANI Event**

Chowdhury speaks on the SCSU's SCARS & IMANI Event. The SCSU along with IMANI at UTSC engaged in a discussion and spoke to students about equity and racism.

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### **(Lack of) Diversity at UTSC**

Azraq speaks on this. The event was launched due to a lack of racialized faculty and syllabi. About 80 individuals showed up and had to relocate. It was a great event and the food was served from Rex's Den. Dr. George Dei who works at OISE was there.

### **#SavetheRspace Campaign**

Dionisio speaks on this. Recreational and faith-based groups have mobilized to save the R-space. On Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup> SCSU will be meeting with the CRO to discuss the issue.

### **Aboriginal Awareness Week at UTSC**

Azraq speaks on this. The SCSU collaborated with the Indigenous Students Association and hosted a set of events. On Monday, an indigenous woman came and did a workshop to raise awareness. Tuesday was Arts and crafts day. In addition, a film screening of "*Hi-Ho Mistahey!*" took place.

### **WTC & SCSU'S SCARS CONFERENCE: STORIES OF RESISTANCE**

Azraq speaks on this. The WTC & SCSU's SCARS is holding a conference. This event will be kept as UTSC central as possible. A short film is being done for the event. If you want to be part of this film and identify as a women or trans folk, please come out on Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2 pm.

### **UTSC Demands a Fossil Free UofT**

Azraq speaks on Fossil Free UofT. The St. George campus is the main organizer for this campaign and they basically want to divest from fossil fuel companies. Find out more on Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup> where Indigenous activist, Amanda Lickers will be coming in to speak about why this is important and needs to be done. This is in collaboration with EPSA.

### **Trans\* Inclusive Vagina Monologues at UTSC**

Azraq also speaks on the Vagina Monologues happening on February 11<sup>th</sup>. There's limited capacity so you have to sign up at the SCSU front desk even though it's free. Also doing a Zine where students can add anything from short stories to poems but the deadline is on Monday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> and women and trans\* folk should admit their work ASAP.

### **Council on Student Services (CSS)**

Dionisio speaks on the CSS. The CSS is a majority student body responsible for discussing ways or improving student life on campus. A budget vote happened last week, on January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Students opposed all budget increases, saving a total of 14.63 per student, per session.

### **Changes to Academic Regulations**

Dionisio speaks on Changes to Academic Regulations. A few changes will be happening in terms of academics. Changes that have been proposed include:

1. Eliminating the pre-requisite rule. Students can now get credit for a prerequisite they take AFTER the course that required it.
2. Students can no longer receive a BA or BSc using their minors. It is only based on specialist or majors.
3. Co-op Majors can now take two minor programs.

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4. A, B, C, D levels used to identify courses will now be changed to 100, 200, 300, and 400 level courses respectively.

## Events & Programming

### UTSC on ICE

Navan speaks on UTSC on ICE. The event occurred right before the winter break of December 2014. Chowdhury speaks on it further. Three buses were sent to Natrel Rink in downtown Toronto. Skate rentals were \$8. Students had fun. Overall it was a successful event and hope to bring it back next year.

### Winter Week of Welcome

Navan speaks on the Winter Week of Welcome. It happened on the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of January from the 5<sup>th</sup> to the 8<sup>th</sup>. There were a series of events organized. On the 1<sup>st</sup> day, free pancakes were given out in the Student Centre while advertising upcoming SCSU events. An open mic night with Fusion Radio was held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day. There a huge turnout and free hot chocolate and coffee were provided. The event went over time because everyone was having a good time. A gaming zone was set up on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day and a lot of students showed up. The week ended with the most popular event, which is Karaoke and the turnout was excellent.

### Student Center Party: Views from the borough

Navan speaks on the Student Center Party, which happened on January 29<sup>th</sup>. The turnout was huge and the set up was extraordinary. People had a great time. Not many hiccups. Stopped the party at around 2 am.

### Montreal Reading Week Trip

Navan speaks on the Montreal Trip happening during the Reading Week. It is a 3-night 4-day trip and students interested should check it out. The forms are due on the 9<sup>th</sup> of February.

**MOTION**                      Moved: Chowdhury                      Seconded: Chen

Be it resolved that the conversation be moved into camera.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION**                      Moved: Chowdhury                      Seconded: Yaacoubian

Be it resolved that the conversation be moved out of camera.

**CARRIED**

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

**CARRIED**

MINUTES

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**9. STRIKING OF COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION**

DSA Committee

**MOTION**                      Moved: Dionisio                      Seconded: Azraq

Whereas the DSA Committee is a committee of the Scarborough Campus Students' Union, determines the allocation of funds from the DSA funding to the DSA's.

Nominations are now open. Calvin Chen nominates himself.

Be it resolved that **CALVIN CHEN** be elected by and from the Board of Directors to serve on the 2014-2015 DSA Committee as a representative of the Board of Directors.

Jover Brinas is the only person that showed interest at serving as the member at large.

Be it resolved that **JOVER BRINAS** be elected by and from the Board of Directors to serve on the 2014-2015 DSA Committee to sever as the member at large representative.

**CARRIED**

Services Commission

**MOTION**                      Moved: Chowdhury                      Seconded: Azraq

Whereas the Services Commission is a commission of the Scarborough Campus Students' Union, votes on two things. Services provided to general membership include: quick survey like the operation hours if they are enough for students or not. Moreover, deals with finances, allowing students to discuss issues and have an open forum.

Nominations open. Nehrin, Chen, and Julius nominate themselves.

Be it resolved that **RANZIBA NEHRIN, CALVIN CHEN, and LOUISA JULIUS** be elected by and from the Board of Directors to serve on the 2014-2015 Services Commission as a representative of the Board of Directors.

**CARRIED**

**10. STUDENT SOCIETY FEE ADJUSTMENTS**

**MOTION**                      Moved: Chowdhury                      Seconded: Yaacoubian

A lot of the students are using the study abroad program and hence there is an increase of 10%. The increases represent 10% for Health & Dental and 1.9% for others.

Be it resolved that the following adjustments be approved beginning in the Fall 2015 session:



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- an increase of \$0.47 per session in the SCSU membership fee (\$0.03 part-time); and
- an increase of \$0.14 per session (full-time only) in the CFS/CFS-O membership fee; and
- an increase of \$0.71 per session in the Student Centre fee (\$0.21 part-time); and
- an increase of \$6.23 per session (full-time only) in the Accident & Prescription Drug Insurance Plan fee; and
- an increase of \$7.37 per session (full-time only) in the Dental Plan fee; and
- a continuation of the Student Refugee Program fee

\*Increases represent 10% for Health & Dental and 1.9% for others

### CARRIED

#### 11. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

##### MOTION

Moved: Chowdhury

Seconded: Nehrin

Be it resolved that the January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015 minutes package including the following documents be approved:

- b) Board of Director Meeting Minutes | Nov. 28 & Dec 12 & Dec. 19, 2014

### CARRIED

#### 12. OTHER BUSINESS

Nehrin went to INS (new convenience store at the Student Centre) and found out big bottles of water can be sold because it is not a single serving.

Bashir states all bottled water cannot be sold.

#### 13. ADJOURNMENT

##### MOTION

Moved: Chowdhury

Seconded: Nasiri

Be it resolved that January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Board of Directors meeting be adjourned.

### CARRIED

The meeting is adjourned at 8:12 pm

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Scarborough Campus Students' Union**Scarborough Campus Students' Union (SCSU)****INCOME STATEMENT**

	Dec-14	Jan-15	Description of Accounts
<b>REVENUE</b>			
Student Fees	\$ -	\$ 176,987	Health & Dental fee, SCSU Membership fees
Student Levy's	\$ -	\$ 3,545	Levies collected on behalf of other societies/organizations
Student Union Services	\$ 99,711	\$ 1,350	Grad photo, locker sales
Space Rental Income	\$ 9,785	\$ 17,626	Tenant fee's and conference rooms rental
Services Revenue	\$ 45,834	\$ 127,347	Metropasses, discounted tickets and other services
Event Sales	\$ -	\$ 1,451	Orientation, Spring Formal & other event ticket sales
Vending Commissions	\$ 36	\$ 269	Vending machine commissions
Advertising Revenue	\$ 1,000	\$ 53	Student Center advertising and agenda book ad revenue
Other Income	\$ -	\$ 811	All other revenue
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 156,365</b>	<b>\$ 329,441</b>	
<b>EXPENSE</b>			
Salaries, Wages & Benefits	\$ 49,413	\$ 55,900	Salaries, wages, honorariums, and benefits
Supplies	\$ 292	\$ 3,062	Office, computer, photocopier, and general supplies
Student Levy's	\$ -	\$ -	Levies submitted to other societies/organizations
Services	\$ 42,989	\$ 139,121	Metropasses, discounted tickets, liability insurance, payroll costs
Phones & Telecommunications	\$ 547	\$ 4,610	Website, cell phone allowance, e-mail hosting
Capital Renewal	\$ 1,665	\$ 4,693	Repair and maintenance costs
Event Costs	\$ 40,504	\$ 2,530	Orientation, Spring Formal & other event costs
Elections	\$ -	\$ -	Elections supplies and promotion materials
Meetings	\$ -	\$ -	Conferences and events attended/hosted by the SCSU
Other Events	\$ 1,332	\$ 1,186	Other non-standard events
Programming Costs	\$ 1,560	\$ 10,948	Clubs/DSA Funding, campaigns, agenda books and newsletter
Professional Fees	\$ -	\$ 13,471	Legal, Consulting, auditing fee's
Professional Dev & Travel	\$ 116	\$ 15	Health & Safety training, transportation and continuity costs
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 138,417</b>	<b>\$ 243,584</b>	
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 17,949</b>	<b>\$ 85,857</b>	

## Introduction

As Chief Returning Officer (CRO) of the SCSU 2015 General Election, it is my duty to present a complete and transparent report on all things relating to the election process. In doing so, I uphold my responsibility to promote and enforce a fair, democratic election.

This report will explain in detail all of the preparation involved with the election as well as every step that was taken in the election process. I have also included samples of all paperwork that was used in the appendices. You will also find any communication between the candidates and myself in this section.

It has been my pleasure working for the SCSU for this year's General Elections. I strongly believe in the democratic process and I enjoyed implementing it during these elections. This has been a wonderful experience and I will take all I have learned from the elections forward with me.

Thank you,

Tharshan Kathiravel

Chief Returning Officer  
2015 SCSU General Elections

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## IMPORTANT DATES

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### January

January 5<sup>th</sup> – *Nominations Open at 09:00 am.*

January 14<sup>th</sup> – *Nominations Close at 5:00 pm.*

January 19<sup>th</sup> – *All Candidates Meeting at 7:00 pm.*

January 21<sup>th</sup> – *Start of Campaign Period at 09:00 am.*

### February

February 3<sup>rd</sup> – *Start of Voting Period. Polls open 10:00 am to 6:00 pm.*

February 5<sup>th</sup> – *End of Voting Period at 6:00 pm*

February 5<sup>th</sup> – *Ballot counting at 7:30 pm*

## ELECTION PREPARATION

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### Advertising

It is important that every aspect of the election process is openly advertised to the students so that every student is offered the same opportunities. Therefore, every step of the election process was advertised through the following methods:

- Posters were on display in various areas of the campus, with a concentration on areas with a high amount of student traffic.
- Advertisements and election material were made available on the SCSU website and social media platforms.
- Emails were sent out to all undergraduate students via The Office of Student Affairs
- Advertisements were placed in the Student Publication 14 days prior to the start of the nomination period
- Posters were on display at the polling stations indicating the SCSU elections are happening

### Call for Nominations

The nomination period for the 2015 SCSU General Election began on January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015 and remained open until January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Nomination packages were available for pick up at the front desk of the SCSU office. The nomination packages included the following:

- A letter from the CRO.
- Important dates.
- List of positions open for Elections.
- A position-specific nomination form.
- Nomination sheets.
- Proxy Form.
- Pick-up and drop-in receipts for packages.
- Statement of Eligibility for Elections forms.
- A copy of the election by-laws.
- SCSU Elections Best Practices Manual

All Executive positions required a minimum of 100 valid signatures. Director positions required a minimum of 50 valid signatures. Nomination forms and statements of eligibility were to be completed and returned to the SCSU Front Desk by 5:00pm January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015 in order to be verified by the CRO before the start of campaigning.

### Ballot Boxes and Voter Screens

Ballot boxes and voter screens are required for each polling station during the elections. In order to ensure that each station is equipped for elections, the ballot boxes and voter screens were ordered well in advance from Elections Canada. Some polling stations may require more than one ballot box a day and therefore extra ballot boxes were purchased.

Each polling station was provided one ballot box and one voter screen, with the exception of student center having two voting screens, at the beginning of each voting day. All ballot boxes were labeled by their location. All ballot boxes were sealed with seals provided by Elections Canada, signed by the poll clerks, and CRO or DRO. Each voting screen contained instructions on voting procedures, which included the methods used to determine valid ballots.

## Polling Stations

The three designated polling stations were placed in the following locations:

1. IC Building
2. The Student Centre
3. H-Wing Kisok

All polling stations were equipped with their own set of supplies as packaged in their poll kit. These supplies included :

- 1 Laptop
- 1 Extension Cord
- Ballots
- Ballot Box Seals (5 short, 2 long)
- Large white envelopes
- Small white envelopes
- 1 Box of pens
- 1 Permanent Marker
- Voting Shield
- Duo-tang:
  - o Poll Clerk sign in forms
  - o Contact Information sheet, Polling locations, UTSC Map
  - o Poll Station Set Up Diagram
  - o Double Envelope Method
  - o Voting Instructions
  - o Poll Clerk Training Manual
  - o Scrutineer Sign In Sheet.

## Ballots

As stated in the SCSU Elections Procedures Code, ballots for the election must adhere to the following rules:

- Each ballot will be numbered
- The names of candidates for each Executive and Director candidate will appear alphabetically by last name
- The Team names where applicable will appear under each candidate's name

All these rules were adhered to.

## Deputy Returning Officer (DRO)

The duties for the Deputy Returning Officer are as follows:

- Assist CRO in organizing and promoting the elections.
- With direction from the CRO, ensure the election is organized in a fair manner.
- Assisting with the development of a plan that ensures a successful, democratic execution of the elections.
- Assist with outreach, training of the poll clerks and administrative tasks.
- Supervising voting during elections ensuring each Poll station is fully equipped and all by-laws prescribed are being followed.
- If needed, enforce and remind anyone of standing regulations that must be followed.



The DRO's for the 2015 SCSU General Election were Gabriela Estrada & Michelle Jian.

### Poll Clerks

Advertisements for poll clerk positions were made available through the SCSU website including Facebook and twitter. Applications were accepted online.

Training of the poll clerks is to be held prior to the voting days. Therefore, training was scheduled for January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015. During said training, all poll clerks received the "Poll Clerks Package". The package included the following:

- Contact information for the CRO and DRO.
- Poll Locations and Times of Operation.
- Poll Clerk Information Sheet.
- Poll Clerk Voting Instructions Map.
- Polling Station Set Up Diagram.
- Scrutineer Sign In Sheet.
- Check List for Supply Box.
- Double Envelope Method Map.
- Poll Clerk Sign in Sheet
- Poll Clerk Time Sheet.

This package was presented to the poll clerks by both DRO's and CRO.

### Nomination Packages

The following individuals submitted nomination packages to the CRO:

**Director – Biology**

**Candidate:**

Sutoni, Mohammad Usman

**Director – Biology**

**Candidate:**

Sutoni, Mohammad Usman

**Director – Computer Science**

**Candidate:**

Hill, Dione

**Director – English**

**Candidate:**

Khoury, Reema

**Director – French and Linguistic**

**Candidate:**

Julius, Louisa

Chu, Fion

**Director – Health Studies**

**Candidate:**

Qazilbasa, Amna

**Director – Human Geography**

**Candidate:**

Mohamed, Ayaa

**Director – Philosophy**

**Candidate:**

Azar, George

**Director – Physical & Environment**

**Science Candidate:**

Dass, Sabrina

Shifferaw, Gabreal

**Director – Political Science**

**Candidate:**

Ball, Renee

Nami, Sam

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### **Director – Psychology**

#### **Candidate:**

Gizzo, Christina

### **Vice President of Academics**

#### **Candidate:**

Galindez, Camille

### **Vice President of External**

#### **Candidate:**

Rajabi, Yasmin

Shim, David

### **Director – Sociology**

#### **Candidate:**

Konstantopoulos, Katie

### **Vice President of Equity**

#### **Candidate:**

Diaz-Matus, Leandro

Kirk, Jessica

### **President Candidate:**

Dionisio, Nicole

Osman, Dulaa

Tweneboah, David

### **Voters' List**

A voter's list is required to confirm those who are eligible to vote; current full-time and part-time undergraduate students registered at the University of Toronto Scarborough.

All students wanting to vote must present their student card or a piece of photo identification along with their student number in order to vote. The poll clerk then inputs the student number into the voter's list to determine if in fact that student is eligible to vote.

### **Ballot Box Storage and Security**

All empty ballot boxes were stored in the office of the CRO prior to the election days. On the days of the election the exact number of ballot boxes required were removed from the CRO's office and distributed to the poll clerks. The ballot boxes were assembled and sealed at the polling station in public.

At the end of each voting day, the DROs and/or CRO sealed the ballot box on site and signed the seal on the box along with poll clerks signatures. The ballot boxes were then transported to Campus Police by the poll clerks, DROs and CRO. Once ballot boxes were placed in the room they were to remain there until counting commenced.

### **Scrutineers**

All candidates were presented the opportunity to submit one scrutineer to observe the polling station procedures as well as the counting process. No scrutineers were present during the polling period. 9 scrutineers were in attendance for ballot counting.

## VERIFYING NOMINATIONS

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All nominees were required to submit a minimum number of nominations based on the position they were applying for to be considered for nomination. They were as follows:

- Executive Positions **100**
- Director Positions **50**

To verify these endorsements the CRO inputted the provided information into the voter's list to determine the validity of the signature. Executive and Director positions required signatures from undergraduate students registered at the University of Toronto Scarborough. Once a signature had proven to fit the required criteria it was accepted as valid. All nominees that obtained the required amount of valid signatures were deemed to have met the first requirement of becoming a candidate.

## **SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES**

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Successful candidates were as follows:

**Director – Biology:** Sutoni, Mohammad Usman

**Director – Computer Science:** Hill, Dione

**Director – English:** Khoury, Reema

**Director – French and Linguistic:** Julius, Louisa & Chu, Fion

**Director – Health Studies:** Qazilbasa, Amna

**Director – Human Geography:** Mohamed, Ayaa

**Director – Philosophy:** Azar, George

**Director – Physical & Environment Science:** Dass, Sabrina & Shifferaw, Gabreal

**Director – Political Science:** Ball, Renee & Nami, Sam

**Director – Psychology:** Gizzo, Christina

**Director – Sociology:** Konstantopoulos, Katie

**Vice President of Academics:** Galindez, Camille

**Vice President of Equity:** Diaz-Matus, Leandro & Kirk, Jessica

**Vice President of External:** Rajabi, Yasmin & Shim, David

**President:** Dionisio, Nicole & Osman, Dulaa & Tweneboah, David

## **ALL CANDIDATES MEETING**

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On Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 7:00pm, an All Candidates Meeting was held in SL232. Attendance at the All Candidates Meeting is a requirement to be deemed an eligible candidate, by either the candidate, or a proxy.

The CRO presented the guidelines during the meeting and answered any questions pertaining to the election process.

## **EXECUTIVE CANDIDATES FORUM**

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On Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 at 7:00pm, an Executive Candidates Forum was held in the Rex's Den Lab.

The CRO presented the rules and guidelines at the beginning of the forum. Each candidate had to present an opening speech, answer 3 questions, and a closing speech. Questions were asked by audience members.

## ELECTION

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### Voting Days

The voting days for the 2015 SCSU General Election were February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup>. Students were able to vote at one of the three polling stations (Student Centre, H-Wing Kiosk, IC) from 10:00am to 6:00pm.

### Scrutineers

There were no Scrutineers present during the voting period. A total of 9 scrutineers were in attendance for ballot counting.

## BALLOT COUNTING

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### Transportation of the Ballot Boxes

Following the closing of polls on February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015 the ballots were all transported by from the Campus Police office and to the ballot counting room (SL-283). During the transportation of the boxes only the CRO, DROs and the poll clerks were allowed to touch the boxes, the scrutineers accompanied the transport.

### Ballot Counting Room

Ballots were counted in the Alumni Lounge (SL-283). The room consisted of three counting table and one table for sorting ballots, along with chairs for ballot counters and scrutineers. All poll clerks and scrutineers were asked to turn off their cell phones and place them in a box. Upon entering the room, scrutineers were asked to sign-in stating their name and the name of the candidate for which they were scrutineering for. The CRO outlined the rules to all the scrutineers, the counting procedure and what constituted a valid ballot as per the SCSU By-Laws, Elections Procedures Code and Voting Instructions placed in each voting booth. All scrutineers were made aware that under no circumstance were they allowed to touch any of the ballots.

### Counting Procedure

The CRO would empty one ballot box at a time on the sorting table. Boxes were opened by day and by polling station, only one ballot box per day per station was open at a time. There were a total of 9 ballot boxes, one per station, per day. Ballots for each position were sorted with the help from a DRO and poll clerks, scrutineers were invite to observe the sorting of ballots. Ballots were then transferred to each counting station, where scrutineers would sit opposite ballot counters.

At each counting station, there were 3 poll clerks and the scrutineers. Two poll clerks were in charge of tallying the votes while the third poll clerk was in charge of counting each ballot. Each ballot was checked by the poll clerks and scrutineers to make sure that there were 2 initials at the back, failure to have 2 initials constituted a void ballot. There were no spoiled ballots because of missing initials.

Scrutineers were told to raise their hand if they wished to contest a ballot. The poll clerks would stop counting until the CRO made a ruling on the ballot. Rulings of the CRO were final.

Upon completing the count for each ballot, the poll clerks verified that the results matched between both poll clerks. The tally sheet results were entered into an excel sheet and the ballots were stored back in their respective ballot boxes.

The SCSU By-laws state there shall be an automatic recount if there is less than a 5% difference in votes. Upon completing the initial count, it was deemed that the difference in votes for the VP Equity and VP External position were less than 5% and as such an automatic recount for those positions. The recount did not change the winners of the positions.



## UNOFFICIAL RESULTS

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### PRESIDENT:

***Dionisio, Nicole: 346 - Winner***

Osman, Dulaa: 214

Tweneboah, David: 152

Spoiled: 64

### VP EXTERNAL:

**Rajabi, Yasmin: 361 – Winner**

Shim, David: 351

Spoiled: 72

### FRENCH & LINGUISTICS DIRECTOR:

**Chu, Fion: 26 – Winner**

Julius, Louisa: 16

Spoiled: 8

### POLITICAL SCIENCE DIRECTOR:

Ball, Renee: 41

**Nami, Sam: 54 – Winner**

Spoiled: 16

### COMPUTER & MATHEMATICAL SCIENCE:

**Hill, Diane (Acclaimed)**

### ANTHROPOLOGY & HEALTH STUDIES DIRECTOR:

**Qazibash, Amna (Acclaimed)**

### HUMAN GEOGRAPHY & CITY STUDIES DIRECTOR:

**Mohamad, Ayaa (Acclaimed)**

### SOCIOLOGY DIRECTOR:

**Konstantopoulos, Katie (Acclaimed)**

### VP ACADEMICS & UNIVERSITY

#### AFFAIRS:

Galindez, Camille

**Yes: 609 – Winner**

No: 109

Spoiled: 43

#### VP EQUITY:

Diaz-Matus, Leandro: 344

**Kirk, Jessica: 354 – Winner**

Spoiled: 76

### PHYSICAL & ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE DIRECTOR:

Dass, Sabrina: 33

**Shifferaw, Gabreal: 39 – Winner**

Spoiled: 13

### BIOLOGY DIRECTOR:

**Sutoni, Mohammad Usman**

**(Acclaimed)**

### ENGLISH DIRECTOR:

**Khoury, Reema (Acclaimed)**

### PHILOSOPHY DIRECTOR:

**Azar, George (Acclaimed)**

### PSYCHOLOGY DIRECTOR:

**Gizzo, Christina (Acclaimed)**

## **RULINGS**

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### **Election Ruling 001:**

Hi Ms. Kirk,

I am in receipt of complaint regarding an incident that took place at the (Lack of) Diversity event on January 21<sup>st</sup>. The complainant alleged that there was campaigning taking place at the event.

Upon further investigation, we have concluded that there was indeed campaigning taking place at the event. As the event was an event that was co-hosted, funded and promoted by the SCSU, campaigning at this event is an infraction of the Elections Procedures Code.

The infractions of the Elections Procedures Code are as follows:

1. "No campaigning of any form is permitted in the Union Offices, or any area that can be perceived to be under the jurisdiction of the Union unless otherwise stated by the CRO." And,
2. "Unsanctioned use of Union Resources"

The Elections Procedures Code states that demerit points for campaigning in an unauthorized area is 12, and Unsanctioned use of Union resources is 15. However since, this is your first time I am only assigning you 10 demerit points (5each).

As stated in the Elections Procedures Code, if you wish to appeal this ruling, you have until January 24<sup>th</sup> at 6pm to submit your appeal to the Chair of the Elections and Referenda Committee at [operations@scsu.ca](mailto:operations@scsu.ca)

If you have any further questions please feel free to reply the e-mail.

Tharshan Kathiravel  
Chief Returning Officer General Elections

### **Election & Referenda Committee Ruling 001:**

Hi Jessica,

I've had a meeting with both the CRO and the members of the Elections and Referenda Committee (which includes two directors from the current board of Directors.)

After a thorough review of the evidence that was submitted, it has been decided that the CRO's decision will be upheld.

Perhaps to provide more clarity regarding the decision, below are some pertinent details:

- The decision to assign the demerit points was centred around the event (Lack of) Diversity
- At this event, an endorsement speech for your candidacy was delivered by the current Co-President of the African Students Association, David Tweneboah
- In that speech, Tweneboah was acting as a Co-President of the African Students Association and his endorsement in an SCSU controlled space in your presence is considered to be campaigning
- Such campaigning, in an event that is: controlled, funded, and marketed by the Union, is an unauthorized use of SCSU resources

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- The avoid such violations of the SCSU Elections Procedures Code, candidates are expected to distance themselves from such acts immediately (either during the event or in an e-mail to the Chief Returning Officer)
- Such actions were not taken by yourself at the event or immediately there after.

If you disagree with this decision, you will have 48 hours to file an appeal by sending me a notice, which will be forwarded to the Elections Appeals Committee (comprised of a UTSC student member, an executive of a GTA students union and a director who is not sitting on the Elections Referenda Committee).

Regards,

Kaleab Mulatu

Chair of the Elections and Referenda Committee

**Elections Appeals Committee Ruling 001:**

The Elections Appeals Committee (EAC) is in receipt of an appeal regarding Elections Ruling 001.

In Elections Ruling 001, the Chief Returning Officer (CRO) had chosen to assign 10 points to Ms. Kirk for the following violations:

- “No campaigning of any form is permitted in the Union Offices, or any area that can be perceived to be under the jurisdiction of the Union unless otherwise stated by the CRO.”  
And,
- “Unsanctioned use of Union Resources”

In an appeal sent to the Elections Referenda Committee (ERC) at a later date, the ERC has chosen to uphold the decisions of the CRO.

The EAC met yesterday to discuss the appeal to Elections Ruling 001. The EAC would like to state that the demerit points attached to each violation of the Elections Procedure Code are guidelines. As such, it is up to the Chief Returning Officer (CRO) to assign points as they see fit. In this and similar other instances, the CRO used the demerit points as a warning system to encourage fairplay and ensure that the rules of the Elections Procedures Code are followed. The EAC and ERC are unanimous in the idea that demerit points should not be used as a means to disqualify candidates but rather encourage fair play. As such, the EAC will be upholding the decisions of the CRO and the ERC.

The decisions of the EAC are final and will be included in the CRO report that will be submitted to the SCSU Board of Directors at the February 27th meeting for approval.

Regards,

Kaleab Mulatu

Chair of the Elections Appeals Committee

**Election Ruling 002:**

Dear Mr. Osman

I am in receipt of a complaint regarding a post you made on Facebook Friday January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015 you posted a message endorsing a director as well as the director's campaign poster.

The infraction of the Elections Procedures Code are as follows:

1. Cross campaigning is allowed between consenting candidates for executive positions in the elections governed by this code.

**The Elections Procedures Codes states that demerit points for Malicious or intentional violation of this Code is 25 points, however I am only assigning you 10 points for this infraction.**

As stated in the Elections Procedures Code, if you wish to appeal this ruling, you have until February 6<sup>th</sup> at 8pm to submit your appeal to the Chair of the Elections and Referenda Committee at [operations@scsu.ca](mailto:operations@scsu.ca)

If you have any further questions please feel free to reply the e-mail.

Tharshan Kathiravel  
Chief Returning Officer (General Elections)

**Election Ruling 003:**

Dear Mr. Osman

On Monday February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 during the All Candidates Forum you stated that individuals in the SCSU office were making \$80,000, and after investigating, I have found out that, that claim is false.

The infractions of the Elections Procedures Code are as follows:

1. Unintentional Misrepresentation of Facts

**The Elections Procedures Codes states that demerit points for Unintentional Misrepresentation of Facts are 3 points. I am assigning the full 3 points for this infraction.**

Furthermore, during the question and answer segment for presidential candidates, at the All Candidates Forum, your answers to two of the questions were slandering another candidate.

Infractions of the Elections Procedures Codes are as follows:

1. Candidates shall campaign in accordance with the rules of fair play. Breaking the rules of fair play shall include, but are not limited to: breaching generally accepted community standards, libel, slander, general sabotage of the campaigns of other candidates malicious and/or intentional breach of elections policy, any attempt to undermine the electoral process and misrepresentation of fact.

**The Elections Procedures Codes states that demerit points for Malicious or intentional violation of this Code is 25 points, however I am only assigning you 15 points for this infraction since this is your second time infracting this code.**

As stated in the Elections Procedures Code, if you wish to appeal this ruling, you have until February 6<sup>th</sup> at 8pm to submit your appeal to the Chair of the Elections and Referenda Committee at [operations@scsu.ca](mailto:operations@scsu.ca)

If you have any further questions please feel free to reply the e-mail.

Tharshan Kathiravel  
Chief Returning Officer General Elections)

#### **Election Ruling 004:**

Dear Mr.Shim

I am in receipt of a complaint regarding an individual campaigning on your behalf. After speaking with you, I was informed that the individual you had campaigning on your behalf was not a member of SCSU.

The infraction of the Elections Procedures Code are as follows:

1. Campaigning on University of Toronto Scarborough Campus grounds (UTSC) for executive or director positions can only be completed by members of the Scarborough Campus Students' Union.

**The Elections Procedures Codes states that demerit points for Malicious or intentional violation of this Code is 25 points, however since this is your first time I am only assigning 10 demerit points.**

As stated in the Elections Procedures Code, if you wish to appeal this ruling, you have until February 6<sup>th</sup> at 8pm to submit your appeal to the Chair of the Elections and Referenda Committee at [operations@scsu.ca](mailto:operations@scsu.ca)

If you have any further questions please feel free to reply the e-mail.

Tharshan Kathiravel  
Chief Returning Officer General Elections)

#### **Election Ruling 005:**

Dear Mr.Tweneboah

On Monday February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 during the question and answer segment for presidential candidates, at the All Candidates Forum, your answers to one of the questions were slandering another candidate.

Infractions of the Elections Procedures Codes are as follows:

1. Candidates shall campaign in accordance with the rules of fair play. Breaking the rules of fair play shall include, but are not limited to: breaching generally accepted community standards, libel, slander, general sabotage of the campaigns of other candidates malicious

and/or intentional breach of elections policy, any attempt to undermine the electoral process and misrepresentation of fact.

**The Elections Procedures Codes states that demerit points for Malicious or intentional violation of this Code is 25 points, however I am only assigning you 10 points for this infraction since it is your first offence.**

As stated in the Elections Procedures Code, if you wish to appeal this ruling, you have until February 6<sup>th</sup> at 8pm to submit your appeal to the Chair of the Elections and Referenda Committee at [operations@scsu.ca](mailto:operations@scsu.ca)

If you have any further questions please feel free to reply the e-mail.

Tharshan Kathiravel  
Chief Returning Officer (General Elections)

### **Election Ruling 006:**

Dear Mr. Shifferaw

I am in receipt of complaint regarding a post that was made by an executive candidate, endorsing yourself. The post was made on Friday January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015 on facebook by Dulaa Osman. Since then, you had ample amount of time to speak with me and let me know that you are not affiliated with said individual.

The infraction of the Elections Procedures Code are as follows:

1. Cross campaigning is allowed between consenting candidates for executive positions in the elections governed by this code.

**The Elections Procedures Codes states that demerit points for Malicious or intentional violation of this Code is 25 points, however I am only assigning you 5 points for this infraction, since it is your first infraction.**

As stated in the Elections Procedures Code, if you wish to appeal this ruling, you have until February 6<sup>th</sup> at 8pm to submit your appeal to the Chair of the Elections and Referenda Committee at [operations@scsu.ca](mailto:operations@scsu.ca)

If you have any further questions please feel free to reply the e-mail.

Tharshan Kathiravel  
Chief Returning Officer (General Elections)

### **Election Ruling 007:**

Dear Mr. Osman,

I am in receipt of complaint regarding campaign flyers that were left at the polling stations. The polling clerks, throughout the elections, have done their best to ensure that the voting stations were cleared after voters have finished the voting process. The investigation has revealed that the flyers were left in the polling stations by voters, not candidates. Further, the investigation has found that flyers from all candidates were at the polling stations. As such, it did not alter the results of the elections as everyone got that exposure.

APPENDIX #2

Chief Returning Officer (CRO) Report  
Scarborough Campus Students' Union

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As stated in the Elections Procedures Code, if you wish to appeal this ruling, you have until February 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm to submit your detailed appeal to the Chair of the Elections and Referenda Committee at [erc@scsu.ca](mailto:erc@scsu.ca)

If you have any further questions please feel free to reply the e-mail.

Tharshan Kathiravel  
Chief Returning Officer General Elections)

**Election Ruling 008:**

A complaint has been filed against Vice President Equity candidate Jessica Kirk. The complaint alleges that Ms. Kirk has violated the Elections Procedures Code.

The alleged infraction of the Elections Procedures Code are as follows:

1. Unsanctioned Union resources; and
2. Abuse of position or status for her campaign.

Upon further investigations, it was found that there were no infractions made. A Facebook post was made by Ms. Sabrina Azraq encouraging students to vote for Ms. Jessica Kirk. This Facebook post was made on Ms. Azraq's personal Facebook account and was not made during SCSU office hours. In the post, Ms. Azraq did not encourage students to vote as the current VP Equity of the SCSU, but rather as a general student.

**As no infractions were found, there will be 0 demerit points assigned to Ms. Kirk.**

As stated in the Elections Procedures Code, if you wish to appeal this ruling, you have until February 11<sup>th</sup> at 8pm to submit your appeal to the Chair of the Elections and Referenda Committee at [erc@scsu.ca](mailto:erc@scsu.ca)

If you have any further questions please feel free to reply the e-mail.

Tharshan Kathiravel  
Chief Returning Officer General Elections)

**Election Ruling 009:**

A complaint has been filed against Vice President Equity candidate Jessica Kirk. The complaint alleges that Ms. Kirk has violated the Elections Procedures Code.

The alleged infraction of the Elections Procedures Code are as follows:

1. Abuse of position or status; and
2. Malicious or intentional violation of this Code

The complaint alleges that Ms. Kirk identified herself as the VP Equity Associate while campaigning and told students that her opponent has had no experience on campus.

However, this complaint was received at 4:18pm on February 8th, 2015. The Elections Procedures Code states that "Allegations of violations of the Elections Procedures Code shall

be submitted to the CRO in writing. Such allegations must be made within 48 hours after the incident occurred."

**As the complaint was received after the 48hr time period, 0 demerit points are issued to Ms. Kirk.**

As stated in the Elections Procedures Code, if you wish to appeal this ruling, you have until February 11<sup>th</sup> at 8pm to submit your appeal to the Chair of the Elections and Referenda Committee at [erc@scsu.ca](mailto:erc@scsu.ca)

If you have any further questions please feel free to reply the e-mail.

Tharshan Kathiravel  
Chief Returning Officer General Elections)

### **Election Ruling 010:**

A complaint has been filed against Vice President Equity candidate Jessica Kirk. The complaint alleges that Ms. Kirk has violated the Elections Procedures Code.

The alleged infraction of the Elections Procedures Code are as follows:

1. Unsanctioned use of Administration Resources

The complaint alleges that Ms. Kirk campaigned during the Chinese Lunar New Year event in the Meeting Place on February 5th, 2015. The Elections Procedures Code does not sanction campaigning during University events.

However, this complaint was received at 4:18pm on February 8th, 2015. The Elections Procedures Code states that "Allegations of violations of the Elections Procedures Code shall be submitted to the CRO in writing. Such allegations must be made within 48 hours after the incident occurred."

**As the complaint was received after the 48hr time period, 0 demerit points are issued to Ms. Kirk.**

As stated in the Elections Procedures Code, if you wish to appeal this ruling, you have until February 11<sup>th</sup> at 8pm to submit your appeal to the Chair of the Elections and Referenda Committee at [erc@scsu.ca](mailto:erc@scsu.ca)

If you have any further questions please feel free to reply the e-mail.

Tharshan Kathiravel  
Chief Returning Officer General Elections)

### **Election Ruling 011:**

A ruling has been made by the Chief Returning Officer regarding the voting procedure. Students were requesting to vote for only 1 Executive candidate. This request was allowed by the Poll Clerks until mid-day on the first voting day. The CRO's ruling is that students must receive all ballots for the positions that they are eligible to vote for. If the student does not wish to vote for that particular position, the student may leave the ballot blank. The CRO continued to remind each poll clerk throughout each voting day.



**Election Ruling 012:**

A ruling has been made by the Chief Returning Officer to request that a scrutineer be removed from the ballot counting room. All scrutineers were informed that they must not touch the ballots during the counting process under any circumstance to ensure the integrity of the ballot counting process. This particular scrutineer continued to touch ballots, this scrutineer was warned three times not to touch the ballot but continued to do so. As such, this scrutineer was asked to leave the ballot counting room. However, the scrutineer did not abide by the CRO's ruling and UTSC Campus Police was called.

**Election Appeals Committee Ruling 002:**

Dear Mr. Shim,

The Elections Appeals Committee (EAC) met yesterday to discuss your appeal. After a thorough review, the committee has decided to uphold the decisions of the Chief Returning Officer (CRO).

Each voting booth contained a clear sign that showed examples of what types of marks on the voting ballot would be accepted and what type of marks would deem the ballot to be considered to be void. The Elections Appeals Committee has stated that the decisions made by the CRO that examined the ballots based on the objective measure of marks being made on other candidates names was in fact correct. To judge the results based on intention would leave the ballot counting process to be subjective.

The decisions of the Elections Appeals Committee are final. The decisions of the EAC will be included in the final CRO report which will be delivered to the SCSU Board of Directors at the February 27th meeting for approval.

Regards,

Kaleab Mulatu  
Chair of the Elections Appeals Committee

## RECOMMENDATIONS

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I recommend that the SCSU review the following for the next elections:

### Polling Stations

The H-Wing Kiosk should be avoided as a polling station, because the poll clerks cannot see the top counter from their seats. The obstructed view makes it difficult for poll clerks to see if any campaign materials unattended are left behind after students have voted.

The IC Polling station should be reviewed to see if it is needed. The voter turnout at this polling station was fairly low. However, it must also be noted that many students in that building do not frequent any other buildings and as such it is important to make sure that polling stations are accessible to students.

### Poll Clerks

Advertisements for poll clerk positions should be posted a great deal in advance. Poll clerks should be hired a minimum one week prior to the election dates to allow more time for training and scheduling.

### DROs

DROs should be made aware of the amount of work that they are obligated to do. Having two DROs is highly recommended, as the work load spreads out evenly. DROs should be told to uphold their office hours. If they are stepping out of the office for a few minutes they should leave a sign on the door for candidates to see.

## **CONCLUDING STATEMENTS**

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I have made recommendations in this report that I believe will enhance the election process in the near future. All recommendations were the results of challenges I had faced during the 2015 SCSU General Elections.

It is my hope that this report is found to be useful and transparent by all.

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to participate in these elections as a CRO. It has been a great pleasure working with the SCSU this year and I am eager as to what opportunities lay ahead.

Thank you,

Tharshan Kathiravel  
Chief Returning Officer  
2015 SCSU General Elections

APPENDIX A

SCSU

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 INFO@SCSU.CA

VOTING DAYS FEB 3-5

### HOW TO VOTE

- 1

Poll clerks will provide you with an initialed ballot for each positions contested in your constituency.
- 2

There is a pen provided behind the voting screen, please complete the ballot(s) behind the screen.
- 3

Indicate preference by clearly making an "X" in the box to the right of the candidate's name.
- 4

Place folded ballots in the ballot box.

If you have questions or concerns about the voting process please speak to a poll clerk prior to voting. If you cannot resolve the issue ask the poll clerk to contact the Chief Returning Officer.

Each position has a specific colour. Each voters will receive (1) ballot for each position in your constituency and 4 ballots for each executive position.

Do NOT mark preference for a greater number than indicated on ballot.

Clearly indicate preferred candidates(s) here with an "X"

### EXAMPLES

#### VALID VOTES

SCSU SCSU General Elections 2015  
 POSITION  
 CANDIDATE 1  
 CANDIDATE 2  
 Please select only one.

SCSU SCSU General Elections 2015  
 POSITION  
 CANDIDATE 1  
 CANDIDATE 2  
 Please select only one.

SCSU SCSU General Elections 2015  
 POSITION  
 CANDIDATE 1  
 CANDIDATE 2  
 Please select only one.

#### INVALID VOTES

SCSU SCSU General Elections 2015  
 POSITION  
 CANDIDATE 1  
 CANDIDATE 2  
 Please select only one.  
PLEASE NOT VOTE WITH MORE THAN ONE CANDIDATE

SCSU SCSU General Elections 2015  
 POSITION  
 CANDIDATE 1  
 CANDIDATE 2  
 Please select only one.  
PLEASE NOT VOTE FOR MORE THAN ONE CANDIDATE

SCSU SCSU General Elections 2015  
 POSITION  
 CANDIDATE 1  
 CANDIDATE 2  
 Please select only one.  
PLEASE NOT VOTE FOR MORE THAN ONE CANDIDATE

ANY OF THIS (OR VARIATION) WILL VOID YOUR VOTE!

DO NOT LEAVE CAMPAIGN MATERIALS IN VOTING AREA!

APPENDIX B

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**SCSU** 2015 GENERAL ELECTIONS  
SCARBOROUGH CAMPUS STUDENTS' UNION  
LOCAL 99 CANADIAN FEDERATION OF STUDENTS

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VOTE HERE  
FEB 3 - 5  
10 AM - 6 PM



APPENDIX C

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<b>SCSU</b> <small>SCARBOROUGH CAMPUS STUDENTS' UNION LOCAL 41 CANADIAN FEDERATION OF STUDENTS</small>	<b>SCSU General Elections 2015</b>
<b>PRESIDENT</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>DOE, JOHN</b> Team Name 1
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>SMITH, JOHN</b> Team Name 2
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>SNOW, JOHN</b> Team Name 3
<b>Please select only one.</b> <input type="text" value="001"/>	

<b>SCSU General Elections 2015</b>	
<b>POLL CLERK INITIAL</b>	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>