



# SCSU agm 2014

# annual general meeting 2014

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## LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVES

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Beloved members,

Thank you for coming and welcome to the Scarborough Campus Students' Union (SCSU) Annual General meeting. This is a very exciting time as we get to engage with you, our membership about the work that we do for all of you.

Over the years, the SCSU has worked diligently to bring the membership a diverse range of events and programming to engage our membership. Whether it be through our events, campaigns, social justice initiatives, or our member-only cost saving services; we hope to help our members both in and outside the classroom. Through the combined effort of our 12,000 students, we have been able to make a lot of positive strides in the student realm.

Working together works! Through our combined efforts we have won a fall reading week, gotten more study space, made it easier for students to pay their tuition, and have helped steer the university towards a more environmentally friendly path. These accomplishments could not have happened without each and every one of our members, there is strength in numbers! However, a better campus is a continuum and requires constant attention. We still face many barriers both on and off campus that still need to be addressed, and who better to address them than the future; students.

Ontario still pays the highest tuition fees in all of Canada and our provincial government along with our administration has no intention of stopping the increases in tuition fees. Tuition fees have grown to become an epidemic and we must stand together and fight against these tuition fee hikes!

United with over 500,000 members across the country through the Canadian federation of students. We are actively working together to create a university atmosphere that is more accessible and affordable for people all over the country. This fight is everybody's battle to make sure people from all walks of life have access to high-quality education. A united voice has the capacity to create amazing things.

This is your student union, and we can achieve so much by standing together! We have achieved several victories, but much work still needs to be done. One team one dream.

Best Regards,  
SCSU Executive Team

# ROBERT RULES OF ORDER AT A GLANCE

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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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## equity statement

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# EQUITY STATEMENT & ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF LAND

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The following statements shall be read aloud during the opening address of all meeting and events held by the Scarborough Campus Student Union:

## 1. EQUITY STATEMENT

“As members of the Scarborough Campus Students’ Union, mutual respect, cooperation and understanding are our goals. We shall neither condone nor tolerate behaviour that undermines the dignity or self-esteem of any individual or creates an intimidating, hostile or offensive environment.

It is our collective responsibility to create a space that is inclusive and welcomes discussion. Any form of discrimination and harassment will not be tolerated. Hate speech rooted in, but not limited to, anti-Muslim, anti-Semitic, sexist, racist, classist, ableist, homophobic, or transphobic sentiments and/or remarks will also not be tolerated. We all have an obligation to ensure that an open and inclusive space, free of hate is established. Any behaviour that does not demonstrate an understanding of these principles and/or creates an unsafe atmosphere will not be tolerated.

## 2. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF LAND

We can never work to end systematic and institutional violence if we do not center the narratives of indigenous folks in our collective decision making for social justice and equity. As settlers in Canada we directly benefit from the colonization and genocide of the indigenous people of this land. In order to engage in resistance and solidarity against the injustices inflicted on the indigenous people of this land it is imperative we constantly engage in acts of decolonization. Therefore, I would like to acknowledge that we are on the traditional lands of the Mississauga New Credit peoples, the traditional owners of this land. I would also like to pay my respects to their elders past and present, and to any who may be here with us today, physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually.



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- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. EQUITY STATEMENT**
- 3. WELCOMING REMARKS & INTRODUCTIONS**
- 4. OVERVIEW OF PROCEDURES**
- 5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**MOTION**                      Moved: Chowdhury                      Seconded:

BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the 2014 SCSU Annual General Meeting be approved as presented.

## **6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION**                      Moved: Chowdhury                      Seconded:

BE IT RESOLVED that 2014 SCSU Annual General Meeting minutes package including the following documents be approved:

- a. 2013 SCSU Annual General Meeting, November 13, 2013

## **7. EXECUTIVE REPORT**

**MOTION**                      Moved: Chowdhury                      Seconded:

BE IT RESOLVED that Executive Report be approved as presented

## **8. RECEIPT OF THE 2013-2014 SCSU AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**MOTION**                      Moved: Mulatu                      Seconded:

BE IT RESOLVED that 2013-2014 SCSU Audited Financial Statements be approved as presented.

## **9. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS FOR 2014-15 FISCAL YEAR**

**MOTION**                      Moved: Mulatu                      Seconded:

BE IT RESOLVED that Yale and Partners be appointed as the external auditors for the Scarborough Campus Students' Union for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2015.



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### 10. MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS

**MOTION** Moved: Chowdhury Seconded:

Be it resolved that Bylaw II – Membership, Section 4 be amended to include:

- f. Seek to be hired for Executive or Director office

### 11. MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS

**MOTION** Moved: Chowdhury Seconded:

BE IT RESOLVED that Bylaw V – Board of Directors, Section 1, Sub-Section 1.2, Clause c. be amended to:

- c. Department of Anthropology and Health Studies

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Bylaw V – Board of Directors, Section 1, Sub-Section 1.5, Clause d. be amended to:

- d. All elected undergraduate students representatives of the UTSC Campus Council and its Boards and Committees

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Bylaw V – Board of Directors, Section 1, Sub-Section 1.5, Clause f. be amended to:

- f. Frontier College Moderator/Coordinating Chair or designate

### 12. MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS

**MOTION** Moved: Chowdhury Seconded:

BE IT RESOLVED that Bylaw X – Removal from Office, Section 1. Abandonment of Office be amended to:

#### 1. Abandonment of Office

- i. A director of the Union shall be deemed to have vacated their position automatically:
  - a. upon missing two (2) Board of Director meetings during the summer term with no regrets, or a total of three (3) meetings during the fall and winter term with regrets or, a total of two (2) meetings during the fall and winter term with no regrets;
  - b. upon missing a maximum of five (5) Board of Director meetings during their term;
  - c. fails to attend three consecutive meetings or any four meetings of the Commission or Committee which such Directors has been appointed; or
  - d. fails to satisfy the office requirements as established for three consecutive weeks or any four weeks as stated in Bylaw VII.



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- ii. Regrets shall be given 48 hours in advance to the Secretary of the Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Bylaw X – Removal from Office, Section 3, Sub-Section 3.1, Clause b. be amended to:

- b. If the vacancy occurs on or after August 1 or once the Fall Session General Elections process has begun, the Executive Committee shall post the vacant position for no less than twenty (20) days, conduct an interview process and select two (2) candidates to send to the Board of Directors for election.

## 13. MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS

**MOTION**                                      Moved: Chowdhury                                      Seconded:

BE IT RESOLVED that Bylaw XI – Commissions, be amended to:

## COMMISSIONS

### 1. Commissions

The Commissions of the Union shall conduct all decisions made by the Board and seek Board approval in all matters. All Commissions shall file an annual report to the Board at the Joint Board meeting. The Board shall maintain the following three (3) Commissions:

- 1.1 Campaigns & Equity Commission
- 1.2 Events Commission
- 1.3 Services Commission

### 2. Composition and Terms of Reference for Commissions

#### 2.1 Campaigns & Equity Commission

- a. The voting member of the Campaigns & Equity Commission shall be:
  - i. President
  - ii. Vice President Academics & University Affairs
  - iii. Vice President External
  - iv. Vice President Equity
  - v. Three (3) Directors who are not ex-officio Directors who are to be appointed by the Board
  - vi. Any member of the Union subject to ratification by the Board of Directors
- b. The Vice President Academics & University Affairs shall chair the Campaigns & Equity Commission. In the absence of the Vice President Academics & University Affairs, the Vice President External shall chair or, in their absence, the Vice President Equity shall chair.
- c. The Executive Director or designate shall serve as the secretary of the Campaigns & Equity Commission, who shall be responsible for forwarding all minutes and records of transactions to the Secretary of The Board.
- d. The Campaigns & Equity Commission shall be responsible for advocating and promoting campaigns related to education issues, issues related to national and provincial student unions, federal, provincial, and municipal governments, and external organizations to the University of Toronto.
- e. The Campaigns & Equity Commission shall ensure that Members are aware of the Union's position with respect to municipal, provincial, national and international educational issues.





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- f. The Campaigns & Equity Commission shall have the responsibility to consider all matters relating to municipal, provincial and national educational policy and recommend to the Board campaigns on all issues relating to this educational policy.
- g. The Campaigns & Equity Commission shall be responsible for advocating and promoting campaigns related to ensuring the University develop as an equitable space; ameliorate the status of women and minorities at the University.
- h. The Campaigns & Equity Commission shall implement projects and campaigns relating to racism, Islamophobia, homophobia and other forms of discrimination affecting the membership.
- i. The Campaigns & Equity Commission shall work with the Vice-President Equity to facilitate campus wide discussion and action on issues of equity.
- j. The Campaigns & Equity Commission shall discuss, develop, and formulate policy recommendations for the Union and for the University that aim to raise awareness of discrimination and promote equity in the University community.
- k. The Campaigns & Equity Commission shall work to facilitate campus wide discussion and action on issues of equity, and, in this spirit, work with the Clubs Committee and the Board with the aim of promoting this discussion.
- l. The Campaigns & Equity Commission shall ensure that Members are aware of the Union's position with respect to equity issues.
- m. The Campaigns & Equity Commission shall be responsible for advocacy on academic, cultural, educational and university governance issues at the University of Toronto.
- n. The Campaigns & Equity Commission shall work with UTSC Campus Councilors on relevant student academic and non-academic governance policy at the UTSC Campus Council.
- o. The Campaigns & Equity Commission may review any matters relating to the academic policies established by UTSC.
- p. The Campaigns & Equity Commission shall have the responsibility to consider and recommend to the Board of Directors all matters relating to academic policy.
- q. The Campaigns & Equity Commission shall ensure that Members are aware of the Union's position with respect to academic policy.
- r. The Campaigns & Equity Commission shall be responsible for implementation of federal, provincial and municipal campaigns on campus.

### 2.2 Events Commission

- a. The voting member of the Events Commission shall be:
- b. President
- c. Vice President Campus Life
- d. Vice President External
- e. Vice President Equity
- f. Three (3) Directors who are not ex-officio Directors who are to be appointed by The Board
- g. Any member of the Union subject to ratification by the Board of Directors
- h. The Vice President Campus Life shall chair the Events Commission. In the absence of the Vice President Campus Life, the Vice President Equity shall chair or, in their absence, the Vice President External shall chair
- i. The Executive Director or designate shall serve as the secretary of the Events Commission, who shall be responsible for forwarding all minutes and records of transactions to the Secretary of the Board.
- j. The Events Commission shall be responsible for assisting in the coordination of all of the Union's events.



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- k. The Events Commission shall be responsible for working with Student Clubs, and other student organisations to offer a diversity of events.
  - l. The Events Commission shall focus its resources and be responsible for advocating on student life issues at the University.
- 2.3 Services Commission
- a. The voting member of the Services Commission shall be:
  - b. President
  - c. Vice President Operations
  - d. Vice President Campus Life
  - e. Vice President Academics & University Affairs
  - f. Three (3) Directors who are not ex-officio Directors who are to be appointed by The Board
  - g. Any member of the Union subject to ratification by the Board of Directors
  - h. The Vice President Operations shall chair the Services Commission. In the absence of the Vice President Operations, the Vice President Academics & University Affairs shall chair or, in their absence, the Vice President Campus Life shall chair
  - i. The Executive Director or designate shall serve as the secretary of the Services Commission, who shall be responsible for forwarding all minutes and records of transactions to the Secretary of the Board.
  - j. The Services Commission shall be responsible for assisting in the coordination of all of the Union's services.
  - k. The Services Commission shall be responsible for working with Student Clubs, and other student organisations to offer a diversity of services.
  - l. The Services Commission shall focus its resources and be responsible for advocating on student services issues at the University.
  - m. Shall be consulted in the creation of the budget for the fiscal year that coincides with the elected term to provide recommendations to the Finance Committee
  - n. Discuss monthly income statements
  - o. Present recommendation to the Finance Committee on the format of the presentation and proposed expenditures
  - p. May request a detailed outline of expenses and budgets notwithstanding legally confidential items

### 3. Commission Membership

Members may sit on any Commission of the Union subject to ratification by the Board of Directors. Members of the Union shall become ratified members at a meeting of the Commission and shall obtain voting rights at the subsequent meeting of the Commission, pending approval of the Board.

### 4. Commission Procedures

- 4.1 Commission membership expires April 30th of every year.
- 4.2 The Commissions shall have the right to implement their own procedures which must obtain Board approval.
- 4.3 All Commissions shall meet at least once in September, October, November, January, February and March.
- 4.4 Notice of meeting shall be given no less than seventy-two hours (72) prior to the start of the meeting.
- 4.5 Every member has one vote and cannot proxy.
- 4.6 Non-Director members may be removed from Commissions by a majority vote at the Board.



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- 4.7 Non-Director members cease to be members of the Commission when they fail to attend three (3) consecutive meetings in a row.
- 4.8 Quorum is four (4) members of the Commission.
- 4.9 Commissions have the right to strike working groups and sub-committees to assist with the work of the Commission.
- 4.10 All resolutions of the Commissions have to be ratified by the Board.

### 14. MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS

**MOTION**                      Moved: Chowdhury                      Seconded:

BE IT RESOLVED that Bylaw XII – Committees be amended to read:

#### COMMITTEES

##### 1. Committees of the Union

The Committees of the Union shall conduct all decisions made by the Board and seek Board approval in all matters. All Committees shall file an annual report to the Board at the Joint Board meeting. The Board shall maintain the following five (5) Committees:

- 1.1 Executive Committee
- 1.2 Finance Committee
- 1.3 Policy & By-Laws Committee
- 1.4 Clubs Committee
- 1.5 DSA Committee

##### 2. Composition and Terms of Reference for Committees

- 2.1 Executive Committee
  - a. The voting member of the Executive Committee shall be:
    - i. President
    - ii. Vice President Academics & University Affairs
    - iii. Vice President External
    - iv. Vice President Equity
    - v. Vice President Operations
    - vi. Vice President Campus Life
    - vii. Two (2) members of the Union who shall each be appointed by the Board
  - b. The Executive Director shall be an ex-officio non-voting member of the Executive Committee.
  - c. The President shall chair the Executive Committee. In the absence of the President, the Vice President Academics & University Affairs shall chair or, in their absence, the Vice-President Equity shall chair.
  - d. The Executive Director shall serve as the secretary of the Executive Committee, who shall be responsible for forwarding all minutes and records of transactions to the Secretary of The Board.
  - e. The Executive Committee may review any matters relating to the property, revenue, business, and affairs of the Union. The Executive Committee shall have the responsibility to consider all matters relating to fiscal policy, revenue and expenditure.
  - f. The Executive Committee shall be responsible to for ensuring that all necessary books and records required according to the By-Laws of Union or by any applicable statute or law are regularly and properly kept.



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- g. The Executive Committee shall recommend policy, but shall not initiate policy without the approval of the Board or unless prior permission to establish any policy has been given by the Board.
- h. The Executive Committee is required to make a report to the Board once a month summarizing its activities.
- i. The Executive Committee may act in the absence of the Board provided such action is recorded in the minutes and is submitted to the next regular meeting of The Board.

### 2.2 Finance Committee

- a. The voting members of the Finance Committee shall be:
  - i. President
  - ii. Vice President Operations
  - iii. Two (2) Directors who are not ex-officio Directors who are to be appointed by the Board.
- b. The Vice President Operations shall chair the Finance Committee.
- c. The Executive Director or designate shall serve as the secretary of the Finance Committee, who shall be responsible for forwarding all minutes and records of transactions to the Secretary of The Board.
- d. The Finance Committee shall aid in the creation of the annual budget for the fiscal year that coincides with the elected term and shall present a recommended operating budget to the Board for ratification no later than August 30.
- e. The Finance Committee shall meet as needed.

### 2.3 Policy & By-Laws Committee

- a. The voting members of the Policy & By-Laws Committee shall be:
  - i. President
  - ii. Vice President Operations
  - iii. Vice President Academics & University Affairs
  - iv. Vice President Equity
  - v. Vice President External
  - vi. Two (2) Directors who are not ex-officio Directors who are to be appointed by The Board.
- b. The President shall chair the Policy & By-Laws Committee.
- c. The Executive Director or designate shall serve as the secretary of the Policy & By-Laws Committee, who shall be responsible for forwarding all minutes and records of transactions to the Secretary of The Board.
- d. The Policy & By-Laws Committee shall convene within the elected term to assess the state of the Union's By-Laws and develop initial amendments. These amendments shall be presented to the Board, and shall be ratified at a Union's Meeting of Members.
- e. The Policy & By-Laws Committee shall convene within the elected term to assess the state of the Union's Policies and develop initial amendments. These amendments shall be presented to the Board for ratification.
- f. The Policy & By-Laws Committee shall ensure that existing policy and procedure manual & the constitution and bylaws are updated and complete.
- g. All policies and procedures must be submitted to the Committee for review before Board approval.

### 2.4 Clubs Committee

- a. The voting members of the Clubs Committee shall be:
  - i. President



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- ii. Vice President Campus Life
  - iii. Vice President Equity
  - iv. Two (2) Directors who are not ex-officio Directors who are to be appointed by the Board.
  - v. Two (2) members of the Union who shall each be appointed by the Board in accordance to the Clubs Funding Policy.
  - b. The Vice President Campus Life shall chair the Clubs Committee.
  - c. The Executive Director or designate shall serve as the secretary of the Clubs Committee, who shall be responsible for forwarding all minutes and records of transactions to the Secretary of The Board.
  - d. The Clubs Committee shall have the responsibility to develop policy recommendations for the Board and relevant University organizations, offices, or departments that aim to improve the viability of the Clubs Community at UTSC.
  - e. The Clubs Committee shall have the responsibility to consider expenditures using Union funds allocated to clubs funding and club services funding.
  - f. The Clubs Committee shall assist the Campaigns & Equity Commission in working to facilitate campus wide discussion and action on issues of equity.
- 2.5 DSA Committee
- a. The voting members of the DSA Committee shall be:
    - i. President
    - ii. Vice President Academics & University Affairs
    - iii. Vice President Equity
    - iv. One (1) Directors who is not ex-officio Directors who is to be appointed by the Board.
    - v. One (1) member of the Union who shall be appointed by the Board in accordance to the DSA Funding Policy.
  - b. The Vice President Academics & University Affairs shall chair the DSA Committee.
  - c. The Executive Director or designate shall serve as the secretary of the DSA Committee, who shall be responsible for forwarding all minutes and records of transactions to the Secretary of The Board.
  - d. The DSA Committee shall have the responsibility to develop policy recommendations for the Board and relevant University organizations, offices, or departments that aim to improve the viability of the DSA Community at UTSC.
  - e. The DSA Committee shall have the responsibility to consider expenditures using Union funds allocated to DSA funding and DSA services funding.
  - f. The DSA Committee shall assist the Campaigns & Equity Commission in working to facilitate campus wide discussion and action on issues of equity.

### 3. Committee Procedures

- 3.1 Committee membership expires April 30th of every year.
- 3.2 The Committees shall have the right to implement their own procedures which must obtain Board approval.
- 3.3 All Committees shall meet as needed.
- 3.4 Notice of meeting shall be given no less than seventy-two hours (72) prior to the start of the meeting.
- 3.5 Every member has one vote and cannot proxy.
- 3.6 Not less than half the members of the Committee shall constitute quorum.



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- 3.7 Committees have the right to strike working groups and sub-committees to assist with the work of the Committee.
- 3.8 All resolutions of the Committee have to be ratified by the Board.

### 15. MOTION TO ADVOCATE FOR INDIGENOUS STUDIES AND PROGRAMMING

**MOTION**                      Moved: Hill                      Seconded:

WHEREAS the University of Toronto at St. George provides The Aboriginal Studies program; and

WHEREAS the University of Toronto at St. George has a First Nations House located on their campus; and

WHEREAS the University of Toronto at Mississauga has an Indigenous Centre located on their campus; and

WHEREAS the University of Toronto at Scarborough neither provides The Aboriginal Studies program nor has a centralized space for Indigenous students and programming; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Scarborough Campus Students' Union work alongside Indigenous students to advocate for Indigenous Studies at the University of Toronto at Scarborough; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Scarborough Campus Students' Union lobby the University of Toronto Scarborough to create a centralized space committed to Indigenous programming and support for Indigenous students.

### 16. MOTION ON INDIGENOUS AWARENESS WEEK

**MOTION**                      Moved: Hill                      Seconded:

WHEREAS Indigenous voices are regularly silenced within mainstream academic and mainstream discourses; and

WHEREAS Indigenous Awareness Week was initiated to honour, acknowledge, and raise awareness of Indigenous peoples, epistemologies, struggles, and methodologies; and

WHEREAS Indigenous Awareness Week is an annual week-long series of events that takes place at the University of Toronto at St. George and the University of Toronto at Mississauga; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Scarborough Campus Students' Union work alongside Indigenous students in creating and sustaining Indigenous Awareness Week at University of Toronto at Scarborough.





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### 17. MOTION ON CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

**MOTION**                      Moved: Dionisio                      Seconded:

Whereas Indigenous and racialized narratives and experiences are generally silenced in society; and

Whereas the University of Toronto Scarborough's curricula and teaching practices does not accommodate to the needs of its student population; and

Whereas students have expressed concern at forums such as Changing the Culture of the Classroom event that took place on March 5, 2014; and

Whereas the University of Toronto Scarborough currently does not systematically consult with its students to develop curricula and review programs; therefore

Be it resolved that the Scarborough Campus Students' Union regularly consult with students regarding curriculum development and advocate for these concerns at appropriate administrative bodies on their behalf.

Be it further resolved that the Scarborough Campus Students' Union lobby the University to adopt a consultation process for curriculum development in which Indigenous and racialized students can advise curriculum changes that more accurately reflect the UTSC population.

### 18. MOTION ON SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT

**MOTION**                      Moved: Azraq                      Seconded:

WHEREAS the University of Toronto is a public university in Toronto, Ontario, Canada; and

WHEREAS the University of Toronto receives funding from the Government of Ontario; and

WHEREAS the University of Toronto also receives funding from students in the form of tuition fees; and

WHEREAS the University of Toronto created a fully-owned subsidiary called the University of Toronto Asset Management Corporation (UTAM) in May 2000 for the purposes of managing the University's pension funds, endowments and other short and long-term investments; and

WHEREAS UTAM has in the past and is currently investing these funds in companies such as but not limited to BHP Billiton, Chevron Corp, Encana Corp, Exxon Mobil Corp, Halliburton Co, Northrop Grumman Corp, Pfizer Inc., Raytheon Company; and

WHEREAS BHP Billiton was ranked in 2010 as the 19<sup>th</sup> largest corporate polluter; and

WHEREAS Chevron Corp and Exxon Mobil Corp have been responsible for multiple environmental disasters such as but not limited to oil spills, deforestation, polluting forests and rivers on indigenous lands; and



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WHEREAS Exxon Mobil Corp has violated multiple human rights such as but not limited to removing domestic partner benefits for same-sex employees; and

WHEREAS Encana Corp utilizes hydraulic fracturing operations that causes pollution of ground and surface water, as well as air and soil pollution; and

WHEREAS Halliburton Co pleaded guilty to intentionally destroying evidence pertaining to the Deepwater Horizon oil spill in 2010; and

WHEREAS Northrop Grumman Corp is a weapons manufacturer and was the fourth-largest defense contractor in the world in 2010; and

WHEREAS Pfizer Inc. representatives administered an experimental antibiotic to approximately 200 children in Nigeria and more than 50 of these children died from the experiment; and

WHEREAS WikiLeaks documents indicate that Pfizer Inc. hired private investigators to black mail the Nigerian attorney general to drop legal actions against Pfizer Inc.; and

WHEREAS Raytheon Company is a major American weapons manufacturer and is the world's largest producer of guided missiles; and

WHEREAS the University of Toronto divested it from tobacco companies due to pressure from the University of Toronto community; and

WHEREAS the University of Toronto's *Investment, Delegation of Authority to the University of Toronto Asset Management Corporation* policy states "UTAM's obligations hereof to act in accordance with the Investment Policies and to act in accordance with any other instructions issued by the University from time to time"; therefore

WHEREAS the Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI), supported by the United Nations, is an international network of investors working together to put the responsible investment into practice; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Scarborough Campus Students' Union (SCSU) lobby the University of Toronto administration and its subsidiaries to become a signatory to the Principles for Responsible Investment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Scarborough Campus Students' Union initiate a review of the investments of the University of Toronto Asset Management Corporation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Scarborough Campus Students' Union submit this review to the University administration.



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### 19. MOTION TO OPPOSE BAN OF NIQAB

**MOTION**                      Moved: Abdul                      Seconded:

WHEREAS in December 2011, the Government of Canada banned women who wear niqab from becoming Canadian citizens unless they remove their niqab while taking the oath of citizenship in public ceremonies; and

WHEREAS women who choose not to remove their niqab must remain permanent residents without the right to vote or run for office in Canada; and

WHEREAS Jason Kenney, Canada's Ex-Immigration Minister in an interview on CBC News Network said the niqab is "a cultural tradition" which "reflects a certain view about women that we don't accept in Canada"; and

WHEREAS this ban forces those who wear the niqab to choose between their religious convictions and adopting Canadian citizenship; and

WHEREAS Zunera Ishaq has taken the federal government to court arguing the ban breaches her Charter rights and fails to accommodate her religious beliefs and dress code; and

WHEREAS Ishaq stated she had no issue with removing her niqab in a private setting for security or identification purposes;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Scarborough Campus Students' Union condemn the ban on niqab from citizenship ceremonies; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SCSU oppose any legislation that would restrict or prohibit any Canadian individual of their freedom of expression and/or Charter rights; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SCSU support Zunera Ishaq in her case against the federal government.

### 20. MOTION ON PROGRAM ACCESSABILITY

**MOTION**                      Moved: Dionisio                      Seconded:

WHEREAS the University of Toronto Scarborough continues to admit a disproportionate number of students without improving institutional infrastructure for program retention; and

WHEREAS upper-year students may be hindered from graduating in a timely manner due to challenges in course registration; and

WHEREAS students continue to express these concerns to the Scarborough Campus Students' Union and several Departmental Student Association's; and

WHEREAS a survey on course availability was created by several Departmental Student Association's to target courses where accommodation may be necessary; therefore



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BE IT RESOLVED that the Scarborough Campus Students' Union reach out to Departmental Student Associations to work on an interdisciplinary campaign addressing program accessibility.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Scarborough Campus Students' Union lobby the University of Toronto Scarborough to create a joint Task Force on Program Accessibility to address course availability and academic support and retention.

### 21. MOTION TO INTRODUCE ONLINE VOTING

**MOTION**                      Moved: Desai                      Seconded:

WHEREAS the Scarborough Campus Students' Union ("SCSU") is committed to accessible and open, democratic elections.

WHEREAS the SCSU is committed to furthering the directive of accessible, open and democratic elections.

WHEREAS the SCSU follows many of the same practices as the University of Toronto Students' Union ("UTSU") which currently practices online voting.

WHEREAS online voting allows for elections to be more accessible and open thus increasing voter participation

BE IT RESOLVED that the SCSU investigate the possibility and feasibility of online voting for the next election in February - if this is not possible then the following election.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SCSU deliver a report to the membership on the feasibility of online voting at the first board meeting following the winter break.

### 22. MOTION FOR SOLIDARITY WITH UTSU

**MOTION**                      Moved: Desai                      Seconded:

WHEREAS the University of Toronto Students' Union ("UTSU") is undergoing a restructuring of their board.

WHEREAS the UTSU membership feel that they will be greatly losing their representation on the UTSU, at the board level.

BE IT RESOLVED the SCSU issues a public show of support and solidarity for the membership of the UTSU, fellow UofT students.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the SCSU condemns the board restructure proposal raised by the UTSU executives



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### **23. MOTION FOR THE STUDENT TO HAVE STUDY ROOMS REMAIN OPEN AT NIGHT FOR THE BENEFIT OF COMMUTER STUDENTS WHO NEED A SECLUDED STUDY SPACE**

**MOTION**                      Moved: Desai                      Seconded:

WHEREAS the campus has limited study space, especially at night  
WHEREAS the student center is already open 24/7

WHEREAS the rooms can be used for private study space for students that stay at school to study all night

WHEREAS the student center belongs to the students and should always be accessible to them

BE IT RESOLVED that the rooms on the second floor of the student center remain open for in order to increase study and student space for students on campus

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SCSU commences this policy at the end of this meeting

### **24. MOTION TO PUT A HOT WATER MACHINE IN THE STUDENT CENTRE**

**MOTION**                      Moved: Desai                      Seconded:

WHEREAS students do not have a kitchen area and may not want to use microwaved hot water

WHEREAS a hot water machine will allow students to make quick hot drinks and noodles especially when campus food spots are closed

BE IT RESOLVED that the hot water machine be bought and installed next to the microwave in the student center by December 2014

### **25. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION**                      Moved: Chowdhury                      Seconded:

BE IT RESOLVED that the 2014 SCSU Annual General Meeting be adjourned.







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## 1. CALL TO ORDER

This meeting is called to order at 17: 48

## 2. EQUITY STATEMENT

Khogali reads the statement of Equity highlighting the Acknowledgement of the Lands.

## 3. WELCOMING REMARKS & INTRODUCTIONS

Worku: Our AGM brings together students to discuss the work that the union has done throughout the last year. Study space, tuition fee billing, making transit more accessible in the Scarborough area. The AGM is a precursor for the work done throughout the year.

> State of Post-secondary education: At the union, we're mandated to make sure that Post-secondary education is accessible. Tuition fees have been on the rise in the last decade, and ever since the liberal government has gone into power, tuition fees have increased by 108%. We encourage you to continue to get involved.

## 4. OVERVIEW OF PROCEDURES

- Voting card is important for voting on motions
- Refer to Robert's Rule of Order
- Make sure to take name while speaking
- Any given motion, no one can speak twice on the same motion, and no more than 10 minutes on one motion
- Rotating between in favours and against motions and first-time speakers will get priority
- One seconder per motion

## 5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

**MOTION**                      Moved: Worku                      Seconded: De Leon

BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the 2013 SCSU Annual General Meeting be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

## 6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**MOTION**                      Moved: Worku                      Seconded: Mohammed

BE IT RESOLVED that 2013 SCSU Annual General Meeting minutes package including the following documents be approved:

- a. 2012 SCSU Annual General Meeting, November 21, 2012

**CARRIED**



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### 7. EXECUTIVE REPORT

#### MOTION

Moved: Worku

Seconded: Ramirez

BE IT RESOLVED that Executive Report be approved as presented

#### DISCUSSION

##### Services and Operations

Anti-oppression training: make sure our Group Leaders, senior leaders, logistical leaders are being trained properly.

AV: give AV equipment for students to borrow; also in TV lounge

Club and DSA training: in order to be eligible for training, must attend DSA training- these are held multiple semesters

DSA restructuring: essentially created to form SCSU; about 15 DSA's have been established. It's important for DSA's to recognize SCSU is there as their resource

Exam de-stressors held first 2 weeks of December

Rex's Den: new pools tables, arcade games .

➤ Introduced new vegan and vegetarian options at Rex' Den

Tax Clinic: serviced 700 students

Offer 200 jobs on campus: Rex's Den, KFC, Hero Burger, etc. to help alleviate tuition fees

Sweat-shop free merchandise: looking to make University also sweat-shop free

VNP: 3500 students signed up; offer scholarships

##### Campaigns and Advocacy

Academics Right Campaign: important for students to know their academic rights

> Nehrin will offer 1-1 consultations

Credit- no credit increase: before only 1.0 credit; in order to get this, you had to pass the course with 60%. Last committee, it was decided that students can now have 2.0 credits and the passing grade 50%

SCSU equity officer: at the university executive level; it's in the final stages of hiring the officer

Idle no more: launched last year, to start organization indigenous issues (aboriginal students)

Fall reading week: 4 years in the making to ensure we have a full reading week

International students: Union and other student union worked to eliminate work permit requirement for international students; also have off-campus work permit

Labour movement: SCSU became affiliated member of the York Region member council-> students face a lot of issues that workers face, also



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Community benefits agreements: CVA is an agreement for companies that are working in the local communities in order to ensure they are benefitting.

Library: invented a quiet policy; started renovations in the last couple of days (example of how students work with the union; e.g. of achievement)

Outreach: conscious effort to talk to students so that students understand what the work they are doing;

Racialized student collective: new initiative that started this year. Safe space for students to identify as racialized students. This year, hosting their first ever black history conference.

Study space campaign: working year in and year out; e.g. the new BV spaces. Happened last month. Have been working on this in 2009. Definitely an achievement.

The F-word campaign: Talked about equity issues, such as fraternities; things of that sort that are challenging ableism on campus. It's been a great way to engage and educate students on equity issues

The Toronto City Budget: SCSU has played an instrumental role in the preparation of the TCB; worked with a lot of city partners to ensure the City of Toronto is keeping the priority of students at first hand.

Transit: Transit in Scarborough is inaccessible and not that great, so SCSU has been working on it. Trying to work with community partners as well as other communities. Many students filled out surveys called "We Ride: Greater Transit Accessibility". Collected over 2000 surveys

Tuition fee billing: next September 2014, new way to get tuition fee on campus

Right now, required to pay majority of the lump sum in September. Currently, interest fees are 19% annually. U of T has made over \$1.8 million just in interests. Students can now pay tuition fee per semester: only pay for fall; then pay for winter when enrolled in winter

Tri campus governance coalition: working with other student unions over the past 2 years. There's a new governing body called Campus Council. They were able to get a lot of other victories, even though lost a lot of student seats. Realized it's important to work in solidarity with other students.

### Events

ArtSide out: support multidisciplinary events

Beaten by the Law: tackling systematic racism in the legal system

Black and White: Fifth one; great sellout

Annual Boat Cruise: Great event

Cultural mosaic: Annual mosaic, in mid march; decided to do a pre-mosaic event. 200 flags hanging out student center so great way to get students involved.



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Commissions: Campaigns and equity commission and the Events Commission. Held monthly. Any student can attend and every student has a vote.

Disorientation: 2nd annual. Social justice block party- local performance artist named Shad (Local people talked about the work they do around social justice)

Let's get real: how cultural appropriation is embedded in media.

Interdisciplinary research (IRDS): worked in collaboration with graduate students on campus as well as Vice Principle of Research; realized that we need a lot of undergraduates as researchers. Talk to Nehrin for more information, as she will guide students interested in undergraduate research.

National and Provincial Lobby week: Last year and in March, attended Lobby week to talk to local MP's and MPP's about some of the work that students are facing and do this again in collaboration with students across Ontario

Residence move-in: Towards end of August, had a fun carnival with music, free food

SCSU Loves You: free book give away. Event ended up being 4 hour.

SCSU orientation: 'Ignite Your Legacy' -> Usually, it was Arts, Science and Management as separate departments. This year, integrated all the departments, and received much positive feedback for this integrated model

Academic Love Day: 4.0 Fair. Great Fiasco concert in downtown. A lot of students and members came out, so great way to met many first years.

Sustain-A-week: EPSA and GCSA, held first ever Sustain Week.

Hikes Stop Here: Ontario government introduced a new tuition fee framework towards Easter Long Weekend in March. Many students were unaware about this new fee campaign; so trying to get the government to reverse raised tuition fee that students have been receiving

Zombie walk: Great turnout

Think Before You Pink: Trying to tap the real issue on breast cancer. Many people liked the model

UTSC on Ice: December 20<sup>th</sup>- free event; right after last exam. Harbourfront Rink at downtown, by bus.

The Chair states to speak on any issues, concerns, or comments on the executive report.

### DISCUSSION

De Leon: The presentation failed to recognize their work. Clarification: what vision does SCSU have and how does it plan to be involved directly with tri-campus issues? What do you plan to do moving forward?



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Worku: The campus is trying to make the university an autonomous campus, through the Campus Council (Mississauga and Scarborough). The Campus Council is undergoing a review this year. Doing the best to ensure that the procedures, support, student seats are being maintained. Second week of December, Nehrin will be doing a presentation at the governing council about the SCSU. Meeting twice a month with the governance coalition. Nehrin has scheduled meetings with the local governors as well as members of the campus and governing council in order to ensure they are collectively working together. It's important to note that SCSU are elected representative, you DO elect your governors.

Desai: In terms of accountability, how do we know how much money is going where? As students, are we allowed to vote?

Worku: Right after this presentation will be the audited financial statements. So you'll get an opportunity to get to see how the financial statements are presented. We do present the budget every year; the BOD are open for everyone to come and attend; that's an opportunity to voice your opinion on the budget

## CARRIED

### 8. RECEIPT OF THE 2012-2013 SCSU AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### MOTION

Moved: LIU

Seconded: Nasiri

BE IT RESOLVED that 2012-2013 SCSU Audited Financial Statements be approved as presented.

Gordon Lee: This year, engaged by SCSU to perform the audited of their financial statement. Our roles are to verify the numbers that the management of the SCSU has put together and that the numbers are reported accurately.

New this year: 2013, the SCSU adopted the new Canadian accounting standards for Non-profit organizations. That resulted in no change.

Assets: cash and cash equivalent. Represent GIC.

Accounts receivable: money that's due from UTSC

Inventory: mostly TTC passes.

Investment and loans: investment in the for-profit restaurants run by the SCSU

Property and equipment: equipment invested in the restaurants

Deferred amounts: money has been received but expenses will be incurred after the year-end of April 30th.

Health and dental fees: moneys that will be paid for future dental and health premium

Student levis: student levis that the students have voted on where money have been collected and not all have been dispersed at the year end

Small debt: regard to certain money (disclosed in note 8)

Statement of Operations: the revenues recognized and health and dental plan disbursement are identical; we're only recognizing the revenues to the extent that the expenses were incurred for the fees. The rest are being held for future expenses and also for adverse experience that could occur later on

TTC metro pass and fair sales: very close to identical: objective of the SCSU to operate as a non-profit; they sell at cost; not attempt o make any profit

Unrestricted general fee: in common with 2012; increase in enrollment





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Other MISC.: general revenues from other activities outside the student fees  
Restricted referendum fees: identical on the expenses and revenues  
Rental operations: SCSU rents certain space for various entities  
U of T gives an operating subsidy to the restaurant; some of the subsidy, because liquor license is held by U of T rather than the student union

Other expenses: In 2012, the student union helped with the construction with the new Student Centre. In the case of U of T, it owns the asset.  
Note 6: Deferred student levis.

Student refugee program: what's still to be paid out  
Health initiatives in developing countries: \$31,000; student refugee: \$34,000  
Group Health and Dental: Since 2011, surplus has been building up

**CARRIED**

**9. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS FOR 2013-14 FISCAL YEAR**

**MOTION**                                      Moved: LIU                                      Seconded: Bui

BE IT RESOLVED that Yale and Partners be appointed as the external auditors for the Scarborough Campus Students' Union for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2014.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION**                                      Moved: Bastawrous                                      Seconded: Yussef

BE IT RESOLVED that for every motion, there will be only 3 speakers in favour, 3 against, and no longer than 2 minutes at the mic.

**CARRIED**

**10. MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS**

**MOTION**                                      Moved: Worku                                      Seconded: Ahmed

- BE IT RESOLVED that Bylaw X 1 be amended to read:
- i. A director of the Union shall be deemed to have vacated their position automatically:
    - a. upon missing two (2) Board of Director meetings during the summer term, or a total of three (3) meetings during the fall and winter term with regrets or, a total of two (2) meetings during the fall and winter term with no regrets;
    - b. fails to attend three consecutive meetings or any four meetings of the Commission or Committee which such Directors has been appointed; or
    - c. fails to satisfy the office requirements as established for three consecutive weeks or any four weeks as stated in Bylaw VII.
  - ii. Regrets shall be given 48 hours in advance to the Secretary of the Board.



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#### 11. MOTION INITIATE SUSTAINABILITY CAMPAIGN

##### MOTION

Moved: Chowdhury

Seconded: Talih

WHEREAS the destruction of natural resources is happening at an uncontrollable rate due to anthropogenic forces; and

WHEREAS forests and trees, a crucial resource in the production of paper products, are being eradicated at an alarming rate; and

WHEREAS the University of Toronto excessively prints and uses paper for a variety of reasons, and because it is the responsibility of this University to ensure that sustainable practices are embedded into its policies; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Scarborough Campus Students' Union, lobby the University of Toronto administration to change all printer settings to have double sided printing set as the default setting; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Scarborough Campus Students' Union lobby the University administration to only utilize post-consumer recycled paper in all its operations.

### DISCUSSION

Zelikson: When students print double-sided, do we pay less for printing less pages, or pay more for double ink? How does it apply to fees?

Worku: If this motion is passed, a proposal will be presented to the Operations of the university. Currently, the University is in favour but support from membership is needed. If you go to the library, one page will equal the same fees if double-sided. There will be no additional fees incurred on the students.

Zelikson: I've tried printing it double-sided and it still charges for 2 pages. That happened at Copy Cats.

De Leon: Copy Cats is for-profit printing services. It's not the same as library, hence they do charge for double-sided papers.

Cairins: I've had encountered before with professors where they wouldn't accept double-sided printed assignments.

**MOTION** Moved: Cairins

Seconded: Reid

Be it further resolved that SCSU lobby the administration to mandate instructors and professors to accept double-sided assignments.

### CARRIED



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### 12. MOTION SUPPORT THE TAMIL PEOPLE

#### MOTION

Moved: Nehrin

Seconded: Jaghettsawaran

WHEREAS the Tamil people have historically inhabited the North-Eastern parts of the island of Sri Lanka as their traditional homeland; and

WHEREAS the Tamil people are distinguished from other groups living in the island by their unique language, culture, religion, traditions and history; and

WHEREAS the Tamil nation has been historically marginalized in language, education, and citizenship and suffered state sponsored pogroms; and

WHEREAS the ground realities in the Tamil homeland, which include heavy militarization by the Sri Lankan government and structural abuse of Tamils, all targeted to destroy the identity of the Tamil people and the Tamil homeland; and

WHEREAS an explicit, intended and accelerated process of structural genocide in the militarily occupied North and East still continues and is the reality of what Sri Lanka calls a "post-conflict" situation; and

WHEREAS despite the Government of Sri Lanka declaring a return to normalcy there continues to be a denial of political and civil rights for the Tamil people, the Tamil people continue to endure violent persecution, media restrictions, the Sri Lankan military occupation of the North-East, ethnic cleansing and colonialism, forced detention and slow progress in resettlement of Internally Displaced Peoples (IDPS); and

WHEREAS the Scarborough Campus Students' Union has stood in solidarity and consistently supported the Tamil community's call for justice, fairness, and human rights while being a strong voice for peace on the global stage.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Scarborough Campus Students' Union shall endorse the international call to immediately establish an independent, international, and impartial mechanism to ensure truth, accountability and justice in Sri Lanka; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Scarborough Campus Students' Union encourages its members to pressure the Federal Government to unequivocally call for an international war crimes inquiry to establish accountability and true reconciliation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Scarborough Campus Students' Union condemn the genocidal actions of the Government of Sri Lanka; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Scarborough Campus Students' Union encourages its members to stand in solidarity with the Tamil nation in their global struggle for self-determination and freedom; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Scarborough Campus Students' Union calls for an immediate end to the colonialism and genocide of the Tamil nation and an end to the occupation of the Tamil homeland by the Sri Lankan Armed Forces and its allied paramilitary groups.



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Nehrin (in favour): Many students are affected by this locally, particularly those from the Tamil diaspora. The struggle for Tamil Eelam is lawful and just because it asks for the rights of the Tamil people. This motion calls for the recognition of the Tamils of Sri Lanka as a distinct nationality, the recognition of an identified Tamil homeland and guarantee its territorial integrity. While the Tamil people still continue to endure violent persecution, media restrictions, forced detentions, colonialism in Sri Lanka, students at UTSC have been organizing to fight for Tamil Elam and create awareness about the struggle of their people. The SCSU has stood in solidarity and continue to support the Tamil communities for justice, fairness, and its human rights.

Paskaran (in favour): SCSU is addressing this issue that affects thousands of students and choosing to stand on solidarity with the international Tamil community, means that our union understands that injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. That is something to be very proud of. This is not the first time the student movement has been at the forefront standing in solidarity with human rights movements around the world. In 2009: during the height of the genocide of the Tamil people, students all across Ontario took the lead in creating an awareness and standing side to side with the Tamil community. This motion is symbolic of the place of the student movement and that place is standing in solidarity with victims of oppressions.

Ranzito (in favour): Apartheid fell in Africa because of the actions of people like us, two generations ago. Apartheid can fall anywhere around the world because of our own actions here on campus today. The Sri Lankan government has committed genocide against Tamil people but it's not too late to stand for justice but it is too late to be on the right side of history. Please vote in favour for this motion.

## CARRIED

### 13. MOTION TO ENDORSE ISRAEL APARTHEID WEEK

#### MOTION

Moved: Khogali

Seconded: Fakhrashrafi

WHEREAS Israeli Apartheid Week (IAW) is an annual, internationally recognized event that cities and campuses all over the world participate in; and

WHEREAS the aim of IAW is to raise awareness and promote discussion about topics that affect SCSU members; and

WHEREAS IAW is an event that many SCSU members get involved with and plan many initiatives and programming that engage the UTSC community; and

WHEREAS the purpose of IAW is in accordance with the SCSU mandate of supporting self-determination, combating oppression and recognizing fundamental human rights; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the SCSU endorse Israeli Apartheid Week; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SCSU be in solidarity with campus groups that organize around Israeli Apartheid Week at UTSC.

Khogali (in favour): Israeli Apartheid Week is an Internationally recognized event. Various cities and campuses from around the world come to participate and raise awareness and promote discussions on topics around



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Israeli and Palestinian relations. It is in our mandate as the SCSU to provide a common framework in which students continue to communicate and exchange information and share experiences and ideas. As the student Union, we democratically represent and provide a stage for mutual empowerment of our diverse student membership. IAW provides a safe space for students to engage in, a multiplicity of narratives of one of the biggest social justice issues of our time. It also allows students to engage in educational office unions to broaden their scope on this globally pressing issue that has an effect on students of our membership. Numerous SCSU members are interested in planning initiative and engage in the UTSC community at large with this event. IAW is in accordance with the SCSU mandate on supporting self-determination, combating oppression and recognizing fundamental human rights.

Zelikson (against): The motion states that it's intended to support self-determination, combating oppression, and recognizing rights. I just feel that while doing do, we must ensure that by extending solidarity to one group, we're not oppressing any other groups on campus. We should stand in solidarity with all groups on campus that are involved with this issue. If we had this SCSU sponsored event, and Jewish Student Life, for example, were to come to the table, then anything we say to contextualize the issue, or speak in defense of Israel, it gets portrayed as if we are these racist, unreasonable cold-blooded people that have no notion of what's happening in the world. If we were to criticize it, it gets blown up out of proportion. This is not just a thought experiment. It has brought tension to other campus where it was adopted, such as York University.

Azraq (in favour): There seems to be a lot of confusion about endorsing Apartheid Week so whether or not SCSU chooses to endorse Apartheid Week, it will still go on this campus, across the globe, year after year until Israel stops the illegal Apartheid policy. The Apartheid is seen vividly. A lot of people who don't support it should go to Israel and see how vivid it is. The fact that I can't even join the same flight as you even though I'm born Canadian and lived in Canada my whole life, the fact that my parents are from Palestine denies me the right to go to present day Israel or Palestine. I have to go to humiliating checkpoint after checkpoint just to go to my own homeland.

The fact that I have a green Israeli regulated identify card means I can only stay in the West Bank.

Desai (against): I am a supported of Palestine but I think SCSU shouldn't do this. Everyone's a part of the student body and making decisions like this is making the fire build up. SCSU should stay out of it, because it's not fair. Imagine if there was a Palestinian apartheid week and we went to school where a lot of the students were Israeli and the votes were for them. I wouldn't feel welcomed. The Student Union should worry about student-related activities and issues. This is a political issue, and to endorse it is unfair.

Fakhrashrafi (in favour): Present day Israel is in an apartheid state, made up of different laws for different people. IAW is an anti-racist and educational campaign used to raise awareness about Present day apartheid policies that deny Palestinians of basic human rights. SCSU Bylaw policies state that the Purpose of the union is to work towards building environment free of systemic societal oppression to develop political and equity based campaigns. We cant stop this systematic discrimination without knowledge about how these apartheid policies are being implemented. IAW creates a space for events and discussions to raise awareness about what Israeli Apartheid does. As an elective voice of the student body, it's the SCSU responsibility to increase safe spaces on campus. Unfortunately, we don't keep this luxury to keep things neutral or apolitical because our University continues to invest in corporations that profligate present day Israeli war-crafts and apartheid. IAW frames the conversations in a way that it is anti-racist. These policies violate international law. UTSC students have the right to know how our



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actions support human rights abuses in Palestine. This motion will not act as a motion that divides our campus, rather it enriches the campus with educational discussion.

Zelikson (against): At the same time, the Jewish students would like to present their view as well. It would make sense to endorse both Israeli events and Jewish events, and not just endorse one. Apartheid week may sound like a benign education antiracial event, but it is associated with an international event that had negative consequences on other campuses. Taking issues out of context, it dehumanizes Israel. As University students, we should be able to put issues in a lot more context, and not just displaying emotions. IAW is misleading in this formulation.

**MOTION:** Moved: Samuels Seconded: Osagie

BE IT RESOLVED that the speaker's list is extended to allow 3 more people in favour and against.

### CARRIED

Arale (in favour): Everything the SCSU does as a student union is political. There's nothing that we can do as an organization, that is not political. Students pay tuition money to Universities that put money in investment in companies that produce missiles, that are used to fire and kill innocent Palestinian lives. Many people don't know that the money is being used for things like such. Students have been the fore point of change for decades. In South African Apartheid, students were the ones leading the charge, to say 'no, Apartheid is wrong in south Africa. Why should we have one in Israel'.

Samuels: I have no problems with supporting human rights violations. I support all people to be equal. But when you're suggesting to take one side of an issue which is highly political, emotional, then there's an issue. The IAW has themed Zionists to be racist. By SCSU supporting this motion, you're condemning Jews, Zionists, and Israelis on this campus as racist. In your own motion, you said the SCSU is to protect all people from discrimination. The IAW WILL in fact do this. Even if you vote against this, they'll still do this. Both sides need to be supported and heard. The Student Union has suggested that we should take one side; no side is right in history. You can't say that term broadly. You want to have political statements and views, you can't say what the majority wants. Only a few selected people want this. This entire argument about majority wanting IAW is FALSE- nonsense, foolishness. It's important to present dialogues, we need to present both sides on this issue.

Cairins: If pro-Israeli wants to set up a table, I have a problem with that the big problem comes that those arguments are insanely hard to make. This is not really contentious. Migration controls internally. Student population shouldn't be throwing our money at without having proper information. Whatever information reveals to be the truth, that needs to be presented. Without having a forum for that, we're chucking our money at the university, which is supporting something that we don't clearly understand.

**MOTION** Moved: Miller Seconded: Samuels

MOTION to defer this to the next BOD.

### DISCUSSION



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Miller (in favour): I support open dialogue on both sides. I'm against for having solidarity to one point of view. I'd suggest a new week (Israeli-Palestine week) be put forward to make better decisions, to not take one side or another. As university students, we could voice our opinions and make this safe environment that's not on other campus such as McGill or York U. Make this First Israel-Palestine week.

De Leon (against tabling): This number should vote not a select group of directors. Special general meeting, if desired by the students. Have this discussion among as many students as possible.

Azraq (against tabling): This affects students' everyday of the life. Looking at the magnitude, we mobilize the UTSC community. We came together as a unified voice. We're currently going through a publication. UTSC tell their testimonials and how they're affected. This affects us everyday. This is the perfect time to bring this motion forward.

**MOTION**                      Moved: Zelikson                      Seconded: Miller

Amendment to tabling motion 13 to the next General Meeting of the SCSU

### DISCUSSION

Zelikson (in favour of tabling): This motion was posted in this package 14 days ago, during busy midterm season. I only found out too late to present any substantial amendment. It would be fair if more time was given, for people to suggest any amendments, so that everyone in the school could be aware of what's going on and what their options are, and could be here to vote on.

Arale (against tabling): IAW is an event that happens every year. If we're going defer it to next year, it's going to be a different Apartheid week.

Zelikson (in favour of tabling): In the motion, it says IAW is an annual event, which means to imply that by endorsing this, this is a continuous, ongoing, annual endorsement.

Fakhrashrafi (against tabling): This is not something we can wait on. This isn't about equal sided-issue. This is an issue where our University is we don't have the luxury of waiting. Our funds are going to apartheid week right now. Everyone's affected by it. There has been a military occupation for 60 years, and that's too many.

Batsworus (against tabling): This current situation, all the events that are happening, it's becoming aggregating. In my opinion, because the Palestinian group is pro-active in raising awareness of this issue, this is a matter of delaying the inevitable. Something that's happening persistently. It's a matter of ignorance. There was a huge discussion on this last year's meeting. It's coming here again, the conclusion and solution, it seems, is to delay further. I urge the opposing group to gather resources better, to proving the point. At this point, both ends have done their jobs. I do not think we should delay this.

### FAILED

Original motion: Table this motion to the next BOD meeting of the SCSU.  
1 speaker in favour and 2 against.





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## FAILED

Original motion: Apartheid week as it is on paper, right now.

Rizzi (against): What's been brought up so far is not a lot of information that's going on. At the moment, we don't have too much information on each side.

Azraq (in favour): In general, understand that this isn't about two sides. Israel is in an apartheid state that has apartheid policies. Not saying that Israel is 100% wrong or that Palestine is 100% right. We're talking about systematic racism and discrimination, which is very clear. We need to education everyone campus so that they are aware. Knowledge comes first; liberation comes second.

## CARRIED

### 14. MOTION TO OPPOSE CHARTER OF QUEBEC VALUES

#### MOTION

Moved: Arale

Seconded: Shamoun

WHEREAS the Parti Quebecois has plans to propose a controversial "Charter of Quebec Values" that would restrict public sector employees from wearing religious symbols such as hijabs, niqabs, kippas, turbans and other items; and

WHEREAS this includes judges, police officers, teachers, municipal and hospital workers being scrutinized for "unacceptable" hats, jewelry and other religious wear; and

WHEREAS this the "Charter of Quebec Values also makes it mandatory to have one's face uncovered while providing or receiving a state service; and

WHEREAS the charter would restrict people's freedom of expression and practice of religion in public places; and

WHEREAS this proposal disproportionately affects racialized and immigrant communities and will make jobs in the public sector inaccessible to racialized and immigrant communities; and

WHEREAS the Scarborough Campus Students' Union is committed to combating oppression, including islamophobia and anti-semitism; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the SCSU condemn the Charter of Quebec Values; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SCSU opposes any legislation that would restrict or prohibit people's freedom of expression and religion in public places; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a letter be written to Premier Pauline Marois condemning the proposed Charter of Quebec Values.



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Arale (in favour): Parti Quebecois just introduced a controversial Charter of Value, which would restrict the public from wearing religious symbols. It's racist and unconstitutional. Just because of your religion or faith, it shouldn't determine where you should and shouldn't be able to work. This bill will increase systematic barriers. It needs to be something that the student body takes a strong stance on. You shouldn't have the government tell you can't work in the school, hospital, etc.

Najjar: (in favour)- The Quebec Charter of value seeks to limit the wearing of conspicuous 'religious' symbols for all state personnel and make it mandatory to have one's face uncovered when providing or receiving state services. This Bill condemns and denies the freedom to express and practice religion and the freedom of movement in public work places that ultimately effect immigrant communities. UTSC having a population of 10,000 is also considered home for out-of-province students, some of who associate with a religious identity. That's why it is both important and critical for SCSU to endorse this critical motion and solidarity. This bill directly affects members of UTSC student bodies. This is the subtle call for division.

Asfia (in favour): When good people encounter evil, whether as a manifestation of human nature, or political outcome, they feel frustration. It would be worse if they didn't take matters in their stride. It would be very attractive if people just shrugged and say "Well, isn't it too bad, a bunch of men and women are being mowed down by the Canadian government? But hey, there's nothing we can do, so, what about dinner?" Even though doing nothing is favourable to doing the wrong thing, to do nothing after a mass murder or rights and freedom of Canadian citizens, would seem unbearably callous. And that's how it happens. In order to seem caring rather than callous, we end up doing the wrong thing. The wrong thing will be, unless we the students of UTSC intervene, new measures of state control over our clothes, over our jewelry, possibly extending to monitoring not just what we wear on our bodies, but also what we carry on our minds. Hijab, niqab, crucifix, turbans, will become this state's pet peeve to the nations' belief towards speech. The measure to control our bodies and mind will reduce our freedom, our human rights, and dignity, without increasing fairness and inequality. It will increase a sense of alienation, discrimination, insecurities, broken country, a broken pride. In the 21<sup>st</sup> century, with this bill, Canada's moving towards a tragedy. What's the reason or the state monopoly? This Parti Quebecois is proposing a crime, violence, insanity that they want to legalize and nationalize.

**CARRIED**

**15. MOTION TO INVESTIGATE CREATION OF EQUITY SERVICE GROUPS**

**MOTION**                      Moved: Arale                      Seconded: De Leon

WHEREAS the Scarborough Campus Students' Union (SCSU) has a mandate to facilitate equity work on campus; and

WHEREAS the SCSU runs many equity campaigns and is committed in organizing with an anti-oppressive framework; and

WHEREAS there are many campus groups that also create safe spaces for marginalized identities that are also committed to having equity work on campus; and

WHEREAS the SCSU recognizes that an intersectional approach needs to be taken when doing equity work; therefore



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BE IT RESOLVED that the SCSU work with campus groups to facilitate and support a structure where groups could better work together and in solidarity, addressing the intersectional approach needed in doing equity work.

Arale: SCSU has tried to have an anti-oppressive framework organization but also to take the charge making this campus more equitable space. We have an equity officer. We have amazing groups on campus that do amazing work on equity. We need to figure out how these groups will work together to facilitate the creation of regroups. Better use of resources- Intersectional framework. For those reasons, I'm motivating the motion.

Danok (in favour): Equality is giving everyone a shoe, equity is giving everyone a shoe that fits. Equity is about creating that safe space on campus where students have the freedom to truly express themselves and identify in a way they feel that is comfortable. As the Chair of Board of Directors for the Women's Centre, I see equity everyday out of extreme plans. This is importance because there are resources that students can use to enhance their experiences. This motion will give organizations around campus resources and benefits and as a collective, they represent student bodies and everyone will benefit from it.

Moore (in favour): I see the results of our work everyday. As a racialized body, we're in a university with a student union that's willing to acknowledge the disparities in that capital is a very revolutionary thing. All we're asking is that we receive support so that we continue to network into intersectionality, to bring different racialized student clubs together on campus.

McCallum: Clarification for ways in creating to do more equity work; any new things they'll be doing?

Guled: This motion is asking for this mandate to start conversation with different groups on campus. Have a conversation within those groups on how we can more closely work together, and ensuring that resources in terms of programming and campaigns are in order to, firstly address intersectionality, and secondly, to try to facilitate other forums on discrimination and equity that can be done on campus.

Kevin: Point of information: About this motion, Guled listed 3 groups on campus, that'd be part of the equity services groups that'd be working together in collective. Are there other groups on campus, and if there are, would these groups also be included into sharing these resources. Is it only those 3 groups being affected?

Worku: This motion is to investigate the creation of equity services. Right now, the Racialized Student collective is contingent on the representatives on those that actually want to make the stuff work. What could happen is that next year, students might not be interested in this work. This motion is presenting is that we're bale to create structure for collectives like the racialized student collective, to last year after year. Student clubs wouldn't classify under this framework, however, they can assist working with equity services groups. Equity services groups generally tend to cater to certain marginalized groups such as the SCL and the RSC. This motion is to ensure stability and institutionalizing these collectives year after year.

**CARRIED**



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### 16. MOTION TO ENDORSE STOP LINE 9 CAMPAIGN

#### MOTION

Moved: Arale

Seconded: Talih

WHEREAS Enbridge wants to reverse the direction of its 38 year old pipeline (Line 9) in order to transport Tar Sand from Alberta; and

WHEREAS the transport of raw bitumen is more susceptible to pipeline breaks and damaging spills; and

WHEREAS an Enbridge tar sands oil spill into Michigan`s Kalamazoo River in 2010, caused people to permanently lose their homes and severely impacted people`s health and costs more than \$1 billion to clean up; and

WHEREAS Line 9 cuts right through Toronto and 3 major lakes leading to Lake Ontario, threatening property and water tables as well as our drinking water; and

WHEREAS Environmental Defense Canada has a campaign called "Stop Line 9" that demands the Federal Minister of the Environment Leona Aglukkaq and Ontario Environment Minister Jim Bradley to conduct a full environmental assessment for Enbridge's proposed Line 9B Reversal and Line 9 Capacity Expansion Project; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the SCSU endorse the "Stop Line 9" campaign; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SCSU call for a full environmental assessment and public hearings into this risky project.

Guled (in favour): Line 9: a line that's used to transport natural gas. Enbridge proposes that line 9 be reversed, but instead of natural gas, it will carry raw bitumen in the pipeline. Raises many concerns: raw bitumen is a lot more susceptible to pipeline breaks, and having unrefined tar sands oil from Alberta is going to be a lot more difficult to carry in pipelines. Enbridge doesn't have the best reputation when it comes to oil spills: Michigan's kalamazoo river-- spills that happened from the pipeline. There was a billion dollars worth of clean up. Enbridge doesn't have a plan to deal with the pipeline spill in occurrence of the Line 9 reversal. If there were something to happen to this pipeline, Enbridge would not be knowledgeable in what to do. That would leave the people responsible for dealing with it. A lot of indigenous rights that have been violated- not that much negotiations with the indigenous groups that this line goes through. A lot of oppositions from these groups. Lastly, this pipeline runs straight through Toronto. There are many people's homes that would be severely impacted if the oil spill occurs. Our water supply would also be impacted. Our health, environment, and indigenous concerns shouldn't be ignored. This proposal is basically to endorse a soft line campaign, which is asking for an environmental assessment to be done. For indigenous rights to be acknowledged in the way that this proposal being moved forward. This pipeline runs through the community. It would do severe damage if we don't try to stop it.

McCallum: SCSU is going to endorse the stop line. Are they going to be working with specific environmental groups to raise awareness about that issue on campus?



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Chowdhury (in favour): Right now, what's being transported through the pipeline is natural gas, which is much less dense than bitumen, which is much more dense. The pipeline is currently built to only transport natural gas but now trying to move solid. Line 9 goes through green space in Toronto.

Bazos (against): I don't feel that this is an appropriate use of the SCSU's resources or time. It's not needed, required or necessary.

Desai(against): It's ridiculous that we're talking about these issues but forgetting about real student issues. Why aren't we talking about bringing down the prices for parking or putting lights in front of the walkway. Missing the point and talking about stuff that's not the Student's Union to focus on.

Gregory (against): This doesn't work hard to advocate students' rights. Everybody recognized that it doesn't provide valuable services. Doesn't provide quality events and programs, nor volunteer or job opportunities for student. We need to promote student activities that affect students. This doesn't do anything. It maybe a good cause, but it's a waste of students' money.

Nehrin (in favour): their concerns about this aren't related to the academic ground. We do work on study space, lowering student fees. Doing work like stop Line 9 or any other motions involved in this package are not mutually exclusive. In terms of having expertise, it's not about that. Stop Line 9 campaign will be worked on with partners that do have expertise. There are indigenous students on this campus that are directly affected by it. The campaign on the whole created only 100 jobs. Degradation of the environment because of this project is really expensive.

## CARRIED

### 17. MOTION TO ENDORSE NoJetsTO CAMPAIGN

#### MOTION

Moved: Arale

Seconded: Dionisio

WHEREAS Porter Airlines has announce expansion plans and look to purchase Bombardier CS100 jets to serve new destinations; and

WHEREAS Porter Airlines needs to change the terms of the 1983 Tripartite Agreement with the City of Toronto, Toronto Port Authority and the Federal Government to allow jets on the Toronto Island Airport; and

WHEREAS there are environmental and health impacts to emissions from jets aircrafts that would negatively impact the waterfront and residents living by it; and

WHEREAS Toronto`s Waterfront should be protected for all residents to enjoy; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Scarborough Campus Students` Union (SCSU) endorse the NoJetsTO campaign; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SCSU write a letter to Toronto City Council calling to maintain the Tripartite Agreement and prevent it from allowing jets at the Toronto Island Airport.

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Arale (in favour): In downtown Toronto on the waterfront, there's an airport called the Emission Airport. Right now, there's a proposal to have an agreement be amended to include Jets on the airport. A lot of people in the community are speaking against it. The proposal would mean there would be extra 1.6m cars in downtown Toronto facility, because of the expansion of this airport. For those who drive downtown, are already aware of the difficulty in mobility in downtown. Imagine 1.6m cars more. Environmental concerns: Lots of air pollution. Also, we're already spending a lot of money building a rail-line from Union station to Pearson Airport, which will get people to the airport in less than 25 minutes. For those already living in downtown, they can easily travel to the airport from close by. Having another location which will have negative impact on downtown Toronto makes no sense. Ultimately, should the waterfront be made for all of us to enjoy or for certain companies to make money?

Mulatu (favour): We spent 5.5b dollars renovating the waterfront in Toronto. In addition, this project will allow for 1.4 million additional passengers. That's supposed to provide \$1.9 bill in economic benefit. On the other hand, we're building a train line to get people from union station to the Pearson International airport in \$500 mill. It didn't account in its planning process how they'll accommodate the additional passengers. Metrolinx proposed an idea based on assumptions which do not include these jets.

Gregory (against): I didn't hear much about UTSC, which the student union is supposed to represent. Not something that should be addressed in student union. You can join a group, but running through a student union is a waste of time.

Talih (in favour): Us, as human beings, as people, we live on this earth and we are agents for our own destruction. We are voluntarily destroying the land that our children and grandchildren are supposed to live on. So, if you're going to have jets that are destroying the environment, if people like us say no, we're not going to adhere, because we have other things to worry about, then who's going to fight for it? Grassroot organizations are doing their best. Is anyone listening? No. Corporations are so much more powerful than us. Us- we're the future of Canada. Fighting for Canada because I'm a human being. I don't want my children to be breathing poison.

Hassan (against). The structured principle behind the campaign, is established a situation where there are legitimate points to be made on both fronts on this campaign. This is my personal opinion. It's not the best place to have conversations about jets in downtown Toronto. Are there environmental concerns? Perhaps. The No Jets TO Campaign, I'm not as familiar with. I'm against the motion not because I'm for the jets but because I would like to know more.

Habiba Desai: Request for Information: How much is this going to cost us?

Arale: \$0

## CARRIED

### 18. MOTION TO JOIN CANADIAN PEACE ALLIANCE

**MOTION** Moved: Arale Seconded: McCallum

WHEREAS the Canadian Peace Alliance (CPA) is Canada`s largest umbrella peace organization; and





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WHEREAS the CPA lobbies the Canadian government with major campaigns to prevent Canada from engaging in wars and military actions; and  
WHEREAS students at the University of Toronto Scarborough have expressed interest in becoming members of the CPA at the SCSU Anti-War Coalition meeting; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED the Scarborough Campus Students' Union take up membership to the Canadian Peace Alliance.

### DISCUSSION

Arale (in favour): Students attended the meeting and asked if they can become members of the CPA. CPA is an umbrella organization with the goal that our government should be prioritizing other things than militarization. War is bad. We're asking to join different community groups all across the country to come on that banner that we should be spending our tax dollars on other things than guns, tanks, planes, and killing other people in different countries. Especially from the student's perspectives, our governments are increasing money and putting more money in the military, year over year, while they invest less money into education. We should be dropping fees, not bombs.

Mathew: Point of information. Do you know exactly word for word what they do support, so that we know what the SCSU is supporting? An actual proof for what they support.

Arale: The organization helps you frame whatever issues and stance they are taking. Right now, the two big things they are working on is the prioritization of the budgeting process in the Canadian government where they want to say that instead of putting money into militarization, they should put it towards health and education. There's a convention happening in January where they will speak on more issues where you can become a part of that.

Bazos (against): I want to address in regards to the comment made by Arale, that the government is spending more money in the military. If you talk to your friends that are in the military, you'll find out that the government is actually cutting much of their budget.

Kogali: The CPA is Canada's largest Peace Organization. Since it's foundation in 1985, the organization has been helping member groups to act as a broad network in order to provide a strong coordinated voice for peace issues on the national level. CPA member groups' goals include recent funds, military spending, to human needs, working towards a global nuclear disarmament to making Canada a consistent leader for the world peace. Strengthening world institutions for peaceful resolutions and conflict and protecting the rights of all people. Facilitate the development of strategies for Canadian peace improvements and produce a distribution for education and action.

Habiba Desai: Point of Information- how much will the membership cost us?

Arale: \$500 annual contribution

Fakhrashrafi (in favour): The CPA does essential anti-war work with the aim of creating sustainable peace. Unfortunately, war remains a lived reality, for many people around the globe, including UTSC students because many of us have been displaced by war and violence. Canada's involvement in military occupation including recent invasions of Iraq and Afghanistan reflects material agenda that uses war to gain profits. While the





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government expands its military sector, it neglects social services and education. As students facing increased fees, it makes our education inaccessible so it is essential that we take a stand against violence and show our government that we want them to be prioritizing affordable education, rather than propagating war displacement that is affecting our family. Joining the CPA is an important step that we must take to remember the soldiers while working towards a more peaceful future.

Desai (against): I believe we have better things to do with \$500, like putting up hot water machines. We have so many things that students need, so putting our money towards all these things doesn't make sense to me. It's not the student union's job to be doing this.

Najjar (against): I went to the anti-war meeting on September. Sid Ryan, the speaker, was very misinformed with the reality of the situation, especially going on in the Middle East. From the knowledge that I have received from the past 10 minutes, and from my experience going to that meeting, I personally have no choice but to conclude the CPA has absolutely no idea what they're talking about. \$500 going to an organization that is disorganized and has no idea what it stands for, is a waste of money.

Ramlal (favour): I wanted to address a certain moral opposition: we are a student union, and we do affect the lives of students. As a student, I don't only think about school work; I think about issues outside of this, like war issues. As a student union, we understand the need that we need to go out and take a stance on these certain issues.

**MOTION**                      Moved: Munroe      Seconded: McCallum

Motion to extend the speaker's list for 3 in favour and 3 against.

**FAILED**

**CARRIED**

## 19. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION**                      Moved: Worku                      Seconded: Mulatu

BE IT RESOLVED that the 2013 SCSU Annual General Meeting be adjourned.

Worku: I'd like to thank everyone for coming to the AGM. It's important for us to work together to ensure that priorities of students are at the core front of not only the University administration but also at the Provincial and Federal level. Today was a perfect example of us coming together to talk about issues that are facing our student membership. A lot of student issues are multi-faceted, and go beyond the classroom. We must recognize that we have a very diverse campus, with student from different cultural backgrounds and identities. Since student issues are something that go beyond the classroom, we need to recognize that it's not just us as individuals, we need to take into consideration what other student member's issues are facing. Lastly, please feel free to come out to the Director meetings that are open to everyone and anyone to attend.

**CARRIED**

The meeting is adjourned at 20:21





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# E D O

**EQUITY OFFICER POSITION**

For years the SCSU has lobbied the University of Toronto administration to create the Equity Officer position. Finally our hard work paid off! The SCSU sat on the hiring committee's rounds of interviews for UTSC's new Equity Officer position. We are proud to welcome Tanya (Toni) De Mello as our first Equity Officer, and are excited for all the positive work she'll bring to this campus!

**ACADEMIC APPEALS AND PETITIONS**

One of the duties of the VP Academics and University Affairs is assisting students in academic appeals and petitions. Last year, this service was advertised heavily so students knew they could access this resource. The SCSU often helps students who have exhausted resources of the University and students whose rights they feel have been violated by the University. This year, the SCSU will be implementing a structure (online booking and request form) that will make it much easier for students to access this resource and for the SCSU to better assist students.

**STUDENT ACADEMIC HANDBOOK**

This handbook was created by the University to reflect the Academic Handbook for Faculty and Staff. The student handbook had not been revised for years. After several revisions proposed by the SCSU and meetings with the Vice-Dean Undergraduate, the new Student Academic Handbook is much more student-friendly.

**MULTIDISCIPLINARY UNDERGRADUATE JOURNAL**

In tandem with the Departmental Student Associations, and guidance from the UTSC VP Research Office, the SCSU has been working on a multidisciplinary journal that will consist of published and/or unpublished research of undergraduate students at UTSC. So far, we have worked with the Students of English, Literature and Film and a professor from the English department to successfully expand the journal to the Humanities department. We continue to gage interest to move the project forward in the Social Sciences and Life Sciences.

**COURSE EVALUATIONS**

This is a University-distributed survey to collect data on student input in the classroom. It is the number one source that helps decide what improvements need to be made in teaching practices and syllabus structure. Course evaluations have been transitioned from paper to online surveys, resulting in lower response rates from students, and thus giving the University less feedback to work with in improving the academic experience from year to year. Course evaluations are also the source of data necessary for the Union to create the anti-calendar, a service provided to students to assess how student experience in specific courses has been in past years. Upon moving to an online system, the University now publicizes course evaluations on Blackboard (without commentary), effectively stopping the production of the anti-calendar.



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## DISCOUNTED TICKETS AND FRONT DESK SALES

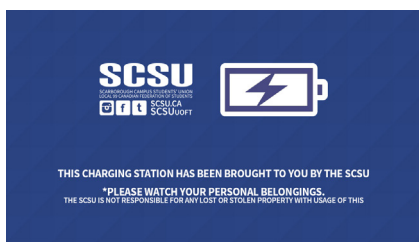
Over the previous year (November – September) the SCSU has serviced its membership by offering discounted tickets and other items for cheaper prices (over \$150,000 in TTC costs alone). These include, but are not limited to:

- 211 Wonderland discounted tickets leading to countless screams on the rollercoasters
- 1,110 Discounted Cineplex Tickets to view the latest blockbusters
- 84 tickets to Raptors, Toronto FC and Maple Leafs Games to support your home teams
- 5,922 Discounted TTC Adult and Post-Secondary Metropasses to access the inaccessible transit
- 4,405 5-packs of TTC Tokens to further access the inaccessible service
- 82 CNE and Wild Water Kingdom visits to eat deep fried Mars Bars and cool off in the summer heat



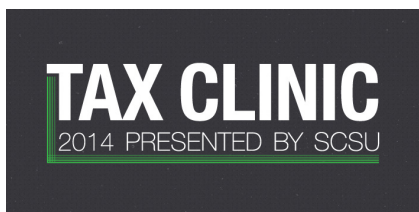
## BURSARIES

Tuition fees are ridiculously high and the SCSU recognizes that. Navigating life as student amongst other identities and carrying a huge student debt on your back while jumping over social barriers consistently is exhausting. The SCSU offered bursaries to make it a little easier for students who demonstrated financial need both in the fall and winter sessions. Student are always encouraged to participate in this program that runs in both the fall and winter semesters. Over \$18,000 dollars we're given back through this program.



## CELL PHONE CHARGING STATIONS

Tired of having your cell phone run out of battery half way through your day? We heard you! This year, the SCSU introduced a new service: charging stations! Two brand-new charging stations have been installed in the Student Centre. Each stations has 8 charging tips to accommodate iPhone's, Androids, and Blackberries. These stations are conveniently located in opposite corners of the food court so students can enjoy their meals while charging their phones.



## TAX CLINIC

In the 2014 year, the SCSU Free Income Tax Clinic was able to assist over 1,000 UTSC students in filing their personal income taxes, saving students over \$40,000! Our team of 50 junior and senior associates collectively worked hundreds of volunteer hours to complete these filings and we look forward to servicing UTSC again this year. In addition, we were able to secure a \$1,000 sponsorship from CPA/CMA to help cover some of the operating costs of running the program.



## SCSU RESTAURANTS INCORPORATED

This year Rex's Den has re-vamped its look on its menu, website, and all social media platforms. Rex's Den bookings have been widely utilized by student organizations whether it be the Lounge or Rex's lab. New games have also been introduced at Rex's Den including pool tables, air hockey, fooseball, and basketball.



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**KFC EXPRESS**



Further, we've hired a manager for Rex's Den who has been instrumental in bringing much needed organizational and operational structures to ensure that Rex's Den is set up for success. These include but are not limited to: a new menu, staff training and hiring and, cost controls. Please note that Rex's Den has been getting support from the SCSU team with respect to club/event bookings and pub nights. However, it's currently moving steadily towards a self-sufficient operational model without much support or interference from the SCSU similar to all of our franchises, whether it be financial or general operations.

The much-loved #TweetBeforeYouEat campaign was introduced as a weekly contest last year. Every week one lucky student who sent in their tweet of what they ordered at Rex's wins a \$5 coupon to Rex's Den. The redemption rate so far has been close to 100%.

Moreover, Rex's Den as well as HERO Burger and KFC Express have been hiring students for various positions, including servers, team members and kitchen utility staff.

We've hired Rex's Den Events Coordinators to plan, promote and execute organic Rex's Den programming. They are consistent with the SRI's mission to hire students whenever possible with positions that give path to skill development. Additionally, Rex's Den has partnered with Fusion Radio to do bi-weekly programming at Rex's Den for UTSC students to relax, enjoy some good food and experience the culture of music.

HERO and KFC will be launching promotions in November in order to bring new items to UTSC and ultimately reduce prices for students. HERO will be giving away coupon packages for new items for each day of the week.

### SPONSORSHIP/COLLABORATION

Throughout the last year, the SCSU has contributed over \$10,000 in sponsorship to assist clubs in their initiatives. Some of our largest sponsorships went to ArtSideOut, IDSSA, TedxUTSC and LASA. We also cover all expenses incurred by recognized SCSU student groups when they book out Rex's Den's Lounge and staffing costs associated with larger events.

We have participated in a wide array of collaborative events with student groups including African Students Association, Chinese Undergrad Association, Caribbean Connections, Indigenous Students Association, SC:OUT, Students of English Literature and Film, EMRG, Fusion Radio, Toronto Students for Justice in Palestine, Scarborough Campus Athletics Association, Tamil Students Association, World Fit for Children, Residence Students and many more.

### NEW A/V EQUIPMENT

New A/V equipment was purchased this year, including portable and wired microphones, portable speakers, and a portable TV with laptop connectivity. The new equipment has been well-utilized by clubs and greatly enhanced campus life activities.



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Further, we are ecstatic to see that clubs are choosing to utilize the Student Centre tables and meeting rooms to host events, have meetings, and promote their activities. With the new TV in SL-222 and soon to be installed TV's in SL-219, students have the convenience of technology built in to their bookings. Furthermore, a state of the art A/V system is installed in the TV lounge and is available for student use.



### CLUB LOCKERS

The SCSU offers 104 club lockers inside the student Centre that are available to clubs all year around. Almost all lockers have been booked so far this year. New and existing clubs can apply for a club locker by submitting an application to the SCSU front desk.

### LOCKER PROGRAM

We have updated our locker system! In order to address issues regarding locker availability right at the beginning of semesters, the SCSU invested in a new locker system that is user friendly, allows for stronger reporting tools and easy to manage and administer. The new system has been up and running since the last week of August. To accommodate co-op students, we will be selling fall-only and winter-only lockers in addition to our regular fall through winter lockers.



### SCSU AWARDS

Every year the SCSU along with the Registrar's office administers the SCSU awards. SCSU awards are a scholarship given to students who have shown involvement in campus life as well as academic excellence in the classroom. A whole host of applicants applied and two were selected to receive the award during the awards night. Each award is valued at \$500.

### SCSU OFFICE HOURS & GENERAL OPERATIONS

Recognizing that the SCSU also represents part-time students and that most part-time students are working jobs that may not be close to UTSC, we are introducing increased office hours. Starting in the week of September 29, the SCSU has increase front desk hours from 5pm to 7pm for a trial period of two months. After which a review of the program will be used to decide on its effectiveness.

As a part of the SCSU website update, we have moved room bookings online. It has gone live in the past few weeks and will be the new method for accepting booking for tables, meeting rooms and food court events. We will still accept booking via e-mail but do expect a phase out by the end of December.

### AODA COMPLIANCE

Over the last month, the SCSU has been reviewing and moving towards full compliance with AODA standards. This included a review of our services, graphics, customer service and website to insure that we are accessible and compliant with AODA standards. We have already invested in a website upgrade





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and will partner with Accessibility Services to provide training to all staff, especially all front desk staff.

We have updated the layout of our website. The previous website was not cell phone or tablet compatible and does not mean AODA standards, which is a legal requirement for organizations to make them compatible by the end of 2014. Given these facts we felt it was necessary for a website revamp. The SCSU is in the process of creating a plan to finalize all outstanding AODA requirements and recommendations, including the plan to shorten the height of our front desk to make it fully accessible. Proposals to cost-share the capital projects are being prepared and we are seeking other methods of funding.





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### SOLIDARITY WITH LABOUR MOVEMENT

Throughout the past year, the Scarborough Campus Students' Union has been working in solidarity with different labours unions. The SCSU became an affiliate member of the Toronto and York Region Labor Council. The Toronto and York Region Labour Council is a central labour body that combines the strength of hundreds of local unions representing 195,000 working individuals and their families. Its mandate is to organize and advocate on issues that are vital to working people throughout the region.

SCSU representatives attended the Student Union/Labour Union Symposium. It was an event that was co-hosted by the Canadian Federation of Students and the Toronto and York Region Labour Council. The symposium stressed the need for student worker solidarity, as well as building the basis for local campus labour unions and student unions to work together. The symposium began with an exploration of the realities that students and workers are facing and moved onto building a model for all of the unions to better work together.

Another initiative we have been working with the labour movement are Community Benefit Agreements. With the close to 9 billion dollars being invested in Toronto with the new transit lines, there has been a push to come up with a community benefit agreement to go along with the new investments. A CBA is an agreement that the companies who are building have to agree on to make sure that the jobs created with the new lines are given to the local and marginalized communities that the lines will be effecting, for example youth. If that much money is being invested in the city, the communities that need investment should get it.

The SCSU also attended the Ontario Federation of Labour's general assembly of the Common Front. The Common Front brought together over 150 representatives from labour, student and community organizations to push back against the attacks on our economic and democratic rights and work to achieve fundamental progressive system change. There was an exciting list of speakers lined up and workshops to learn new skills to help us organize on our campus.

On September 2nd 2013, the SCSU stood in solidarity with thousands of workers who marched in the annual Labour Day Parade. The theme was "Together Fairness Works".

### STUDENT SOCIETIES SUMMIT

#### *PREAMBLE*

The Vice-President and Provost Office began hosting a Student Society Summit in August of last year. UTM and UTSG Societies were invited to participate; UTSC societies were left out of participation. On April 14, 2014, the Vice-President and Provost Office released a Report with recommendations for societies of all three campuses. In order to be more inclusive, the Scarborough Campus Students' Union began holding our own Student Societies Summits to include societies that were not involved in consultations that formed the report. The report included recommendations that remove the right of student societies to function as autonomous bodies.

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## MOVEMENT

Outreach was done on a tri-campus level to inform our membership, societies, levy groups, and governors of the effect of these changes to our autonomy. The Scarborough Campus Student's Union took a stance on the issue by condemning the recommendations and the process of the administration-held summit.

<b>AHA</b> Anthropology and Health Association	<b>APS</b> Association of Philosophy Students	<b>AMACSS</b> Association of Mathematics and Computer Science Students	<b>ARTSA</b> Arts, Culture, and Media Student Association
<b>BioSA</b> Biology Students' Association	<b>EPSA</b> Environmental and Physical Sciences Students' Association	<b>GCSA</b> Geography and City Studies Student Association	<b>HCSSA</b> Historical and Cultural Studies Student Association
<b>IDSSA</b> International Development Studies Student Association	<b>LSA</b> Linguistics Student Association	<b>MESA</b> Management and Economics Students' Association	<b>PNDA</b> Psychology and Neuroscience Departmental Association
<b>PSAA</b> Political Science Students Association	<b>SELF</b> Students of English Literature & Film	<b>SOS</b> Students of Sociology	<b>FDSA</b> L'Association des Étudiants du Département Français - French Department Student Association

## DSA COUNCIL

This council was created as a forum to allow for improved support and assistance to the 16 Departmental Student Associations. Understanding the unique mandates and relationships these partners have with corresponding administrative bodies, this forum allows for productive and holistic discussion on improving the academic experience. With improved communication, the DSAs and SCSU have been able to work collaboratively on academic issues such as study space, course availability, and academic programming and services. It has also allowed the SCSU to better support DSAs where needed, such as holding workshops to help build capacity for the newer DSAs. In recognizing the expanding needs and number of DSAs, the SCSU has also increased DSA funding this year.

## SCSU-UTSC LIBRARY COLLABORATIONS

The SCSU continues to work with the Library to improve service to UTSC students. Together, we have worked on implementing the quiet library monitoring system, and ensuring appropriate use of limited library spaces, as well as maximizing use of spaces where electrical outlets exist. The SCSU continues to explore the possibility of using decommissioned books in the SCSU Book Giveaway, and continuing to support the Food for Fines program that allows students to remove library fines from their T-card when donating food for charity.



## XAO: RESISTING VIOLENCE

The SCSU, in collaboration with the UTSC Women & Trans\* Centre, Tamil Student Association, Thaqalyan Muslim Association, Toronto Student for Justice in Palestine, and SC:OUT held Xpression Against Oppression. XAO is a series of events that takes place throughout a month span aimed to address equity based issues from a variety of narratives.

## FAITH & RACE DIALOGUE

The SCSU partnered with ARCCDO to put on an event to discuss how race and faith intersect and how this impacts our learning in our classrooms.

## THINK BEFORE YOU PINK

The SCSU took a new approach to critique this past staple event previously called "Think Pink" that provided a critical social justice and equity lens to combat the pink washing elements of this past event and educate the student body on the corporatization of Breast Cancer following a film screening of Pink Ribbons, Inc.





## NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE AND ACTION ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

The SCSU hosted the first ever vigil where folks chalked on the wall outside of the SC:Out office with messages of solidarity and action.

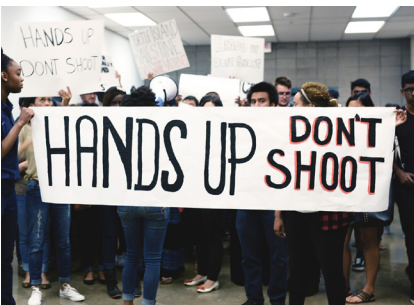
## BOYCOTT, DIVESTMENT AND SANCTIONS (BDS) MOVEMENT

On Friday August 8, SCSU executives attended the Palestine-Solidarity Activist Training put on by the Ryerson Students' Union. Executives learned of narratives that continue to be hidden in mainstream Canadian discourses. The SCSU continues to work with various UofT unions, student groups, and professors to lobby the University of Toronto to divest from all companies that profit off Israel's occupation and colonization of Palestinian land.



## SCSU'S CAMPAIGNS & EQUITY COMMISSION

The Campaigns & Equity Commission was created to allow more transparency and student input in SCSU's campaigns and projects. In its first year, productive conversation was had revolving around equity issues and academic advocacy. 3 sub-committees were struck: the Racialized Student Collective, the F-Word, and the Study Space Sub-Committee. The Campaigns & Equity Commission serves as a place where students organize, collaborate and work alongside the VP Equity to create equity-based campaigns at UTSC. At our first Campaigns & Equity Commission this year six subcommittees were launched, including UofT Divest, Holistic Health, International Students, Mental Health, SCARS, and Community. Sabrina Azraq, your VP Equity, continues to base her work on the interests students raise at these commissions.



## #HANDSUPUTSC

On Wednesday, September 10, the Scarborough Campus Students' Union in collaboration with Caribbean Connections at UTSC organized a walkout in solidarity with Mike Brown and all communities facing police brutality and racial profiling. Students marched chanting "Hands up! Don't Shoot" through the hallways of our campus. The march ended outside, where students heard powerful speeches by the organizers and wrote messages of solidarity to Mike Brown and the people of Ferguson on a banner. The banner is now hanging in the Student Centre. This action ignited a larger conversation about police brutality and anti-Black racism which ultimately led to the creation of the Scarborough Campus Anti-Racism Subcommittee (SCARS).



On Thursday, September 18, the Scarborough Campus Students' Union collaborated with The Women and Trans\* Centre, the Indigenous Students Association, Campus Safety & Security, and the Residence Life Team to engage in an action against gender-based violence. Speeches of solidarity were given by the SCSU, the Women and Trans\* Centre, and Campus Safety & Security followed by a march and a vigil. A speech was given by the Indigenous Students Association that spoke of the ways in which colonization and sexual violence intersect, specifically for Indigenous women and Two-Spirit people.

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## **SCARBOROUGH CAMPUS ANTI-RACISM SUBCOMMITTEE (SCARS)**

SCSU's Scarborough Campus Anti-Racism Subcommittee (SCARS) was launched at SCSU's first Campaigns & Equity Commission. It had its first meeting on Thursday, October 9, facilitated by co-Chairperson Jessica Kirk. On October 22, SCARS held its first event, a film screening of *Crash* followed by a discussion facilitated by Dr. Philip S. S. Howard. This event was a critique on the film *Crash* and more generally on the ways in which mainstream media illustrates racism in a way that ignores the structural foundation of racism. SCARS and the UofT Divest Subcommittee have teamed up with various student clubs, professors, and DSAs in initiating a conference and oral history project centered on the myth of security. If you would like to join SCARS or learn more about this subcommittee, please email Jessica Kirk at [jessicapaulinekirk@gmail.com](mailto:jessicapaulinekirk@gmail.com) or Sabrine Azraq at [equity@scsu.ca](mailto:equity@scsu.ca).



## **UOFT DIVEST SUBCOMMITTEE**

SCSU's UofT Divest Subcommittee was launched at SCSU's first Campaigns & Equity Commission. It had its first meeting on October 9 with a discussion facilitated by co-Chairperson Mitra Fakhrahrافی. UofT Divest is working with the SCSU, UTMSU, and GSU in demanding the University of Toronto divest from Israeli apartheid. It is also working alongside SCARS in creating an anti-colonial conference here at UTSC. If you would like to learn more about this subcommittee, please email Mitra Fakhrahrافی at [mitrafs@hotmail.com](mailto:mitrafs@hotmail.com) or Sabrine Azraq at [equity@scsu.ca](mailto:equity@scsu.ca).

## **HOLISTIC HEALTH SUBCOMMITTEE**

SCSU's Holistic Health Subcommittee was launched by Ranim Talih at SCSU's first Campaigns & Equity Commission. It had its first meeting on Thursday, October 9. Ranim Talih led this meeting and facilitated a discussion on organizing future events centered on diet and meditation. The Holistic Health Subcommittee also teamed up with the Meditation & Consciousness Club to have a booth at the Health & Wellness "Mental Health Understood" Fair. If you would like to join or learn more about the Holistic Health Subcommittee, please email Ranim Talih at [ranim.talih@hotmail.com](mailto:ranim.talih@hotmail.com) or Sabrine Azraq at [equity@scsu.ca](mailto:equity@scsu.ca).



## **#UMBRELLAREVOLUTION AT UTSC**

Your VP Equity teamed up with a group of students who were tabling in the Student Centre about the eruption of mass civil disobedience in Hong Kong to bring the #UmbrellaRevolution to UTSC. On Tuesday, October 7, students marched to the IC building with signs and banners demanding full democracy in Hong Kong. If you would like to know more about this action or would like to continue the conversation, please email James Wang at [jwsb0702@gmail.com](mailto:jwsb0702@gmail.com) or Sabrine at [equity@scsu.ca](mailto:equity@scsu.ca).



## **KNOW YOUR RIGHTS CAMPAIGN**

This passive campaign is based on University Policy to inform students of their rights in the classroom. Examples include: the right to refuse submissions to



turnitin, and the right to practice one's religion during class and/or exam time. The SCSU continues to inform and advocate for students' rights to the University.

**STUDY SPACE WORKING GROUP**

This Working Group was created to allow student input on the allocation, re-allocation, structure, and issues surrounding existing and forthcoming study space. The Union continues to bring forward issues on students' behalf, addressing issues such as space for different learning styles, amount of space, electrical outlets, and most recently, recommendations for the renovation of the R-Space to Highland Hall.



**STUDY SPACE ROUNDTABLE**

This roundtable discussion forum was created as a branch of the Study Space Sub-Committee to directly allow students to air out and address concerns regarding study space. Topics included: Library operating hours and conditions, lack of quiet study space, as well as absence of 24/7 space on campus that fits student learning styles.

**CHANGING THE CULTURE OF THE CLASSROOM**

This forum was created to allow students from various programs to express their own experiences and outline incidents that occurred in the classroom. General themes included: student-instructor conflicts, accessibility of the classroom, and the Eurocentric nature of the curriculum at UTSC.



**SCSU LET'S GO GREEN CAMPAIGN**

After passing a motion at last year's AGM to use only 100% post-consumer waste paper and implement double-sided printing for all SCSU material, we have taken the next step of proposing this change to all administrative bodies of the University. The SCSU has successfully lobbied for this change to the administration, consulting with many stakeholders of the project. The policy has been endorsed by the Dean's Office, Department of Student Life, and we are currently looking for the CAO Office endorsement. The policy is on track to be presented for information at the Campus Affairs Committee.

**MINIMUM WAGE**

The minimum wage has been frozen at \$10.25 for the past three years. Currently, the minimum wage leaves workers at 19% below the poverty line. There is mobilization across the province happening to increase the minimum wage to \$14. In Scarborough, we are helping with organizing actions in the area. The Liberal government has announced that they will raise it to 11\$, but that is still not enough and more work needs to be done.



**ANTI-WAR COALITION**

As part of the Dis-Orientation, we hosted our first Anti-War Coalition meeting. In a packed room we hosted Sid Ryan who talked about the anti-war movement in Canada and the context globally today when it comes to militarization. At the





meeting, there was a strong will from students to join the Canadian Peace Alliance to work with groups across the country to get our government's priorities away from militarization and to things like education and healthcare.



## THE HIKES STOP HERE

Right before the long weekend, the Ontario government quietly announced a new 4 year tuition fee framework that raises tuition fees by 3% every year. By the end of this framework, tuition fees would have went up 108% total since this government came into power. Trying to frame this as a compromise the new Minister is trying to play up the fact that the increases are not 5%, but when students have been asking for a decrease of fees, raising them is not a compromise.

Fighting for an affordable post-secondary education is the biggest mandate the union has. After the new tuition fee framework was announced, we launched a campaign called The Hikes Stop Here. The goal of the campaign was to get the government to reverse the new tuition fee framework that raised tuition fees.

Throughout the summer, students across the GTA did public outreach. This included canvassing Yonge and Dundas and outreach for International Picnic Day. We also launched a letter sending campaign to both the Premier and the Minister of Training, Colleges, and University.



## TRANSIT

Transit is one of the biggest issues facing students at UTSC. Students frequently spend hours on transit that could be better spent on things that students need time for. We worked with student unions all over the GTA on a new campaign called We Ride: Greater Transit Accessibility. We collected surveys to get a better understanding of student transit needs. We have collected close to 2000 surveys so far. We also held a Transit Town Hall so students could learn more about transit issues and give their opinion on what form of improved transit is needed at UTSC. These plans were then taken to City Hall to lobby for changes and get results.

We also work with a group called TTCriders which actively advocates on behalf of TTCriders at City Hall. The GTA locals had a meeting with them on how we can work together throughout the year. Issues raised included the upcoming fee hike, TTC expansion, and the private-public proposal being done for the new LRT lines by Metrolinx.

## TUITION FEE BILLING

A victory that has been achieved through our organizing was changes in tuition fee billing. Institutions will not be able to ask for tuition before early September. Students could then defer the second semester's payment to the beginning of January, when they receive their second OSAP installment. UofT has been given 2 years from 2012 to begin implementing this change, and thus will not be fully implemented until fall 2015.





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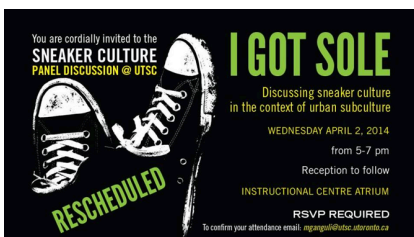
### TSA'S MAAVERAR NAAL

The UTSC Tamil Student's Association held their annual Maaverar Naal on November 22 in the Meeting Place. The SCSU participated in honouring and remembering the heroes who sacrificed for the struggle for Tamil Eelam. The space was filled with students and community members enjoying the speeches, music and performances. This was followed up by a community youth Maaverar Naal where representatives from each of the GTA TSAs spoke and performed. The Vice President Academics and University Affairs was given the opportunity to speak in solidarity at the event and connect the student movement with global issues faced by students in our community and on this campus. We are excited to continue doing good work the TSA and being present at club and community events.



### THE UPRISING: JOURNEYS OF RESISTANCE IN OUR COMMUNITIES

The SCSU organized the Black History Month Conference: The Uprising - Journeys of Resistance in our Communities at the University of Toronto Scarborough. This conference provided a safe, positive and inclusive space in which UTSC students and community members engaged in important and critical conversations about race and how it intersects with systems of oppression such as class, sexuality, gender, ability etc. This space interrogates the ways in which institutions, systems/structures and everyday practices situate race through an intersectional framework in dynamics that inform power and privilege contextualized by colonial history in Western Society and the impacts this has on folks from racialized communities. This event was an overwhelming success.



### PAN-AM SNEAKER PANEL

The SCSU in collaboration with DSL and the University held a panel discussion on a conversation surrounding sneaker culture in the larger context of Hip-Hop culture. The VP Equity was one of the panelist alongside really big Toronto based artists and community workers. Sneaker culture has evolved to become more than just a statement of fashion, but a reference to ones identity in the space they occupy



### VAGINA MONOLOGUES: RECLAIMING OUR NARRATIVES

The SCSU hosted a very successful version of Vagina Monologues that was a critique of this worldwide event. This show was an overwhelming success as students packed the space interested to see the narratives that touched on Gender Based Violence, Rape Culture, Racialised Womyn Experience and dismantling sexism in all its intersectional forms. For many students, this was a transformative event that really changed their lives.



### 7TH ANNUAL SOUTH EAST SCARBOROUGH POW WOW

On Tuesday, June 24, the SCSU teamed up with the Indigenous Students Association and the Department of Student Life to bring UTSC students to a POW WOW at Eastview School as part of National Aboriginal Day. This event served as a space to honour and respect Indigenous life ways as well as to mend the shattered settler-Indigenous relationship in Canada.



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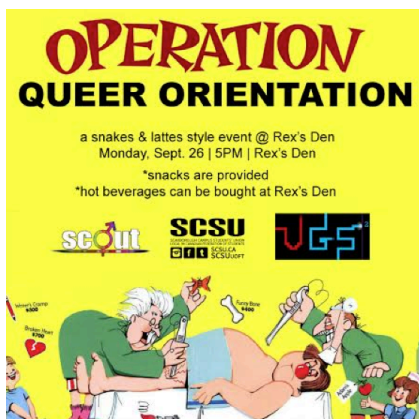
### 8<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL DECOLONIZING THE SPIRIT CONFERENCE

Your VP-Equity attended the 8th Annual Decolonizing the Spirit Conference: Indigeneity, Access, and Sustainability in Education. This conference created a space for scholars, researchers, elders, and educators to participate in an on-going decolonizing process by looking at the concepts and conditions of colonialism and postcolonialism and by questioning knowledge production, processes of Indigeneity, human dignity, and the relationship of body and spirit and sacredness of the land.



### SOCIAL JUSTICE PRESENTATION AT ORIENTATION

The VP Equity organized the Social Justice Presentation at Orientation 2014: The Awakening. This year, five UTSC students spoke to over one thousand incoming students on the structural forms of oppression they face due to their identity and the ways they've learned to cope and navigate at UTSC. The speakers included Diane Hill, Daryll Gary Wilson, Pallavi Suresan, and Constanza Farias. The take home message to all the incoming students was clear: you are not alone, UTSC is a community rooted in Love with various forms of assistance out there for you.



### OPERATION QUEER ORIENTATION

On Monday, September 22, the SCSU collaborated with Brainwave Board Game & Trivia Society and Video Games Society Squared to bring you Operation: Queer Orientation. This was a Snakes & Lattes style event where queer students, trans\* students, and allies enjoyed a night of free food and board games in Rex's Den. This event was part of Queer Orientation; a tri-campus series of events from September 19-29, 2014.

### ACADEMIC FORUM

This forum is a bi-annual meeting of the academic arm of the University and the Union. It is comprised of the SCSU Vice-President Academics and University Affairs, SCSU President, two student members, the director of Student Life, the Dean of Student Affairs, the Dean of Academics, the Assistant Dean, and the Vice-Dean Undergraduate. Over the past year, we have worked on improving and expanding prayer space, working on green initiatives, course evaluations, DSA support, study spaces, the undergraduate research symposium, and sessional dates. At this forum, we have made achievements in expanding prayer space to the North campus, pushed forward a Green Policy to the Campus Affairs level, and overall improved relations and collaboration on many academics-related initiatives.

### UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

This Symposium was created as a venue for undergraduate students to share research, as well as to introduce undergraduates to the research enterprise on campus.

### INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH AND DISCOVERY SYMPOSIUM

This symposium was created to provide a space for undergraduate and graduate students to present research. This event has been done in collaboration

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with the Graduate Students' Association at Scarborough, and the UTSC VP Research Office. This year, the focus was to bring more student presenters from the undergraduate level and increased presence from undergraduate students. Researchers from a wide array of disciplines and levels of study were present, increasing the quality of the event. A new addition was introducing key note professors and a graduate speaker, as well as hosting DSA workshops focused on undergraduate research.

### UTSC MAYORAL FORUM

On February 5, the first mayoral candidate forum for the upcoming 2014 Toronto municipal election took place at the University of Toronto Scarborough. It was organized by the SCSU and the debate was held in Rex's Den. Over two hundred students were present. The venue soon reached maximum capacity, and more students were accommodated in the food court upstairs. The candidates present included: Rob Ford, Toronto's current mayor; David Soknacki, a former City of Toronto councillor; Robb Johannes, a social justice activist; Al Gore, a former employee at Toronto Hydro; and Richard Underhill, a jazz musician. Many topics were touched on including racial profiling of police, transit, world pride, and many more. SCSU will continue to do work around the 2014 municipal elections to get students involved in the process and to get students issues on the agenda of every candidate.



### SCSU PRESENTS: LET'S GET WAVY

The Scarborough Campus Students Union, along with the Scarborough Campus Athletics Council as well as Fusion Radio put on an amazing boat cruise on September 26th, 2013. Let's Get Wavy sold out with more than 450 tickets sold. The boat as well as the dock were all used for the first time by the union and the execution beautifully, aside from minor human errors the overall event was a great success.



### ART SIDE OUT/ ART SIDE OUT AFTER DARK

Arts and Events programming held their annual Art side out event all over campus on October 3rd. The Scarborough Campus Students Union played a key sponsorship role and ASO was a huge success. The day was beautiful and artists painted the campus the color of art, with displays and performances tucked away in each crevasse of the school. The day was followed by live performances and a pub night in Rex's Den. More than 120 people were in attendance to show their fellow artists support

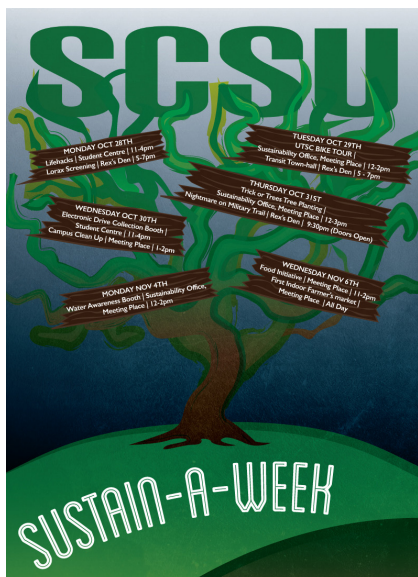


### HALLOWEEN PUB-NIGHT: NIGHTMARE ON MILITARY TRAIL

Halloween pub night was a completely sold out event with about 300 students in attendance. We partnered with SCAA and SCRC and it was a great success. We gave out prizes for the best dressed costumes. We decided to use Rex's Den for the first time in a while and it worked well. All in all great event, Halloween events should stay on campus as it falls under mid-term season, making it difficult to take students off campus.

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## SUSTAIN-A-WEEK

SCSU held its first ever sustain-a-week in its existence in the last week of October. We had a series of events, displays, and activities to highlight the importance of being environmentally conscious. We had partnered with the sustainability office, GCSA, and EPSA, to help in the execution of the events. The events were quite successful, with the bike tour being the least successful one, but definitely an experience to be had by any able student. Sustain-a-week addresses an issue that effects all students regardless of where they stand and should definitely be a reoccurring project by the union.

## UTSC ON ICE

On December 20th, the SCSU held a skating trip. We packed 3 buses with and sent them to the Natrel Skating Rink, with more people waiting for us at the rink. We partnered with MoveU to help in promoting the event. We had varsity figure skaters from the UOFT team drop by and dazzle us with their superior ice dancing skills. The students loved the experience as they got skate with their fellow students, under the beautiful illumination of the city of Toronto.



## WINTER WELCOME

The executives of the Scarborough campus students union wanted to give the students a grand welcome to students coming back to campus from the winter break. We welcomed the students with various give away, more than 400 cups of hot chocolate, over 200 snacks, and over 300 pancakes were all given away during the various days of the first two weeks of the new semester. This was an excellent opportunity to outreach about the various events, campaigns, and services that the SCSU offers. We were able to market various events including the student centre party, black history month conference, and it was a great opportunity to touch on student rights as they are getting ready to come back, we distributed all of our information on student rights. Rex also got to stretch his legs for a bit as we walked around with Rex and, students were given the option to take pictures to win a Gift certificate to Rex's Den.



## KARAOKE NIGHT

As a part of our welcome week, the SCSU along with the Scartan Dragonboat team and the Filipino Students Association, hosted a karaoke night, it was a free event with more than 30 people in attendance, we shut down the stage with great songs and acts, all the performers were entered into a raffle to win tickets to the student Centre party.



## STUDENT CENTRE PARTY: NOTHING WAS THE SAME

On January 23rd, the SCSU executives hosted nothing was the same: the official Student Centre party. We had two floors, two sounds, with 4korners one of the best dj's in the city to shut down this party. Bars were set up on both dance floors to better accommodate the alcohol consuming public. We had more than 400 students attend the party. Fusion radio as well as the Scarborough Campus Residence Council were also supporting the event in selling tickets and promoting the event.



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## MONTREAL READING WEEK

From February 19th to the 22nd, the SCSU took a little over 100 students to Montreal for an unforgettable reading week. The event costed anywhere in-between 199 - 279 for both UTSC and non-UTSC students, depending on the preferences for their room. The expenses covered transportation to and from Montreal, entry into all the night clubs for free, as well as accommodations in a 4-star hotel for 4days and 4 nights. We arrived back on campus on Sunday around 6:30pm. The week ran seamlessly, students really appreciated the freedom they had once they had come to Montreal, definitely a trip worth doing again. There was a high demand for Montreal, and unfortunately we had to turn away several students that didn't meet the deadline. If this trip is done again we should specify a carrying capacity and end the sales.



## PRE-MOSAIC

On Tuesday March 18th, the SCSU, led by the associates, organized a massive pre-mosaic event from 12pm-3pm inside the student center. The student center was beautifully decorated with flags, and streamers to get students excited about mosaic the following day. The day was filled with programming, from a fashion show to showcase the culture of Scarborough, a jeopardy game with engaging, thought provoking questions to challenge the students, followed with performances throughout the day. It was a great pre-cursor to the mosaic the following day, and really brought out a lot of people to create hype about the event the following day.

## MOSAIC

On Wednesday March 19th, The SCSU put on the 24th annual mosaic culture show: Sankofa. We had over 200 guests attend the event with over 21 performances highlighting UTSC talent. The event ran from 7-10pm. The meeting place was beautifully decorated with the flags, and an amazing stage set up from Q-entertainment. All night students were lighting up the stage with their wide array of singing, dancing, rapping talent. It was great showcase in wrapping up the awesome event.



## SPRING FORMAL: FLAWLESS

On Thursday March 27th, SCSU held its annual spring formal: flawless. The awards and gala is an annual event congratulating the clubs, the students, on the past year. Awards were given to various clubs and individuals on their hard work that they were involved with in the past year. Awards ranged from president's award, to best new club, to most active social justice club. An open bar was made available to any legal students who could drink away the pain from the past semester or avoid dreading the impending doom of the upcoming exam season.

## EXAM DE-STRESSORS

From April 14-17 the SCSU administered our very popular exam de-stressors. We packed over 500 de-stressor kits with juice, snacks, and fruits to keep them going through their hectic exam schedules. If you would like to volunteer in spreading this joy in the future please e-mail campuslife@scsu.ca.

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## REX'S DEN WORLD CUP SCREENING.

Rex's den started screening the FIFA games on June 12th. There was a great fan turnout at Rex's den and the opening day was a huge success with all areas of Rex's den being utilized. The games have continued to be screened every week-day and we had a good turnout for these games.

We also decided to run an awareness campaign to talk about the social issues surrounding the FIFA world cup being held in Brazil. Our VP equity Sabrine Azraq has taken the initiative to print some handouts to show the certain issues that are raised.

## ORIENTATION 2014: THE AWAKENING

SCSU once again had the privilege to organize orientation for the incoming class of UTSC undergraduates. The events took place from the 27th to 29th August with the tri-campus parade and after party on the 5th of September. Orientation was a huge success and students were very pleased overall.

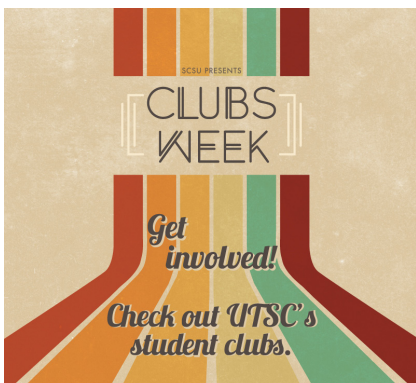
## WEEK OF WELCOME FALL 2014

We planned some events and activities for the first week of school in September, from the 2nd to the 4th and ending with the tri-campus parade on 5th.



All week of welcome events were free, and all students including upper years were encouraged to attend these events. Students were made aware of the SCSU's pillars of operation and, students were given free agendas, water bottles and other SCSU swag during these days.

The tri-campus parade happened on the 5th of September and there was over 900 UTSC first years that attended the Parade, the concert and the after party that was held at the Government nightclub complex. All events ran smoothly with minor weather complications on certain days.



## CLUBS WEEK

On the days of 8th, 9th, 10th 11th, 15th and 16th the SCSU assigned the meeting place for clubs to showcase themselves and reach out to students to get involved in the various clubs at UTSC. Over 100 clubs participated during the 5 days and the event was a huge success. We were able to obtain much positive feedback from students as well as clubs who were happy with the turnout of diverse clubs and students of Scarborough campus.

## SCSU PRESENTS: THE BOAT CRUISE

SCSU's annual boat cruise happened on the 27th of September 2014. The event sold out by the 25th of September with over 480 students in attendance. The night went smoothly without any mishaps and there was a lot of positive feedback from students that attended. The event was hosted in partnership with Scarborough campus athletics association and Fusion radio.







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**SCARBOROUGH CAMPUS STUDENTS' UNION**  
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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Directors:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the **Scarborough Campus Students' Union**, which comprise the statement of financial position as at April 30, 2014, the statements of operations and changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

### Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of **Scarborough Campus Students' Union** at April 30, 2014, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Chartered Accountants  
Licensed Public Accountants

Toronto, Ontario  
October 24, 2014



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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

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**A S S E T S**

	2014	2013
<b>CURRENT</b>		
Cash	\$ 754,966	\$ 382,096
Investments (note 4)	150,391	166,581
Accounts receivable (net of \$8,005 allowance - 2013 nil)	60,219	69,973
Prepaid expenses	2,273	11,062
Inventory	<u>37,636</u>	<u>11,210</u>
	1,005,485	640,922
<b>INVESTMENT AND LOANS TO RELATED PARTIES</b> (note 9)	254,910	266,394
<b>PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT</b> (note 5)	<u>228,357</u>	<u>256,263</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>\$ 1,488,752</u>	<u>\$ 1,163,579</u>

**L I A B I L I T I E S**

<b>CURRENT</b>		
Accounts payable	379,020	58,368
Harmonized Sales Tax	12,522	15,252
Deferred rental deposits	6,946	6,946
Deferred health and dental fees (note 7)	219,312	198,606
Deferred student levies (note 6)	62,288	97,568
Current portion of long term debt (note 8)	<u>52,480</u>	<u>32,240</u>
	732,568	408,980
<b>LONG-TERM DEBT</b> (note 8)	<u>-</u>	<u>16,547</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<u>732,568</u>	<u>425,527</u>

**N E T A S S E T S**

<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<u>756,184</u>	<u>738,052</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	<u>\$ 1,488,752</u>	<u>\$ 1,163,579</u>

**APPROVED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD**

\_\_\_\_\_ Director

\_\_\_\_\_ Director

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**STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED APRIL 30, 2014  
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	2014	2013
<b>REVENUES</b>		
Health and dental plan fees recognized (note 7)	2,598,857	1,932,638
TTC Metropass and fare sales	836,936	1,050,779
Unrestricted general student fees	598,299	563,956
Restricted referendum fees recognized (note 6)	362,735	289,635
Admissions, events and advertising	292,728	335,714
Rental and leasing	213,310	237,435
Health and dental administration	188,742	176,692
U of T Scarborough operating subsidy	130,000	130,000
Student Centre Capital Reserve income recognition (note 8)	33,431	33,434
Investment income	5,793	5,160
Grants and sponsorship	<u>4,300</u>	<u>9,500</u>
	<u>5,265,131</u>	<u>4,764,943</u>
 <b>EXPENSES</b>		
Health and dental plan disbursements (note 7)	2,598,857	1,932,638
Cost of TTC Metropasses and fares sold	837,626	1,050,798
Wages and benefits	678,474	723,844
General and administrative	411,603	359,185
Restricted referendum fees disbursed (note 6)	362,735	289,635
Operating subsidy paid to SCSU Restaurants Inc.	130,000	130,000
Repairs and maintenance	57,659	75,278
Professional fees	30,495	39,506
Ticket purchases	27,695	19,324
Utilities	13,688	26,155
Credit card and bank charges	11,874	10,313
Interest on long term debt	1,191	4,540
Loss on disposal of computer equipment	12,781	-
Amortization	<u>30,836</u>	<u>29,101</u>
	<u>5,205,514</u>	<u>4,690,317</u>
 <b>SURPLUS FROM OPERATIONS</b>	 59,617	 74,626
Income (loss) in subsidiaries (note 9)	<u>(41,485)</u>	<u>-</u>
 <b>SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR</b>	 18,132	 74,626
Opening net assets	<u>738,052</u>	<u>663,426</u>
 <b>CLOSING NET ASSETS</b>	 <u>\$ 756,184</u>	 <u>\$ 738,052</u>

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**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED APRIL 30, 2014  
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	2014	2013
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM (USED IN):</b>		
<b>OPERATIONS</b>		
Health and Dental plan fees received	\$ 2,422,308	\$ 2,124,161
Sales, rents and receivables	1,357,028	1,644,762
General student fees	598,299	563,956
Health and dental administration fee	188,742	176,692
Restricted student fees received	326,996	309,626
U of T Scarborough operating subsidy	130,000	130,000
Interest received	5,793	5,160
Purchases, expenses and payables	(1,862,898)	(2,624,844)
Health and Dental plan fees disbursed	(2,401,602)	(1,932,638)
Restricted student fees disbursed	<u>(362,276)</u>	<u>(289,635)</u>
	<u>402,390</u>	<u>107,240</u>
<b>INVESTING</b>		
Advances to SCSU Restaurants Inc.	(30,000)	(69,763)
Proceeds from investments	16,190	165,031
Purchase of furniture and equipment	<u>(15,710)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>(29,520)</u>	<u>95,268</u>
<b>NET CHANGE IN CASH</b>	372,870	202,508
Cash at beginning of the year	<u>382,096</u>	<u>179,588</u>
<b>CASH AT END OF THE YEAR</b>	<u>\$ 754,966</u>	<u>\$ 382,096</u>

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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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**1. PURPOSE OF THE ORGANIZATION**

Scarborough Campus Student's Union (SCSU) is a not-for-profit organization operating programs and providing services and advocacy for the full-time undergraduate students at the University of Toronto Scarborough and is exempt from income tax under the Income Tax Act. The primary objectives include: improving the quality of campus life, services and education, and to represent the member students in areas of common interest. Financial operations are administered by an executive committee subject to approval by the Board of Directors.

SCSU has a custodial responsibility for the Student Centre building at 1265 Military Trail under a Student Centre Management Agreement with the university dated October 15, 2004.

**2. BASIS OF PRESENTATION ACCOUNTING CHANGES**

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Part III of the CPA Canada Handbook - *Accounting Standards for Not-For-Profit Organizations*.

**3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

Revenue Recognition

The collection and amount of non-academic incidental fees charged to students in Ontario is regulated by the Ontario Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities through its Ontario Operating Funds Distribution Manual and Compulsory Ancillary Fee Policy Guidelines. Pursuant to these, a change to or introduction of a fee must be done in accordance with a long-term protocol established between the university and its student government. SCSU's protocol requires a referendum of the student body for significant changes to or the introduction of additional fees.

All fees collected from the students for a specific purpose, pursuant to referendums of the student body, are accounted for using the deferral method of accounting for externally restricted contributions. Restricted fees are initially shown as a liability upon receipt of the funds. When the funds are disbursed for their intended purpose, the liability is reduced and an equal amount is then recognized as revenue and expense.

These financial statements do not include the student centre levy collected from students as this amount is withheld and retained by the University of Toronto Scarborough and applied to the building's financing. Because the University of Toronto Scarborough retains legal title to the building, any contributions towards the cost of the building, or material renovations made to the fabric of the building, become the property of the university and are therefore treated as either repairs and maintenance expenses, or expensed as a contribution towards the building.

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3. **SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES** - continued

Revenue Recognition - continued

Sales and rental revenues are recognized when the related goods are sold or the services performed. Any monies received as a deposit are initially shown as Unearned Revenue and Deposits under the liabilities and then taken into income when the goods and services are provided.

Leasing revenues are recognized on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease.

Interest is accrued on a daily basis.

Inventory

Inventory consists mainly of admission tickets and TTC fares. It is carried at the lower of cost and net realizable value on a first-in first-out (FIFO) basis.

Property and Equipment

The property and equipment are recorded at cost and amortized over their estimated useful lives. Computer equipment is amortized over five years on a straight-line basis.

Investment in Subsidiaries

SCSU is the sole controlling shareholder of SCSU Restaurants Inc. (o/a Rex's Den). Rex's Den is the sole controlling shareholder of 2277345 Ontario Ltd. (KFC Express franchise), and 2277596 Ontario Ltd, (Hero Burger franchise), all of which operate out of the Student Centre. The consolidated operations of have been recorded using the equity method.

Contributed Services

The union makes extensive use of volunteers in its activities. Volunteer services have not been recorded due to the difficulty in valuing them.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions which affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and the notes to the financial statements. The primary estimates concern the net amount recoverable from the loans and investments in the for profit subsidiaries. Actual results may differ from these estimates. These amounts are reviewed periodically and adjustments are made to income as appropriate in the year they become known.

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3. **SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES** - continued

Financial instruments

Financial assets and liabilities held for trading

Financial instruments classified as financial assets and financial liabilities held for trading are recorded at fair value at each balance sheet date and any change in fair value is recognized in income in the period in which the change occurs.

Investments held to maturity

Financial instruments classified as held-to-maturity investments are carried at amortized cost using the effective interest method. Interest is included in income for the year.

Loans and receivables and financial liabilities held for purposes other than for trading

Financial instruments classified as loans and receivables, and financial liabilities held for purposes other than for trading, are carried at amortized cost using the effective interest method. Interest income and expenses are included in income for the year.

Available-for-sale financial assets

Financial assets classified as available for sale are recorded at fair value at each balance sheet date and any change in fair value is recognized in other comprehensive income in the period in which these changes occur. Upon derecognition, any accrued gains or losses are recognized in income for the year.

4. **INVESTMENTS**

	2014	2013
GIC bearing interest at 1.1% maturing November 3, 2015	\$ 150,391	\$ -
GIC bearing interest at 1.1% maturing November 3, 2014	-	166,581
	<u>\$ 150,391</u>	<u>\$ 166,581</u>

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**5. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT**

	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Accumulated Amortization</u>	<u>Net Book Value</u>
As at April 30, 2014			
Computers	\$ 8,028	\$ 1,734	\$ 6,294
Equipment and furniture	<u>280,265</u>	<u>58,202</u>	<u>222,063</u>
	<u>\$ 288,293</u>	<u>\$ 59,936</u>	<u>\$ 228,357</u>
As at April 30, 2013			
Computers	\$ 17,246	\$ 4,465	\$ 12,781
Equipment and furniture	<u>272,583</u>	<u>29,101</u>	<u>243,482</u>
	<u>\$ 289,829</u>	<u>\$ 33,566</u>	<u>\$ 256,263</u>

**6. DEFERRED STUDENT LEVIES**

Changes in the deferred contributions balances are as follows:

	2014	2013
<i>Blue Sky Solar Racing</i>		
Beginning balance	\$ 3	\$ (3)
Net student fee levies	3,138	2,985
Payments and distributions	<u>(3,141)</u>	<u>(2,979)</u>
Ending balance	<u>-</u>	<u>3</u>
<i>Canadian Federation of Students</i>		
Beginning balance	137	(164)
Net student fee levies	176,969	166,775
Payments and distributions	<u>(177,106)</u>	<u>(166,474)</u>
Ending balance	<u>-</u>	<u>137</u>
<i>Day Care Subsidy</i>		
Beginning balance	13,428	12,567
Net student fee levies	12,068	11,480
Payments and distributions	<u>(15,659)</u>	<u>(10,619)</u>
Ending balance	<u>9,837</u>	<u>13,428</u>

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**6. DEFERRED STUDENT LEVIES - continued**

	2014	2013
<i>Downtown Legal Services</i>		
Beginning balance	10	(12)
Net student fee levies	12,068	11,480
Payments and distributions	<u>(12,078)</u>	<u>(11,458)</u>
Ending balance	<u>-</u>	<u>10</u>
<i>Foster Children Program</i>		
Beginning balance	6,325	5,177
Net student fee levies	1,207	1,148
Payments and distributions	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Ending balance	<u>7,532</u>	<u>6,325</u>
<i>Health Initiative in Developing Countries</i>		
Beginning balance	31,500	25,760
Net student fee levies	6,034	5,740
Payments and distributions	<u>(37,534)</u>	<u>-</u>
Ending balance	<u>-</u>	<u>31,500</u>
<i>Orientation</i>		
Beginning balance	-	-
Net student fee levies	12,068	11,480
Payments and distributions	<u>(12,068)</u>	<u>(11,480)</u>
Ending balance	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>Students for Literacy</i>		
Beginning balance	3,668	3,668
Net student fee levies	10,703	10,314
Payments and distributions	<u>(10,703)</u>	<u>(10,314)</u>
Ending balance	<u>3,668</u>	<u>3,668</u>
<i>Student Refugee Program</i>		
Beginning balance	34,559	31,025
Net student fee levies	7,241	6,888
Payments and distributions	<u>(535)</u>	<u>(3,354)</u>
Ending balance	<u>41,265</u>	<u>34,559</u>

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**6. DEFERRED STUDENT LEVIES - continued**

	2014	2013
<i>U of T Environmental Resource Network</i>		
Beginning balance	(969)	(980)
Net student fee levies	6,034	5,740
Payments and distributions	<u>(5,079)</u>	<u>(5,729)</u>
Ending balance	<u>(14)</u>	<u>(969)</u>
 <i>Wheelchair Accessibility Projects</i>		
Beginning balance	8,881	621
Net student fee levies and interest earned	24,135	22,960
Payments and distributions	<u>(33,016)</u>	<u>(14,700)</u>
Ending balance	<u>-</u>	<u>8,881</u>
 <i>Women's Centre - UTSC</i>		
Beginning balance	28	(37)
Net student fee levies	36,203	34,440
Payments and distributions	<u>(36,231)</u>	<u>(34,375)</u>
Ending balance	<u>-</u>	<u>28</u>
 <i>WUSC/Refugee Student Program</i>		
Beginning balance	(2)	(45)
Net student fee levies	19,128	18,196
Payments and distributions	<u>(19,126)</u>	<u>(18,153)</u>
Ending balance	<u>-</u>	<u>(2)</u>
 <i>Summary</i>		
Beginning balance	97,568	77,577
Net student fee levies	326,996	309,626
Disbursements and revenue recognized	<u>(362,276)</u>	<u>(289,635)</u>
Ending balance	<u>\$ 62,288</u>	<u>\$ 97,568</u>

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**7. DEFERRED GROUP HEALTH AND DENTAL PLAN FEES**

The health and dental group insurance plan portion of the student fees collected are also accounted for using the deferral method, consistent with the treatment of the other restricted fees above. It is shown here separately due to the magnitude of the plan. The closing balance represents the amount remaining in the fund at the fiscal year-end.

	2014	2013
<i>Group Health and Dental Plan</i>		
Beginning balance	\$ 198,606	\$ 7,083
Net student fee levies	2,422,308	2,124,161
Payments and distributions	<u>(2,401,602)</u>	<u>(1,932,638)</u>
Ending balance	<u>219,312</u>	<u>198,606</u>

**8. LONG-TERM DEBT**

Loans payable to University of Toronto Scarborough to offset the university's cost of financing the construction of the Student Centre, pursuant to the operating agreement, bearing interest at 3.5% repayable in blended annual payments of \$53,593, maturing October 2014.

	2014	2013
	\$ 16,547	\$ 48,787

Loan payable to University of Toronto Scarborough to offset cost of wages in Restaurants Inc. Loan bears interest at 3% and is repayable in escalating quarterly instalments over four years.

	<u>35,933</u>	<u>-</u>
	52,480	48,787
Current portion	<u>52,480</u>	<u>32,240</u>
	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 16,547</u>

Student Centre Loan repayments are withheld from student fee remittances by the university. The income withheld is recognized as Student Centre Capital Reserve income.

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**9. INVESTMENT AND LOANS TO RELATED PARTIES**

SCSU's initial investment in the Restaurant included \$100 for 100 common shares together with advances to fund its operations. and further investments. SCSU Restaurants Inc. has invested in two subsidiary franchises - Hero Burger and KFC Express. The SCSU wholly owns all shares either directly and indirectly in each of these related parties.

SCSU Restaurants Inc. continues to accumulate a deficit, as do the Hero Burger and KFC Express. Accordingly, the value of these investments have been impaired to reflect management's estimate of the net amount that will be recovered within ten years.

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Advances to 2277345 Ontario Ltd. o/a KFC Express	\$ 90,965	\$ 80,965
Advances to 2275596 Ontario Ltd. O/A Hero Burger	44,593	24,593
Advances to SCSU Restaurants Inc.	364,343	364,343
Impairment allowance	(203,506)	(203,507)
Share of net loss	<u>(41,485)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net investment in SCSU Restaurants Inc.	<u>\$ 254,910</u>	<u>\$ 266,394</u>

**10. COMMITMENTS**

SCSU entered into an agreement with the University of Toronto Scarborough to pay for custodial services in the Student Centre building. The total cost for the year ending April 30, 2015 will be approximately \$223,000.

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11. **FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

Cash

The cash is denominated in Canadian dollars and consists of cash on hand as well as current deposit accounts with Canadian financial institutions. Cash is classified as held-for-trading and carried at fair value. Cash gives rise to some small interest rate risk as the rate of interest received on deposits is determined by the bank's prime rate of interest and therefore subject to change. There are no foreign currencies and therefore no foreign exchange or valuation risk.

Accounts receivable

The Union provides goods and services to a variety of groups, associations, unions, departments, and other customers closely related to the University of Toronto Scarborough. Approximately all of accounts receivable are due from these related parties. Receivables are classified as loans and receivables, initially recognized at fair value, and subsequently carried at amortized cost using the effective interest method. Impairment charges are recognized as bad debts expense. Management is of the opinion that credit risk is minimal.

Accounts payable

The Union's payables arise from the operational expenses and purchases. Payables and accruals are classified as loans and receivables, they are initially recognized at fair value, and subsequently carried at amortized cost using the effective interest method. Payables closely approximate their fair value due to their short-term nature.

Long-term debt

The carrying amount of the long-term debt is based upon the amount and terms agreed to in the operating agreement with university and therefore classified as held-to-maturity and carried at amortized cost. The loans bear interest at a fixed rate and are therefore not subject to interest rate risk.

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