# SCARBOROUGH CAMPUS STUDENTS' UNION

Board of Directors Package #7

Friday January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014 5:00pm UTSC Student Centre, SL232

# ROBERT RULES OF ORDER AT A GLANCE

To Do This:	You Say This:	May You Interupt 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 motionbe laid on the table	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
Raise a matter previously tabled	I move that motionbe taken from the table	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
Reconsider a motion already voted on earlier in the meeting	I move that the motionbe 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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□Acoba	Ashley	French and Linguistics
□Ahmed	Anika	Critical Development Studies
□Arale	Guled	VP External
□Azraq	Sabrina	English
□Chowdhury	Tahsin	VP Campus Life
□Dionisio	Nicole	Psychology
□Jiang	Anastacia	Historical and Cultural Studies
□Khogali	Yusra	VP Equity
□Liu	Alice	VP Operations
□Mounib	Iman	Art, Culture and Media
□Mulatu	Kaleab	Management
□Nasiri	Ferozan	Anthropology
□Nehrin	Ranziba	VP Academics & University Affairs
□Osman	Saeed	Human Geography
□Paskaran	Laxana	Physical and Environmental Science
□Ramirez	Charmaine	Political Science
□Ramlal	Kevin	Computer & Mathematical Science
□Shamoun	Feras	Biological Sciences
□Talih	Ranim	Sociology
□Worku	Sarah	President
□Yaacoubian	Garine	Philosophy
□Youssef	Rany	First Year
□Zubair	Saba	First Year

# Board of Directors, Scarborough Campus Students' Union

# 1. CALL TO ORDER

### 2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION Moved: Worku Seconded:

Be it resolved that the agenda for the January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014 SCSU Board of Directors meeting be approved as presented

#### 4. EQUITY STATEMENT

#### 5. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

MOTION Moved: Worku Seconded:

Be it resolved that Executive Report be approved as presented.

### 6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION Moved: Worku Seconded:

Be it resolved that January 24th, 2014 minutes package including the following documents be approved:

- a. Executive Meeting |November 21<sup>st</sup>, November 28<sup>th</sup>, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013
- b. BOD Minutes | November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2013

# 7. NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The next Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 5:00pm in SL232.

#### 8. OTHER BUSINESS

#### 9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION Moved: Worku Seconded:

Be it resolved that January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Board of Directors meeting be adjourned.

# Services & Operations

#### **TTC Metropasses & Tokens**

Following adjusted TTC fares set out by the TTC late last year, starting January token prices are \$2.70 per token for 10 tokens and Adult VIP Metropasses are \$117.75 and post-secondary metropasses are \$108.00.

#### **Tax Clinic**

The annual SCSU free Tax Clinic is well on its way. This year the Tax Clinic will be held on March 3<sup>rd</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> of 2014. All senior tax associates have been hired and deadline for Junior Tax Associates was Monday Jan 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014. We are currently reviewing resumes and will be conducting interviews in the next few weeks.

For students seeking more information on this year's filings, info sessions on the benefits of Tax filing will be held in the next few weeks. Keep a look out on SCSU's social media platforms for more information on time and locations. For specific individual inquires, contact our Tax Clinic Coordinator at taxclinic@scsu.ca

#### **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. Applications can be found up until February 16<sup>th</sup> on eService. For more information, please contact Vice President Equity, Yusra Khogali at equity@scsu.ca

#### **Elections (CRO & DRO)**

Chief Returning Officer (CRO) and Deputy Returning Officer (DRO) hirings for the upcoming SCSU spring elections have been completed. We are in the process of hiring polling clerks for voting days in February. For any inquires feel free to email <u>cro@scsu.ca</u> for more information.

#### Winter Lockers

Winter-only lockers were introduced this year as the SCSU recognizes students on co-op or choose to take a semester off may need lockers in the winter semester only. Lockers have been on sale since early January and many students to date have utilized this new option.

Lockers can by purchased online via scsu.ca/services/student-services/locker/

#### Outreach

Before the winter break, the SCSU Executives and Board of Directors agreed to make outreach to students a greater priority for the winter semester. As such, Executives and Directors have been on the ground reaching out to students on a more regular and frequent basis. We've made great strides in better understanding what our constituencies have to say of what they'd like to see, and their overall feedback on the events, services, and campaigns being run so far. We hope to continue our efforts and reach as many students as possible on a 1-on-1 basis.

# Campaigns & Advocacy

#### Access Copyright

The SCSU has recent been successfully in lobbying for a reduction in fees by having the university not renew the Access Copyright fee. This fee was deemed redundant after recent court rulings have stated that education use of copyrighted materials fall under fair dealing, meaning there is no need for a fee. Recently, the university has given students back \$13 dollars to refund the fee for the winter semester. Overall, this move would save students over 26\$ every year.

#### **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 put the minimum wage to \$14. In Scarborough, we are helping with organizing actions in the area. The campaign organizes actions on the 14th every month. On January 14th, we helped out by flyer the area around MPP Mitzie Hunter's office asking residents to call on her to take a stand to increase the minimum wage.

#### **Tuition Fee Billing Changes**

A lot of changes that will save students thousands of dollars was announced by the government in early December. The new changes eliminate interest fees incurred because of OSAPs distribution schedule, mandate two payment periods for tuition, raises the course load need to charge flat fees (from 3 to 4 credits) and regulate the types of late and ancillary fees that can be charged. Over all, the changes will save students at UofT collectively \$19 million dollars.

#### **Governing Council Presentation**

On December 12<sup>th</sup>, all five central student unions at UofT were given the annual opportunity once more to present to the governors at Governing Council. The Vice President Academics and University Affairs presented along with members of UTSU, UTMSU, APUS And UTGSU on priorities and the issues students face in post secondary education. We also stressed the importance of working with all member of the UofT community, including the governance bodies, towards joined victories such as Access Copyright and the water bottle ban. One particular issue that struck a chord with governors was about the Scarborough shuttle bus. The Vice President External has followed up on the issue after the meeting.

#### **Governance Updates**

In the new year, meetings of the Campus Affairs Committee and Academic Affairs Committee were held. The Vice President External and the Vice President Academics and University Affairs attended the meetings and reviewed the agendas. The next meeting will be Campus Council and Governing Council. There is also a special meeting between Meric Gertler, Judy Goldring, governors and student union representatives to discuss the future goals of the university and strategies on how we can lobby the government for more public funding as a cohesive unit. The upcoming meeting of the Governing Council is also coming up at the end of the month. For more information, contact Ranziba Nehrin, the Vice President Academics and University Affairs at <u>academics@scsu.ca</u>

#### **CAD Meeting**

On January 10<sup>th</sup>, the Vice President Academics and University Affairs presented for the first time to the Chairs and Academic Directors (CAD) meeting. This was the first time the SCSU has presented at this collective and we hope to continue an open dialogue with the academic faculty. It was a great opportunity and inspired good conversation around many issues, specifically the new laptop usage issues in classrooms. After quite a while lobbying to get space at this meeting, we are happy to continue our presence working in collaboration with the academic arm of the university to have more victories.

#### DUCC Meeting (Decanal Undergraduate Curriculum Committee)

On Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup> we kicked off the new year by reviewing new programs being added to UTSC's array of course offerings. The process was similar to the previous meetings. There will be a follow up meeting in February and all materials will be going to the Academic Affairs Committee of the Camus Council for review.

#### Library Advisory Committee

The bi-annual meeting of the Library Committee was held in December. The President attended the meeting and was part of discussions on the embedded librarians, the construction of the Cities Labs and the issues around study space usage during peak times in the Library.

#### **UTSC External Review**

On December 19, UTSC's academic mission underwent an external review. Reviewers from Queens, McGill and Oxford University visited our campus to ask student opinion about their experience through their undergraduate career, with a specific focus on their academic departments role in their degree completion.

# **Events & Programming**

#### UTSC on ICE

On December 20<sup>th</sup>, 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 after a hard season of exams under the beautiful light pollution emitted by our city.

#### International Development Conference

The third annual IDC will be taking place on Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup>. The SCSU will be taking part in the Partner's Fair and will be presenting to the high school students in attendance. IDC is a studentorganized event that seeks to provide a powerful and inspiring forum for students, academics, and professionals to engage in critical and meaningful discussions pertaining to the field of international development. The theme of this year's conference is Unmapped: Re-Imagining the Direction(s) of Development. This theme aims to explore how development has been constructed within systems of power and imagine what future paths development may take. Aside from providing sponsorship, we are excited to support a group of students on campus that has worked hard over the years to put together a landmark conference on campus. We look forward to supporting more student initiatives in the future.

#### **Exam Destressors**

SCSU showed our support for students during the December exam period through our seasonal exam destressors. We were outside of the Tim Horton's starting at midnight giving out free coffee, hot chocolate, tea, and snack bags. Each day we gave out 100 snack bags which included a pamphlet with words of encouragement and studying tips. Exam destressors lasted from midnight until 2am every day for the duration of the first week of exam period. Student feedback has been exceptional and we look forward to continuing in the upcoming semesters.

#### Winter Welcome

The SCSU gave students a grand welcome to better their return to their educational demise. We welcomed the students with various giveaways, more than 400 cups of hot chocolate, over 200 samosas, and more than 300 pancakes were all give away during the various days in the first two weeks of the second 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 distribute information on student rights. Rex also got to stretch his legs for a bit as we walked around with our mascot and students were given the option to take pictures to win a gift certificate to Rex's Den.

#### **Black History Month**

The Racialised Student Collective has finalized the Black History Month programming for the month of February. The first event will be 'A Natural hair workshop' hosted by IMANI: The Black Student Association on February 3rd, the second event will be a cultural food festival hosted by Caribbean Connections on February 5th, the third event will be the 'Annual Black history month Showcase' hosted by African Student Association on February 13th, the fifth event will be 'A conversation about Shadiesm' hosted by the UTSC Womyn Centre, on February 24th the sixth event will be 'Black History Month Gala' being hosted by IMANI on January 27th and the programming will end with our 1st Annual Black History Conference: The Uprising - Journeys of Resistance in Our Communities featuring Keynote: Michael Eric Dyson hosted by the SCSU Racialised Student Collective happening March 1st.

#### **Nelson Mandela Memorial**

On Sunday, December 15th, 2013 residents of Toronto in partnership with a coalition of student, community and faith groups from across Toronto celebrated the legacy of Nelson Mandela. We were present in helping set up the event with folks from other student unions. The event was powerful, inspirational and had many prominent speakers from the community share speeches about Madiba.

#### 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 50 people in attendance and students filled the stage with great songs and acts. All the performers were entered into a raffle to win tickets to the Student Centre party.

#### **Black History Month Conference**

We have sold early bird price tickets out and are currently in the process of selling out the rest of the conference. Ticket sales are looking strong and we are really excited to see this dope event come alive the close it gets. Get your tickets at scsu.ca/bhm or pick up a physical registration in the front desk of the SCSU. Any further inquiries or for more info on accessibility accommodations, please email the Vice President Equity, Yusra Khogali, at equity@scsu.ca

#### 1 Love UTSC Sale

On January 13<sup>th</sup> the SCSU executives were selling our 1 Love gear, we sold quite a few toques and shirts, alongside the sale we had a basketball game that students could enter to win Raptors tickets. Several students came by to enter the raffle, a pair of Raptors tickets will be awarded to the lucky recipient whose name is selected from the draw.

#### **Vagina Monologues Auditions**

We hosted the auditions for the Vagina Monologues: Reclaiming our Narratives on January 8th and were blown away. This show is currently being put together for February 12th from 5-7pm in the R-Space. We have a line up of empowering, witty, critical, and powerful narratives that range in a variety of creative expressions for y'all to experience. Some of the topics touched on include Gender-Based Violence, Sex Positivism, Rape Culture, Queer Identities, Racialised Womyn's experience and dismantling sexism in all its intersectional forms. This night is guaranteed to be one of the most unforgettable events that will happen at UTSC. The Student body is just as excited as we are!

#### National Day of Remembrance on VAW

On December 6th we commemorated the national day of remembrance and action on violence against womyn. We had a vigil outside of the SC:OUT office where folks could leave messages of solidarity and community. It was a really powerful event and really awesome that our messages are still up, till today.

#### **Student Centre Party**

On January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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 and food was available to better accommodate attendees. 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. It was a great success and we hope to host more landmark events like this in the future for the membership.

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER- 2:53pm

### 2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION

Moved: Worku

Seconded: Liu

Be it resolved that the agenda for the November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2013 SCSU Executive Committee meeting be approved as presented

#### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION Moved: Worku Seconded: Chowdhury

Be it resolved that the November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2013 minute's package including the following documents be approved:

a. Executive Committee – November 14th

#### 4. EXECUTIVE UPDATES

- a. Vice-President Equity: Meeting with UTSC Registrar with Maria and Liu to be the 2<sup>nd</sup> executive on the committee. There will be 2<sup>nd</sup> round of hiring committees on Dec 9<sup>th</sup>; Arale and Khogali will be representatives. Attended Physical Accessibility meeting on addressing accessibility issues in the student centre. Finalized accessibility issues for BHM Conference. Registration of BHM Conference has opened up. Meeting with BAC about sustainability of project once contract has ended in April 2014. Health and Wellness advisory committee budget breakdown. Friday Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> will be the photoshoot for Vagina Monologues in February. Khogali to arrange full-time staff anti-oppression training in January.
- **b.** Vice-President Campus Life: Black & White promo needs to be amped up. UTSC on Ice is finalized.
- c. Vice- President Operations: SCAC meeting on Tuesday. Finalized operations hours; SCSU starting Dec 9<sup>th</sup> 11am-4pm (M-F). Attended SHAC meeting on Tuesday Nov 20. Attended HCSSA movie night on the 21<sup>st</sup>. Had 1<sup>st</sup> associate meeting and filled out all contracts and employee packages. Attended food user meeting.

**d. President:** Attended SCAC meeting and clubs committee. Board packages are due to Alice.

# 5. EXECUTIVE TASKS OF THE WEEK

Tahsin- Black & White

### 6. OTHER BUSINESS

### 7. NEXT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Executive Committee meeting will be on November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013, from 1pm to 3pm in President's Office.

### 8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION Moved: Worku Seconded: Liu

Be it resolved that the November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2013 meeting of the Executive Committee be adjourned.

# 1. CALL TO ORDER: 1:17pm

- a. Worku- Present
- b. Liu- Present
- c. Chowdhury- Present
- d. Arale- Present
- e. Khogali- Present
- f. Nehrin- Present

### 2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Be it resolved that the agenda for the November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013 SCSU Executive Committee meeting be approved as presented

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION

Seconded: Nehrin

Be it resolved that the November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013 minute's package including the following documents be approved:

b. Executive Committee – November 21st

Moved: Worku

# 4. EXECUTIVE UPDATES

- President: collective decision to donate \$1000.00 towards the Typhoon Relief. Student Society fee meeting on Monday with the DSL. TPASC meeting to be on Dec 18<sup>th</sup> with University administration.
- b. VP Academics & University Affairs: Khogali and Nehrin met with MSA in regards to prayer space in the IC during final exam period; correspond with CAO. On Dec 5<sup>th</sup> will be meeting with Governing Council secretary in regards to presentation on Dec 12<sup>th</sup>. Dealing with a lot of one-on-one student issues. Spoke at maaver naal.
- c. VP Equity: WAC-SAC fund amount to be issued to the University for the last 3 Installments. BHM Conference promo to start; confirm with Kavita availability on February 15<sup>th</sup>. Meeting with Manifesto about community partnerships.
- **d. VP External:** CFS NGM was last week; TTC fare hike last week. IA collaborative event in January. NoJETSTO letter being written.

- e. VP Campus Life: Finalizing exam destressor schedule for executives. Raptors & Montreal facebook pages are up. Dec 20<sup>th</sup> is 1 <3 UTSC is finalized. Winter week of welcome programming is being finalized.
- f. VP Operations: Meeting with SCEDMA wanting to play music at Rex's Den. Relay messaging in operations meeting. Tax clinic coordinator, meeting. Interviews dozen students for Sr. Tax Associate positions. Graduate International Students Association downtown wants to create tax clinic of international students consulted Alice. No January metro passes will be on sale due to University closure..

# 5. OTHER BUSINESS

# 6. NEXT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Executive Committee meeting will be on December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013, from 5pm to 7pm in President's Office.

# 7. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

Moved: Worku

Seconded: Arale

Be it resolved that the November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013 meeting of the Executive Committee be adjourned.

# 1. CALL TO ORDER - 5:17pm

#### 2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION Moved: Nehrin Seconded: Arale

Be it resolved that the agenda for the December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013 SCSU Executive Committee meeting be approved as presented

CARRIED

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION

Moved: Nehrin

Seconded: Liu

Be it resolved that the December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013 minute's package including the following documents be approved:

c. Executive Committee – December 5<sup>th</sup>

CARRIED

# 4. EXECUTIVE UPDATES

- **a.** Nehrin: meeting with external review for UTSC academic plan. Will make effort Jan 6<sup>th</sup> onwards to not schedule any meetings.
- **b.** Arale: attended CSS finance meeting, where cautioned committee against increasing fees before setting potential goals. Attended Nelson Mendela memorial event. Attended CFS meeting, Toronto Stop the War meeting in conjunction with community members.
- **c.** Liu: SRI board met and approved the budget for presentation to UofT admin. Tax clinic preparation on way; currently editing website content to be updated. Met with engineering for changing stations placement. Will re-wire to ensure power drawn for charging stations won't hinder power usage.

**d.** Khogali: Meeting with Kim for March event for PanAm sneaker culture event relating to hip hop culture. Attended Health and wellness budget committee and DSL budget committee.

# 5. EXECUTIVE TASKS UPCOMING IN WINTER SEMESTER

- **a.** All execs 8:30am on Jan 6<sup>th</sup> to set up for hot chocolate.
- **b.** All execs 8:00am on Jan 13<sup>th</sup> for pancakes
- c. All execs to send meeting and class schedule for the first 2 weeks of Jan
- d. All execs outreach 10am-5pm for first two weeks
- e. Ranziba to reach out to clubs about karaoke

# 6. OTHER BUSINESS

- **a.** Winter Semester BOD meetings scheduled for Jan 24<sup>th</sup>, Feb 28<sup>th</sup>, March 21<sup>st</sup>, and April 4<sup>th</sup>.
- **b.** The Weather channel is announcing extreme freezing rain for tomorrow. As such, the office may not be open
- **c.** UTSC on Ice. If UTSC is closed, then we will cancel UTSC on ice.

# 7. NEXT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Executive Committee meeting will be on January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013, from 5pm to 7pm in President's Office.

# 8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

Moved: Nehrin

Seconded: Khogali

Be it resolved that the December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013 meeting of the Executive Committee be adjourned.

CARRIED

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# Board of Directors, Scarborough Campus Students' Union

# 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting is called to order at 17:12

- 2. ANNOUNCEMENTS Diniosio has left the board but will be active in other areas of the SCSU
- 3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION Moved: Worku Seconded: Ramlal

Be it resolved that the agenda for the November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2013 SCSU Board of Directors meeting be approved as presented

# CARRIED

# 4. EQUITY STATEMENT

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

# 5. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

MOTION Moved: Worku Seconded: Ramirez

Be it resolved that Executive Report be approved as presented.

# DISCUSSION

# Services and Operations

Liu speaks on the reduced office hours in December: Beginning December 9, office will be opened from 11-4pm Monday-Friday. There are also extended office hours are to accommodate for Metropass sales.

Liu speaks on the operating hours of Rex's Den: 12-8pm Monday to Friday; will not be open during last weeks of exam. There's an exam special-> All-day special: breakfast will be served under \$6. Hero Burger and KFC will also stay opened during exams, from December 2<sup>nd</sup> to December 19<sup>th.</sup>

Nehrin speaks on the Old Exams Repository: collections of old exams with each department. In July, will see a lot of movement happening on that.

Nehrin speaks on Student Academic Handbooks: a project that will outline the appeals and petitions process for students and also act as a resource for issues like open access, instructor conflicts or any other student right violations.

# Campaigns and Advocacy

Worku speaks on the CAO Student Forum. It's essential that CAO oversee operational side of university. They brought up topics like gender-neutral washrooms, orientation funding, student/study space, and multi-faith space.

Arale speaks on the Minimum Wage campaign. In Ontario, there is a campaign put together by many groups to try and lobby the provincial government to raise the minimum wage to 14 dollars an hour. In Scarborough, Arale has worked with many groups to take on this issue. A forum took place in Scarborough that over 250 people attended. Arale states that increasing minimum wage will contribute about \$5 mill more to the Ontario economy.

Khogali speaks on the F-word campaign that launched the promotion for the Vagina Monologues. The theme is Reclaiming Our Narratives, held on February 12th. Auditions are happening January 8<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm.

Arale speaks on the GTA Coalition. On the day before Halloween, students all over the city came together to do a publicity act to raise awareness on the rising tuition fees. There was a procession from Hart House to the Ministry of Training, Colleges and University offices downtown. Many students were intrigued and supportive of what was happening.

Arale speaks on the TTC Fare Hikes. The TTC held its yearly budget meeting and again decided to raise the fares again. The hike included a 5 cent increase to tokens, and over \$5 increase to monthly Metropasses. The SCSU went and deputed at City Hall against any increases.

Khogali speaks on the Pan Am Sneaker Project. She sat in a couple meetings for Pan Am's Sneaker project that University's interested in having. In the first week of March, there will be a panel on the discussion of Hip-Hop culture and commodification of sneaker culture.

Khogali speaks on the Racialised Student Collective, which has launched promotion for the Black History Month conference. Students can register for the conference online at scsu.ca/bhm or pick up physical registration forms at the SCSU front desk. For any questions, feel free to contact Yusra Khogali at equity@scsu.ca. Accessibility accommodations are available.

Ahmed speaks on the Racialised Student Collective. Originally going to do outreach this week but too many other things happening including the launch of F-word Campaign, so she will be setting up a new schedule in December. Auditions are going to be held in the second week of January. The keynote will be Michael Eric Dyson.

Nehrin speaks on the Academic Forum held on November 6th. A lot of senior administration was present at the table, mostly form the Dean's office. A lot of conversation around prayer spaces,

double sided printing, course evaluations, DSA Support, study spaces, undergraduate research symposium, and sessional dates. Nehrin states that they are in constant communication since, to keep updates on the issues. November 18<sup>tH</sup> is the last day to drop F courses. There will also be a re-launch of Know your Rights campaigns. Nehrin is also busy with a lot of one-on-one counseling on academic resources.

Chowdhury speaks on the Enviro Summit held by Toronto Environmental Alliance on Friday Nov 22, which SCSU President and VP Campus Life attended. Connected with people from other campuses like sustainability initiatives that they're bringing to campus. With the recent double-sided printing motion that passed at the AGM; the SCSU will now be working with student groups and the University administration to ensure double-sided printing is accepted at an academic level.

Nehrin speaks on Study Space Working Group. Study space: work with students, do a lot of consultation. A few proposals to administration to tackle the issue of study space:

- 1. Extend the library hours to 24/7 by Nov 18th
- 2. Extend the library hours where there is a stronger headcount by Nov 18th
- 3. Open up classrooms for quiet study -late night
- 4. Start the R-space and Attic as quiet study space by Nov  $18^{th}$

Nehrin states that although the responses to each proposal were mostly resoundingly negative, she can potentially implement these for the next semester. She'll also work towards putting together the lobby document and putting in the survey.

Ramirez states she is currently going through the audit report for the study space, from 2009 and 2010. Zubair and Ramirez will be working on printing out the surveys in December and putting out a date for when they can release it early next semester.

# **Events and Programming**

Worku speaks on the Annual General Meeting that took place on November 13<sup>th</sup>, and states that it was an amazing turnout. 88 student bodies were present. Various motions were presented about issues affecting students.

Arale speaks on the Transit Townhall that took place on October 29<sup>th</sup> at UTSC. Close to 2000 petitions were signed. The event was to education students and to get information on what students needs on transportation are. It was a great event and students really enjoyed it.

Khogali speaks on Xpression Against Oppression: Resisting violence, is a series of events running through November. Collaborated with UTSC women's Centre, TMA, TSA, Toronto Student for

Justice in Palestine, and SC: OUT. The theme was resisting violence in our communities. It turned out to be a great event.

Arale speaks on the Anti-War coalition, that happened on Remembrance Day, which hosted an opportunity for students to get engaged in a different manner. They had a banner that students could write what they remembered and share their experiences, as well as giving the option to students to pick up white poppies. White Poppies are a tool used to show that we remember, but for peace. Students got the opportunity to learn about it and have a conversation on campus.

Chowdhury speaks on Sustain-a-week. It was to highlight the importance of being environmentally conscious The whole week, worked with the sustainability office, GCSA, and EPSA. Movie screening, farmer's market, planting, all went well. A lot of people liked it

Arale speaks on Zombie Walk. On October 30th, UTSC's first ever zombie walk was held. The Hikes Stop Here campaign was the theme around it, centered on the rising cost of tuition and students' debt. Doris McCarthy Gallery launched a new zombie exhibit with a zombie theme talking about social justice.

Chowdhury speaks on Halloween Pub night: almost 300 tickets sold; no tickets left. Partnered with SCAA and SCRC, and it was a great success. Gave away 4 prizes including raptor's tickets and a tablet.

Nehrin speaks on the study space Roundtable, which happened in the TV lounge. Discussions included concerns about the library operating hours and conditions and lack of quite study space around campus.

Nehrin further speaks on the MSA Charity Social Dinner which happened on November 8<sup>th</sup> at the Meeting Place. The event included powerful speeches, musical performances and presentations by the charity organization. The Vice President Academics and University Affairs spoke to the crowd and shared congratulations for the great work done by the group on campus and the Union's commitment to renew many partnerships we have with the club.

Nehrin speaks on DSA Council held December 18<sup>th</sup>: Ten DSAs were in attendance and topics of discussion included governance, study space campaign, faculty relationships, funding and space issues and the need for a DSA visioning. Long-term strategy is needed for how DSA will be working on campus.

Nehrin speaks on TSA's Maaverar Naal held on Nov 22 on the Meeting Place. It was a great event honouring and remembering the heroes who sacrificed for the struggle for Tasmileelam. 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

Nehrin speaks on Food For Fines is an annual event held by U of T Libraries in partnership with the SCSU.

Students were eligible to receive \$2.00 off their fine amounts if they brought in one nonperishable food item. Donations were allowable up to a maximum of \$20 off their fine amounts.

# CARRIED

# 6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION

Moved: Worku

Seconded: Yaccoubian

Be it resolved that November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2013 minutes package including the following documents be approved:

- a. Executive Committee | October 24<sup>th</sup>, October 31<sup>st</sup>, November 7<sup>th</sup>, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013
- b. Board of Directors | October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013
- c. Clubs Committee |October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013
- d. Campaigns & Equity Commission |October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013
- e. Events Commission | October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013

# CARRIED

# 7. MOTION TO APPROVE 2014 WINTER ELECTIONS SCHEDULE

MOTION

Moved: Worku

Seconded: Youssef

Be it resolved that the following dates be approved for the 2014 Winter Elections Schedule:

- Nomination Period: January 6, 2014 January 17, 2014
- Campaign Period: January 23, 2013 February 6, 2014
- Voting Days: February 4, 2013 February 6, 2014

# CARRIED

8. STRIKING OF ELECTIONS & REFERENDA COMMITTEE

#### MOTION

Moved: Worku

Seconded: Azraq

Be it resolved that Kevin Ramlal and Ranim Talih be elected by and from the Board of Directors to serve on the Elections & Referenda Committee for the 2014 Winter Elections.

#### DISCUSSION

Worku explains that the Elections & Referenda Committee oversees the logistical backhand of the elections, and making sure the CRO is hired. There will be two directors that need to be appointed to sit on these committees. If one sits on this committee, they withdraw their capability from running in the 2014 elections.

The Chair explains that you can nominate yourself or nominate someone else. If there are more than two people who put their names forth, then go to an election with a secret ballet vote.

Worku states that the ERC includes the two Directors that will also sit with the Chair of the ERC and also the CRO, and are responsible for overseeing the logistical end of running the elections and making sure the procedures are followed.

# CARRIED

# 9. STRIKING OF ELECTIONS APPEALS COMMITTEE

MOTION Moved: Worku Seconded: Paskaran

Be it resolved that Kaleab Mulatu be elected by and from the Board of Directors to serve on the Elections Appeals Committee for the 2014 Winter Elections as the Director representative, and

Be it further resolved that Kitty Chan be elected by the Board of Directors to serve on the Elections Appeals Committee for the 2014 Winter Elections as the Member representative, and

Be it further resolved that Munib Sajjad be elected by the Board of Directors to serve on the Elections Appeals Committee for the 2014 Winter Elections as the External representative

#### CARRIED

# 10. STRIKING OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

MOTION Moved: Worku Seconded: Mulatu

Be it resolved that Kevin and Kaleab be elected by and from the Board of Directors to serve on the 2013-2014 Finance Committee.

### CARRIED

# 11. NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The next Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Friday, December 13, 2013 at 5:00pm in SL232.

# 12. OTHER BUSINESS

Worku states that to pickup the sweaters, everyone should come to the SCSU office

Ahmed states that she will be attending the CCDS Faculty Meeting on December 12<sup>th</sup>.

Zubair asks for the revenue for pool tables at Rex' s Den

Liu answers that starting from second month, the revenue will be split 50/50

Worku states at the ECM- a lot of students fundraising money. Donated \$1000 for the Philippines typhoon disasters

Chowdhury states that last night, Black and White took place, inside RE Entertainment complex. DJ Knocks and DJ Sajjad attended. Great event, people loved it.

Ramirez thanks everyone for acknowledging a lot of that events happening for the Philippines, because a lot of students have also been affected.

Worku speaks on the Mid-year Board Retreat improvement. She hopes everyone had a chance to reflect on it.

Ramirez states that what is lacking from last year elections, the Directors should inform their classes about the elections

Yaacoubian states to contact her if anyone has any painting requests.

Paskaran states that she got in touch with her DSA and has a meeting with the president of EPSA next week. She will give more updates at the next meeting.

Nehrin states to come speak with her if anyone is interested in connecting with the DSA's

# 13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

Moved: Worku

Seconded: Ahmed

Be it resolved that November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Board of Directors meeting be adjourned  $\ensuremath{\textbf{CARRIED}}$ 

Meeting adjourned at 17:58