# SCARBOROUGH CAMPUS STUDENTS' UNION

Board of Directors Package #8

Friday February 28<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?		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

# Board of Directors, Scarborough Campus Students' Union

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	CONSTITUENCY or POSITION	
□Acoba	Ashley	French and Linguistics	
$\square$ Ahmed	Anika	Critical Development Studies	
□Arale	Guled	VP External	
$\square$ Azraq	Sabrina	English	
$\square$ Chowdhury	Tahsin	VP Campus Life	
□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	
$\square$ 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	

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

### 2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION Moved: Worku Seconded:

Be it resolved that the agenda for the February 28<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 February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014 minutes package including the following documents be approved:

- a. Executive Meeting | Feb 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014
- b. BOD Minutes | Jan 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014
- c. Clubs Committee Minutes | Dec 13<sup>th</sup>, 2013,

### 7. 2014 GENERAL ELECTIONS

MOTION Moved: Worku Seconded:

Be it resolved that CRO's report for the 2014 General Elections be approved as presented.

### 8. STUDENT SOCIETY FEE ADJUSTMENTS

MOTION Moved: Worku Seconded:

Be it resolved that the following adjustments be approved beginning in the Fall 2014 session:

• an increase of \$0.37 per session in the SCSU membership fee (\$0.02 part-time); and

- an increase of \$0.11 per session (full-time only) in the CFS/CFS-O membership fee; and
- an increase of \$0.55 per session in the Student Centre fee (\$0.16 part-time); and
- an increase of \$5.66 per session (full-time only) in the Accident & Prescription Drug Insurance Plan fee; and
- an increase of \$6.70 per session (full-time only) in the Dental Plan fee; and
- continuation of the Student Refugee Program fee.

Be it further resolved that the following adjustments be approved beginning in the Summer 2014 session:

• an increase of \$95.01 per session in the UTSC Sports & Recreation Centre Levy (\$19.00 part-time).

### 9. NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The next Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Friday, March 21st, 2014 at 5:00pm in SL232.

### 10. OTHER BUSINESS

### 11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION Moved: Worku Seconded:

Be it resolved that February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Board of Directors meeting be adjourned.

## Services & Operations

#### Rex's Den

Rex's Den was closed during reading week, but re-opened the Monday after. Newly launched in Beta form is a resident special which gives resident students 15% all meals (not including alcoholic beverages) during specified hours. Showing of resident card required. Rex's has also introduced 2 daily specials plus soup of the day, every day. In addition, a new menu will provide a new look and feel to Rex's. Any and all feedback is greatly appreciated.

#### **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 Junior Tax Associates have been hired and went through training during the February reading week. The CRA participated in the training sessions and made great contributions to our volunteer's understanding of tax filing.

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. Tax Clinic information will also be available at the Tax Clinic booth in the student center during the last week of February. For specific individual inquires, contact our Tax Clinic Coordinator at taxclinic@scsu.ca

### **Clubs Training**

The first clubs training of the semester was held February 7th. A little under 10 clubs attended to learn the ins and outs of being a club on campus. Executives gave presentations in regards to executing events, planning for logistics, the services that are available as well as the sources of funding that are available. Club executives took a lot away from the training and we hope they implement these practices into the day to day operations of their own club.

### **New Room & Equipment Booking Policy**

New equipment booking guidelines are available in hard copy at the SCSU front desk. These guidelines are applicable to the booking of:

- -TV Set: Stand, keyboard, remote, VGA and HDMI cable (\$100 Deposit)
- -Projectors (\$100 Deposit)
- -TV Remote for SI222 (\$50 Deposit)
- -Sound Equipment: Speakers (\$100 Deposit)
- -Water Jugs (\$20 Deposit)

All deposits are returned to clubs upon the return of the equipment. All equipment is only for use within the Student Centre during the SCSU's hours of operation (currently 9:00AM-6:00PM Mondays to Thursdays, 9:00AM to 5:00PM on Fridays.)

To request a booking, email <u>bookings@scsu.ca</u> with the name of the recognized club/DSA, name of the member who will be signing out the equipment, date and location of the event, and start and end time of the event.

## Campaigns & Advocacy

### **Health & Wellness Director Hiring**

The Health & Wellness Centre has been participating in consultations with students throughout the last year in order to ensure the services are beneficial for students. They are now in the final steps of hiring the new director for the centre and we have a seat on the hiring committee. Interviews begin Feb 24<sup>th</sup> and the tentative start date is for May 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Study Space Working Group**

The first Study Space Working Group meeting of the year was held on February 6<sup>th</sup>, issues discussed included a review of the December 2013 exam session, an update on the study space app, and preparation for the upcoming term test and assignment period in Mid-February. Facilities management will be installing desks in the crevices where the garbage cans are currently placed in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of BV which will provide a total of 8 study spaces. There was also discussion concerning the reallocation of study carrels from the R-Space into other spaces on campus. Contingent on the availability of more carrels, this decision will come to the committee at another date. The issue of allocating multi-faith space on North Campus was raised once again and conversations will continue offline about the matter.

### **Equity Officer Hiring**

On Friday January 24<sup>th</sup> the VP Equity sat on the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of interviews for the Equity Officer. There is not much that can be enclosed due to confidentiality issues but a candidate has been made and offer. We are really excited to have this individual finally start for the upcoming year.

### Principal Vaccarino Farewell Reception/ Search Committee for the new UTSC Principal

Principal Vaccarino has been offered the position of the President of the University of Guelph and thus has stepped down as Principal effective Feb 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Professor Rick Halpen (Dean of Academics) has been named as the acting Principal until the Interim Principal begins on March 1<sup>st</sup>. SCSU was asked to submit recommendations for the Interim Principal. We have also requested a seat on the search committee for the new Principal; since we are the official undergraduate representative and work closely with members on the Principal's Office it would be beneficial for us to participate in the hiring.

### **Multi-Faith Lobby Document**

On Wednesday February 26<sup>th</sup> The Vice President Equity and the Vice President Academics will be meeting with representatives from all the faith based groups on campus to speak about multi faith space on this campus. In this meeting we will be discussing strategies in lobbying our administration for both temporary and permanent multi faith space and highlight the key issues students are having with Multifaith space on this campus.

### **CAD Meeting**

The SCSU has been secured a space to speak in a Chairs and Academic Directors meeting at every semester to bring up issues that the faculty and the student union can work on together. We are excited for this additional opportunity to work with our partners in the Dean's office and recognize the victories we

can accomplish if we work together. For more questions, please direct them to academics@scsu.ca

#### PanAM Fair

The SCSU President and Vice-President External sit on the Sport Engagement Committee on Athletic Planning (SECAP) which oversees engaging students in athletics, in particular the PanAM facility. With the excitement around the launch of the new building the committee decided to put on the launch fair to inform students about all the new services in the facility. Since VNP is assisting in recruiting volunteer for the 2015 PanAM games, we tabled at the event to encourage students to volunteer.

### **Library Updates**

There will be a new group study room policy introduced in the Library. While the specifics are still being managed, the changes may include T-card submission at the time of room booking, the use of the student barcode and multiple students booking the rooms for a shorter period of time. The Course Reserves will also be changing into a 24 hour checkout system and the decommissioning of Library books can be folded into the SCSU Book Giveaway program.

### Pan-Am Sneaker Panel

On Wednesday March 12<sup>th</sup> we are going to collaborating for a PanAm sneaker panel on a conversation surrounding sneaker culture in the larger context of Hip-Hop culture. The VP Equity will be one of the panelist alongside really big Toronto based artists. Come through to the event.

### Rainbow Tie Gala

On January 29<sup>th</sup>, SCSU executives attended the Rainbow Tie Gala. We were proud to be ally partners in the event and will continue to support the creation and maintenance of safer, inclusive and positive spaces on campus.

#### **IDC** Conference

On February 8<sup>th</sup>, your Vice President Academics and University Affairs had the opportunity to present to the high school delegation at the International Development Conference. We presented about the student movement, the history activism and how you can make both local and global changes on campus. The SCSU also received the opportunity to table at the Partner's Fair during lunchtime and interact with members. We were the second largest sponsor of the event and look forward to supporting more student initiatives at UTSC.

## **Events & Programming**

### **Cultural Mosaic and Culture Week**

Planning for Cultural Mosaic has been underway. This year we have hired two mosaic coordinators, to assist with the week as well as the show. Culture Week and Mosaic will be happening the week of the 17th. Mosaic climaxing the week on the Thursday. The theme for mosaic is called Sankofa, a tedx utsc inspired name, which roughly translates to go back and take it. Auditions have happened this week and we have a solid line up of talent prepared for the show. Culture Week planning is also underway, the associates have planned something, we have also reached out to clubs to be a part of an event to display

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associations related to their club, be it food, tools, dressing, just a way to expose the cultures of the world to the students of UTSC.

### **Campaigns and Equity Commission**

The Campaigns and Equity Commission will be held on February 26<sup>th</sup> from 3-5pm. There will be a report from the sub-committees (RSC, Study Space and F-Word) being shared and we will also create spaces for students to discuss any concerns or issues they notice on campus. The time has been moved to accommodate another student event.

### **Vagina Monologues**

On Wednesday February 12<sup>th</sup> the SCSU F-Word collaborated with the UTSC Womyn & Trans Centre to put on Vagina Monologues. We capped off the space with over 100 students sitting on the floor or standing up throughout the show just to catch it. We received overwhelming feedback from the attendees that this was a transformative event that really changed their lives and they would like to see more events like this be planned in the future. We are so proud of everyone involved in every inch of this production and are looking forward to making this annual event.

### **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.

### Faith & Race Dialogue

On Monday March 10<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm the ARCDO is partnering up with us to put on an event to discuss how race and faith intersect and how this impacts our learning in our classrooms. This event is going to be held in SL 232 if you are interested in attending please email the vice president equity at <a href="equity@scsu.ca">equity@scsu.ca</a> for accessibility accommodations.

### **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 cost 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.

### **UMOJA: Black History Month Programming**

The SCSU Racialised Student Collective has done an absolutely amazing job putting on the black history month programming this year. There is buzz on campus that this year we are finally engaging with programming that works to celebrate black culture, fashion and food and have critical conversations

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about the anti-black racism we face on a daily basis. There are three events left to close off our BM programming. On Monday February 24<sup>th</sup> the UTSC Womyns & Trans Centre is hosting a screening and conversation on Shadiesm in MW 160. On Thursday February 27<sup>th</sup> IMANI: The Black Student Alliance is hosting the Black History Month Gala at the Scarborough Convention Centre.

### The Uprising: Journeys of Resistance in our Communities

On Saturday March 1<sup>st</sup> the SCSU Racialised Student Collective 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Black History Month Conference. As of now we have sold out and it's going to be a really powerful and historic event on this campus. We are really looking forward to having Dr Michael Eric Dyson come out and give a keynote address. There are still openings for folks to be able to catch the Keynote component so if you're interested you can purchase your ticket at scsu.ca./dyson or at the door.

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#### **Events Commission**

The first events commission of this semester was held Tuesday January 28th at 5pm inside SL232. By this point we had delivered a lot of events from nothing was the same to the welcome week, there was a lot of fruitful feedback to be harvested and implemented into future event execution. Several students proposed several ideas in regards to working with other groups, creating platforms for social justice work that clubs are doing, as well as coming together to bring a cultural social justice event. There was also conversation around some historical event planning and how students of the past would execute effective parties. Bottom line, students want to work with students to create bigger, better and more encompassing events. It was a great conversation with amazing takeaways.

### **Academic Forum**

The Academic Forum was held on February 12. Present were the Dean of Academics and the members of his office, the Dean of Student Affairs and the Director of the Department of Student Life. Student members Nicole Dionisio and Kevin Ramlal were present along with the Vice President Academics and the President. We provided updates about the SCSU Goes Green campaign, which will be proposed in the next governance cycle, and the designation of multi-faith space in the North Campus. Other Agenda items included: course rese4rves, CAD meetings, course evaluations, syllabus additions and the student academic handbook.

### **Tedx UTSC Conference**

On Saturday February 1st, TEDx UTSC held a tedx conference inside AC223. SCSU were a main sponsor in hoping that the execution of the event ran smoothly. The speakers presenting were amazing with quite ingenious ideas. The SCSU sent two delegates to the conference, and both felt as though the conference was well done, with some amazing ideas presented. We hope to continue to support student club initiatives, especially those that are the caliber of TEDx UTSC. The conference was brilliant.

### **Study Space Roundtable**

The second Study Space Roundtable was held on Thursday, Feb. 13. It was a great success with new faces coming to the table to discuss the specifics of the study space issue at UTSC. Members were encouraged to join the Study Space Sub-Committee to keep up to date with the campaign

### 1. CALL TO ORDER- 12:17pm

a. Liu: Presentb. Khogali: Presentc. Chowdhury: Present

### 2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION Moved: Worku Seconded: Chowdhury

Be it resolved that the agenda for the February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014 SCSU Executive Committee meeting be approved as presented

#### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION Moved: Worku Seconded: Liu

Be it resolved that the February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014 minute's package including the following documents be approved:

a. Executive Committee – December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013

### 4. EXECUTIVE UPDATES

- **a. President:** Principal Vacarrino farewell reception; postering policy.
- **b. VP Equity:** Equity Officer has been hired. Working with Nehrin on multi-faith lobby document. On the 26<sup>th</sup> will be meeting with religious student groups. BHM programming has been going well. The conference has sold out. Working towards pushing community for the keynote. Meeting with ARCDO; students to be recognized for doing equity work on campus. March 12<sup>th</sup> will be the PanAM panel.
- **c. VP Campus Life:** Hired 2 Mosaic Coordinators. Auditions will be during the week of Feb 24<sup>th</sup>. Spring Formal location confirmed and theme. Nominations to go up on website on Tuesday.
- **d. VP Operations:** Tax Clinic will start on March 3<sup>rd</sup>- 15<sup>th</sup>; extended to Saturdays. Training sessions next week. Pre-Mosaic event on Thursday March 20<sup>th</sup>.
- e. VP Academics & University Affairs: Academic Forum- solidified one presentation per semester at the Chairs & Academic Directors meetings. Undergraduate Research Symposium has been cancelled. Will be meeting with Rashid from the

Study Space App. Study Space Roundtable was successful. Library updates; changes to group study space.

### 5. NEXT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Executive Committee meeting will be on February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014 from 12pm to 1pm in President's Office.

### 6. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION Moved: Worku Seconded: Nehrin

Be it resolved that the February  $14^{\text{th}}$ , 2014 meeting of the Executive Committee be adjourned.

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### **Board of Directors, Scarborough Campus Students' Union**

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✓ □Paskaran ✓ □Ramirez ✓ □Ramlal ✓ □Shamoun ✓ □Talih ✓ □Worku ✓ □Yaacoubian ✓ □Youssef □Zubair	Laxana Charmaine Kevin Feras Ranim Sarah Garine Rany Saba	Physical and Environmental Science Political Science Computer & Mathematical Science Biological Sciences Sociology President Philosophy First Year First Year

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

This meeting is called to order at 5:17pm

### 2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worku states that any concerns regarding sweaters (the sizes, or not yet receiving them) should be directed to the Executive Director – Amir Bashir.

She states that Franco Vaccarino, the Principle of U of T, has been offered a new position as the President of University of Guelph. His last day will be Feb 15. There will be an interim principle; Worku has been asked to sit on the search committee for the interim Principle, as well as the new Principle.

Reappointment of Rick Halpern as the Dean of Academics has been announced; it's a 5-year term starting May 1<sup>st</sup> until 2019

Nehrin speaks on the External review. They asked about what student concerns there were around pedagogy, and how students are receiving that kind of one-on-one academic support. It was a great process because good people were on the Board; people from McGill and John Hopkins

### 3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION Moved: Nehrin Seconded: Ramirez

Be it resolved that the agenda for the January  $24^{th}$ , 2014 SCSU Board of Directors meeting be approved as presented

#### **CARRIED**

### 4. EQUITY STATEMENT

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

### 5. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

MOTION Moved: Nehrin Seconded: Paskaran

Be it resolved that Executive Report be approved as presented.

Liu speaks on TTC token fares. TTC has increased their fares; \$2.70 per token if you buy multiple tokens at one time; single fare is \$3. Metro passes Adult VIP Metropasses are \$117.75; Post-secondary Metropasses are \$108

Tax clinic: March 3<sup>rd</sup>-March 14

Senior tax associated have been hired; Interviews for Junior taxes are well on their way Direct all other inquiries to Taxclinic@scsu.ca

Nehrin speaks on the bursaries offered by SCSU. Dollar for Daycare and textbook bursaries offered through e-service, opened until Feb 16<sup>th</sup>.

Liu speaks on winter-only lockers; offered through SCSU website

### **Campaigns and Advocacy**

Nehrin states that students have received a \$13 rebate onto their ROSI account.

Arale speaks on tuition fees. The province has announced changes in the way tuition fees are being charged. The main changes: tuition fees can be paid per semester; UTSC has intensely high interest rate (19.6%). Now, tuition fees will be charged per semester; will save UTSC students \$3 mill. Flat fees also changed, which will save UTSC students \$16 mill.

Nehrin speaks on the Governing Council. On December 12, SCSU had the opportunity to present annually at governance council, so paired up with UTSU, UTMSU, APUS And UTGSU. They presented on the priorities and issues that students face at PSE; stressed the importance of working together with governing council and students. UTSC shuttle bus: one of the softer issue but definitely need to work on it; scheduled a meeting with Vice Provost.

On Jan 10<sup>tH</sup>, Nehrin presented at the chairs and academic Directors meeting; first time allowed space in it. They touched on laptop policy usage; quite a few instructors have banned the use of laptops in their classroom. Next step is to continue conversation to the Dean's office VPA portfolio: one on one basis, academic support and academic misconduct

Chowdhury speaks on UTSC on ICE. On Dec 20<sup>th</sup>, 50 people came; U of T varsity skating team also came in. Unmapped: Reimaging the Directions of Development, which sponsored \$3000 to the event.

Liu speaks on exam destressors. During exam seasons, gave away 500 snack bags including granola bars. Also free hot chocolate, tea, and coffee was given out. It was a great opportunity to give encouragement

Chowdhury speaks on the Winter Welcome. Samosas and pancake, 400 free cups of hot chocolate; 300 pancakes were all given out. Person who tweeted at random also won a gift card from Rex's Den.

Nehrin speaks on SCSU: racialized collective; all black students' association coming together to put forward a whole month of great programming- AMOJA. Cultural food festivals; show case, gala, March 1: black history month conference. Tickets are on sale

Arale speaks on the Nelson Mandela Memorial. The event was held on Sunday Dec 15<sup>th</sup>, near downtown, to celebrate the legacy of Nelson Mandela. The event was powerful, inspirational and had many prominent speakers from the community share speeches about Mandela

Chowdhury speaks on the Karaoke night: hosted by Dragonboat team and Filipino Students Association. It was a free event with more than 50 people in attendance.

Nehrin speaks on Vagina Monologues. The auditions went great, leading up to the Feb. 12 event, at 5-7pm in the R-space. Topics touched on included Gender-Based Violence, Sex Positivism, Rape Culture, Queer Identities, Racialised Women's experience.

Chowdhury speaks on the Student Centre Party. 430 tickets were sold to the student Centre Party. Gave away a laptop to a lucky winner: raffle

Worku clarifies that any executive cannot apply to the bursary. Members of the board are allowed to apply to the bursary.

### **CARRIED**

### 6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION Moved: Nehrin Seconded: Talih

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

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

### **CARRIED**

### 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

Ramlal inquires about the date for Mosaic.

Chowdhury states it is the second last Thursday of March. The events have not been finalized yet.

Ramlal states that he will have a whole agenda for the list of activities to do for the Mosaic, for next meeting.

Worku states that events commission in next Wednesday, which would be a good opportunity to bring that up in.

Chowdhury speaks on the Raptor's game. Tickets are available, for the March 2<sup>nd</sup> game.

### 9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION Moved: Nehrin Seconded: Yousseff

Be it resolved that January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Board of Directors meeting be adjourned at 5:44pm

# Clubs Committee | December 13th, 2013

### **Members Present**

- Tahsin Chowdhury
- Hazelmae Valenzuela
- Ashley Acoba
- Saeed Osman

### Non Members Present

- Kyle Prescod

Call to Order - 4:10PM

### **MOTION** | Approval of Minutes

Moved by: Tahsin Chowdhury Seconded by: Saeed Osman

Be it resolved that the minutes from December 7<sup>th</sup> Clubs Committee be approved as presented.

### **CARRIED**

### MOTION | Hindu Student Council | Hindu Awareness Day

### **REQUESTED - \$124.31**

Moved by: Tahsin Chowdhury Seconded by: Saeed Osman

BIRT that the SCSU Clubs Committee approve \$124.31 to Hindu Student Council | Hindu Awareness Day upon submission of receipts and their post event assessment

### CARRIED

### MOTION | Amnesty International | Peruvian Dance Class

REQUESTED - \$64.49

Moved by: Tahsin Chowdhury Seconded by: Ashley Acoba

BIRT that the SCSU Clubs Committee approve \$64.31 to Amnesty International | Peruvian Dance Class.

#### **CARRIED**

### MOTION | Chinese Undergrad Association | Go Karts

**REQUESTED - \$616.00** 

Moved by: Tahsin Chowdhury Seconded by: Hazelmae Valenzuela

BIRT that the SCSU Clubs Committee approve \$349.00 to Chinese Undergrad Association | Go Karts.

### **CARRIED**

### MOTION | Chinese Undergrad Association | Wonderland Halloween Night

**REQUESTED - \$349.00** 

Moved by: Tahsin Chowdhury Seconded by: Hazelmae Valenzuela

BIRT that the SCSU Clubs Committee approve \$349.00 to Chinese Undergrad Association | Wonderland Halloween Night

### **CARRIED**

### MOTION | Chinese Undergrad Association | Second Midterm Review

**REQUESTED - \$643.00** 

Moved by: Tahsin Chowdhury Seconded by: Saeed Osman

BIRT that the SCSU Clubs Committee approve \$321.50 to Chinese Undergrad Association | Second Midterm Review upon the submission of receipts

#### **CARRIED**

### MOTION | DECA UTSC | Inter U of T Conference

REQUESTED - \$49.54

Moved by: Tahsin Chowdhury Seconded by: Saeed Osman

BIRT that the SCSU Clubs Committee approve \$100 to DECA UTSC | Inter U of T Conference

### **CARRIED**

### MOTION | The Marketing Group | Lumiere

**REQUESTED - \$115.91** 

Moved by: Tahsin Chowdhury Seconded by: Ashley Acoba

BIRT that the SCSU Clubs Committee approve \$150 to The Marketing Group | Luminere once receipts and the post assessment has been submitted

### **CARRIED**

### MOTION | Muslim Students' Association | 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Social Charity Dinner

### **REQUESTED - \$603.19**

Moved by: Tahsin Chowdhury Seconded by: Ashley Acoba

BIRT that the SCSU Clubs Committee approve \$416.00 to Muslim Students' Association | 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Social Charity Dinner

#### **CARRIED**

### MOTION | Novelty Chinese Students Association | Orientation 2013

### **REQUESTED - \$141.00**

Moved by: Tahsin Chowdhury Seconded by: Saeed Osman

BIRT that the SCSU Clubs Committee approve \$200.00 to Novelty Chinese Students Association | Orientation 2013

### **CARRIED**

### MOTION | Scarborough Chinese Christian Fellowship | SCCF Annual Retreat

### **REQUESTED - \$621.00**

Moved by: Tahsin Chowdhury Seconded by: Saeed Osman

BIRT that the SCSU Clubs Committee approve \$621.00 to Chinese Christian Fellowship | SCCF Annual Retreat. This will be in two installments; \$284.40 upfront and \$372.60 once receipts and the post assessment has been submitted

### **CARRIED**

### MOTION | Enactus UTSC | Delights

### **REQUESTED - \$40**

Moved by: Tahsin Chowdhury Seconded by: Hazelmae Valenzuela

BIRT that the SCSU Clubs Committee approve \$40.00 to Enactus UTSC | Delights once receipts and the post assessment has been submitted

#### **CARRIED**

### MOTION | Enactus UTSC | Consultpreneurs

### **REQUESTED - \$1015**

Moved by: Tahsin Chowdhury Seconded by: Saeed Osman

BIRT that the SCSU Clubs Committee call Enactus UTSC to present their proposal

### **CARRIED**

# MOTION | Scarborough Campus Hockey Players' Association | Christmas Party

### **REQUESTED - \$895**

Moved by: Tahsin Chowdhury Seconded by: Hazelmae Valenzuela

BIRT that the SCSU Clubs Committee approve \$500.00 to Scarborough Campus Hockey Players Association | Christmas Party once receipts and the post assessment has been submitted

#### **CARRIED**

### MOTION | Scarborough Campus Hockey Players' Association | Duck Hunt

**REQUESTED - \$800** 

Moved by: Tahsin Chowdhury Seconded by: Hazelmae Valenzuela

BIRT that the SCSU Clubs Committee approve \$500.00 to Scarborough Campus Hockey Players Association | Duck Hunt once receipts and the post assessment has been submitted

### **CARRIED**

### MOTION | Medius | Medius Movie Night

REQUESTED - \$46.23

Moved by: Tahsin Chowdhury Seconded by: Ashley Acoba

BIRT that the SCSU Clubs Committee approve \$50.00 to Medius | Medius Movie Night

### **CARRIED**

### MOTION | Han Chinese Culture Association | Chong Yang Festival

**REQUESTED - \$138.71** 

Moved by: Tahsin Chowdhury Seconded by: Hazelmae Valenzuela

BIRT that the SCSU Clubs Committee approve \$138.71 to Han Chinese Cultural Association | Chong Yang Festival

### **CARRIED**

### MOTION | Chinese Students and Scholars Association | Midterm Review

**REQUESTED - \$500.00** 

Moved by: Tahsin Chowdhury Seconded by: Ashley Acoba

BIRT that the SCSU Clubs Committee approve \$250.00 to Chinese Students and Scholars Association | Midterm Review

#### **CARRIED**

### MOTION | Latin American Students' Association | General Meeting

**REQUESTED - \$184.00** 

Moved by: Tahsin Chowdhury Seconded by: Hazelmae Valenzuela

BIRT that the SCSU Clubs Committee approve \$200.00 to Latin American Student Association | General Meeting

#### **CARRIED**

### MOTION | Arab Students' Foundation | Syria is Calling

**REQUESTED - \$280.37** 

Moved by: Tahsin Chowdhury Seconded by: Hazelmae Valenzuela

BIRT that the SCSU Clubs Committee approve \$250.00 to Arab Students' Foundation | Syria is Calling

### **CARRIED**

### MOTION | Arab Students' Foundation | Movie Night

**REQUESTED - \$35.71** 

Moved by: Tahsin Chowdhury Seconded by: Hazelmae Valenzuela

BIRT that the SCSU Clubs Committee approve \$20.00 to Arab Students' Foundation | Movie Night

### **CARRIED**

### MOTION | Arab Students' Foundation | Mosaic Multicultural

**REQUESTED - \$408** 

Moved by: Tahsin Chowdhury Seconded by: Hazelmae Valenzuela

BIRT that the SCSU Clubs Committee approve \$408.00 to Arab Students' Foundation | Mosaic Multicultural. This funding will be issued in two installments; \$163.20 upfront and \$244.80 after receipts are submitted

### **CARRIED**

### MOTION | Hindu Students' Council | Garba Dance

**REQUESTED - \$330.31** 

Moved by: Tahsin Chowdhury Seconded by: Hazelmae Valenzuela

BIRT that the SCSU Clubs Committee approve \$350.00 to Hindu Students' Council | Garba Dance

### **CARRIED**

### MOTION | Hindu Students' Council | Garba Dance

**REQUESTED - \$330.31** 

Moved by: Tahsin Chowdhury Seconded by: Hazelmae Valenzuela

BIRT that the SCSU Clubs Committee approve \$350.00 to Hindu Students' Council | Garba Dance

#### **CARRIED**

### MOTION | Chinese Undergrad Association | Orientation

**REQUESTED - \$1600.00** 

Moved by: Tahsin Chowdhury Seconded by: Ashley Acoba

BIRT that the SCSU Clubs Committee request a presentation from the Chinese Undergrad Association

### **CARRIED**

### MOTION | Chinese Undergrad Association | Essay Session

**REQUESTED - \$199.05** 

Moved by: Tahsin Chowdhury Seconded by: Hazelmae Valenzuela

BIRT that the SCSU Clubs Committee approve \$200.00 to Chinese Undergrad Association | Essay Session

#### **CARRIED**

### MOTION | Chinese Students and Scholars | Final Review

**REQUESTED - \$500.00** 

Moved by: Tahsin Chowdhury Seconded by: Ashley Acoba

BIRT that the SCSU Clubs Committee approve \$250.00 to Chinese Students and Scholars | Final Review upon the submission of receipts and the post assessment

### **CARRIED**

### MOTION | One Prosper | Horror Movie Night

**REQUESTED - \$80.69** 

Moved by: Tahsin Chowdhury Seconded by: Saeed Osman

BIRT that the SCSU Clubs Committee approve \$50.00 to One Prosper | Horror Movie Night

### **CARRIED**

### MOTION | Coptic Christian Students Association | Christmas Party

**REQUESTED - \$500.00** 

Moved by: Tahsin Chowdhury Seconded by: Hazelmae Valenzuela

BIRT that the SCSU Clubs Committee deny the proposal of Coptic Christian Students' Association | Christmas Party and request that the VP Campus Life, Tahsin Chowdhury reach out to them for a meeting

### **CARRIED**

### MOTION | Latin American Students' Association | Gala

**REQUESTED - \$2500.00** 

Moved by: Tahsin Chowdhury Seconded by: Saeed Osman

BIRT that the SCSU Clubs Committee request a presentation from the Latin American Students' Association

#### **CARRIED**

### MOTION | UTSC Drama Society | The Shape of Things

### **REQUESTED - \$450.00**

Moved by: Tahsin Chowdhury Seconded by: Hazelmae Valenzuela

BIRT that the SCSU Clubs Committee approve \$500.00 to UTSC Drama Society | The Shape of Things. This funding will be issued in two installments; \$200.00 upfront and \$300.00 after receipts are submitted

### **CARRIED**

### MOTION | Upstart UTSC | Find your target niche

### REQUESTED - \$59.35

Moved by: Tahsin Chowdhury Seconded by: Ashley Acoba

BIRT that the SCSU Clubs Committee approve \$60.00 for Upstart UTSC | Find your niche

### **CARRIED**

# MOTION | Toronto Students for Justice in Palestine | Israel Apartheid Not Democracy

### **REQUESTED - \$350.00**

Moved by: Tahsin Chowdhury Seconded by: Ashley Acoba

BIRT that the SCSU Clubs Committee approve \$350.00 for Toronto Students for Justice in Palestine | Israel Apartheid Not Democracy

#### **CARRIED**

### MOTION | Latin American Students' Association | LASA Pub Night

### **REQUESTED - \$250**

Moved by: Tahsin Chowdhury Seconded by: Hazelmae Valenzuela

BIRT that the SCSU Clubs Committee approve \$250.00 for Latin American Students' Association | LASA Pub Night

#### **CARRIED**

### MOTION | Adjourn the Meeting – 4:59PM

Moved by: Tahsin Chowdhury Seconded by: Saeed Osman

Be it resolved that the December 13<sup>th</sup> Clubs Committee Meeting be adjourned.

### **CARRIED**

### Introduction

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

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

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

Thank you,

Bismar Maynes

Chief Returning Officer

2014 SCSU General Elections

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### **IMPORTANT DATES**

### January

January 6<sup>th</sup> - Nominations Open at 11:00 am.

January 17<sup>th</sup> – Nominations Close at 5:00 pm.

January 21<sup>st</sup> – All Candidates Meeting at 6:30 pm.

January 23<sup>rd</sup> - Start of Campaign Period at 12:01 am.

### **February**

February 3rd - Poll Clerk Training

February 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> – SCSU *General Elections. Polls open 10:00 am to 6:00 pm.* 

February 6<sup>th</sup> – Ballot count 8:00pm -3:00am

### **Advertising**

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

- Posters were on display in various areas of the campus, with a concentration on areas with a high amount of student traffic.
- Advertisements and election material were made available on the SCSU website.
- Emails were sent out to all undergraduate students via The Office of Student Affairs

### **Call for Nominations**

The nomination period for the 2014 SCSU General Elections began on January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014 and remained open until January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

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

- A position-specific nomination form.
- A letter from the CRO.
- Important contact information.
- Important dates.
- Statement of Eligibility for Elections forms.
- A copy of the election by-laws.
- SCSU Elections Best Practices Manual

All executive positions required a minimum of 100 valid signatures. Director positions required a minimum of 50 valid signatures. Nomination forms and statements of eligibility were to be completed and returned to the CRO by 5:00pm January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014 in order to be ratified by the CRO before the start of campaigning.

### **Ballot Boxes and Voter Screens**

Ballot boxes and voter screens are required for each polling station during the elections. In order to ensure that each station is equipped for elections, the ballot boxes and voter screens were ordered well in advance from Elections Canada. Some polling stations

may require more than one ballot box a day and therefore extra ballot boxes were purchased.

Each polling station was provided one ballot box and one voter screen at the beginning of each voting day. All ballot boxes were labeled by their location, with the time the poll opened as well as the time the poll closed. All ballot boxes were sealed with seals provided by Elections Canada and signed by the poll clerks and available scrutineers.

A second ballot box would be provided by request of the poll clerk, if the initial ballot box was full.

### **Polling Stations**

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

- 1. IC Building
- 2. The Student Centre
- 3. BV Atrium

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

- 1 Laptop
- 1 Extension Cord
- 1 Power Bar
- Poll Clerk sign in forms
- Ballots
- Large white envelopes
- Small white envelopes
- 1 Box of pens
- 1 Roll of masking tape
- 1 Set of instructions on setting up the polling station.
- SCSU Election 2014 Polling Station" signs.
- A description on how to properly cast a vote.

### **Deputy Returning Officer (DRO)**

The duties for the Deputy Returning Officer are as follows:

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

The DRO's for the 2014 SCSU General Elections were Kevin Lai & Sandrina Fernando

### **Poll Clerks**

Advertisements for poll clerk positions were made available through the SCSU website as well as posters placed around campus. Applications were accepted both online and in person.

Training of the poll clerks is to be held prior to the voting days. Therefore, training was scheduled for February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

During said training all poll clerks received the "Poll Clerks Package". The package included the following:

- Contact information for the CRO and DRO.
- Poll Locations and Times of Operation.
- A brief description of duties and equipment required.

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

### **Nomination List**

The following individuals submitted nomination packages to the CRO:

### Presidential Candidate

### Candidate

Bidhendi, Massih

Chowdhury, Tahsin

Desai, Habiba

Sundarampillai, Dharsha

### **VP Academics Candidates**

### Candidate

Dionisio, Nicole

Nandkissore, Shauna

Ravirajan, Vithura

Zeng, Zheng

### **VP External Candidates**

### **Candidate**

Arale, Guled

Osman, Dulaa

Wang, Zi Jian (Prince)

### **VP Equity Candidates**

### Candidate

Azraq, Sabrine

Mohammad, Oranoos

Umar,Zahra M

### **Critical Development**

### **Candidate**

Khan, Noor

### French & Linguistics

### **Candidate**

Chan, Cassandra

Julius, Louisa

### Anthropology

### Candidate

Nasiri, Ferozan

Philipiah, Alexson

### Art, Culture & Media

### Candidate

Bakr, Nour

Zaja, Kristina

### **Biological Sciences**

### Candidate

Saura, Novie

Youssef, Rany

Zaheer, Anam

### Comp. Mathematical Sci.

### Candidate

Ramoudith, Brandon

Sharma, Rachit

Wang, Min Yan (Sophie)

### English

### Candidate

Khan, Rumaisa

Nehrin, Ranziba

### Historical & Cultuaral Stud

### Candidate

Mohamed, Nafisa

### **Human Georgraphy**

### **Candidate**

Barez, Farishta

Polecina, Russell

### Management

### Candidate

Manghirmalani, Simran

Li, Haotian

Parikh, Vivek

Zhang, Dan

### Philosophy

### **Candidate**

Chew, Kar-Mei Davinia

Yaacoubian, Garine

### Physical & Enviro Science

### **Candidate**

Anwar, Ahrar

Jeyakumar, Anesh

### Psychology

### **Candidate**

Abid, Tooba

Abudiab, Sally

Fairbairn, Glenda Maria

Thayaparan, Rekha

### **Political Science**

### **Candidate**

Faysal, Barrah

Srithas, Sitharsana

### Sociology

### Candidate

Laurin, Marc

Sidiq, Ishah

Thordarson, Brianna May

### Voters' List

A voter's lists is required to confirm those who are eligible to vote, current full time undergraduate students.

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

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

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

At the end of each voting day, poll clerks were instructed to seal the ballot box on site and sign the seal on the box. The ballot boxes were then transported to Campus Police by the poll clerks and CRO. Once ballot boxes were placed in the room they were to remain there until counting commenced.

### **Scrutineers**

All candidates were presented the opportunity to submit one scrutineer to observe the polling station procedures as well as the counting process. No candidates submitted scrutineers to observe the polling station procedures. Four scrutineers were present at the count representing the Students First slate. Four scrutineers were present at the count representing the NPSP slate. Two scrutineers were present at the count representing two independent candidates.

### **VERIFYING NOMINEES**

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

- Executive Positions 100
- Director Positions 50

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

The voters' list was initially missing some faculties. Therefore, contact was made with the registrar's office to amend the issue. A complete list was then provided and verifications were completed.

### SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES

Successful candidates were as follows:

### Presidential Candidate

### Candidate

Chowdhury, Tahsin

Desai, Habiba

Sundarampillai, Dharsha

### **VP Academics Candidates**

### Candidate

Dionisio, Nicole

Nandkissore, Shauna

Ravirajan, Vithura

Zeng, Zheng

# **VP External Candidates**

# Candidate

Arale, Guled

Osman, Dulaa

Wang, Zi Jian (Prince)

# **VP Equity Candidates**

#### **Candidate**

Azraq, Sabrine

Mohammad, Oranoos

Umar,Zahra M

# **Critical Development**

# Candidate

Khan, Noor

# French & Linguistics

#### Candidate

Chan, Cassandra

Julius, Louisa

# Anthropology

# Candidate

Nasiri, Ferozan

Philipiah, Alexson

# Art, Culture & Media

# **Candidate**

Bakr, Nour

Zaja, Kristina

# **Biological Sciences**

# **Candidate**

Saura, Novie

Youssef, Rany

Zaheer, Anam

# Comp. Mathematical Sci.

#### Candidate

Ramoudith, Brandon

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# Philosophy

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# Physical & Enviro Science

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Anwar, Ahrar

Jeyakumar, Anesh

# **Psychology**

#### **Candidate**

Abid, Tooba

Abudiab, Sally

Fairbairn, Glenda Maria

Thayaparan, Rekha

# **Political Science**

# **Candidate**

Faysal, Barrah

Srithas, Sitharsana

# Sociology

# **Candidate**

Laurin, Marc

Sidiq, Ishah

Thordarson, Brianna May

Only one nomination was not accepted. This nominee, Massi Bidhendi, was denied candidacy because he was no longer a member of the SCSU or enroll in any classes.

Candidates pursuing the positions of director for the Historical & Cultural Studies, as well as the Director of Critical development were acclaimed and did not appear on any ballots.

All other positions were contested.

#### **ALL CANDIDATES MEETING**

On Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014 at 7:00pm an all candidates meeting was held in SL222 Attendance at the All Candidates Meeting is a requirement to be deemed an eligible candidate.

The CRO chaired the meeting. Candidates received a "Candidate Package" that included the following:

- Election officials and contact information.
- Important dates.
- A copy of the candidate guidelines.
- A copy of the election by-laws.
- Polling station locations.
- A candidate election expense form.
- A scrutineer credentials form.

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

#### ALL CANDIDATES FORUM

On Thursday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014, at 7:00pm, an all candidate's forum was held in Rex's Den. All executive were invited to participate in the forum.

Candidates were given five minutes to present their platform. They were then given the opportunity to answer five questions from the audience. Each candidate was given one minutes to respond to each question. Candidates then were given two minutes to wrap up.

The following candidates participated in the executive portion of the forum:

# **SCSU Executives**

# President

Chowdhury, Tahsin

Desai, Habiba

#### **VP Academics**

Dionisio, Nicole

Nandkissore Shauna

# **VP Equity**

Azraq, Sabrine

#### **VP External**

Arale, Guled

Osman, Dulaa

# **Voting Days**

The voting days for the 2014 SCSU General Election were February 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>.

# **Incident Report**

- Various campaign materials were removed as polling stations were being assembled to follow the by-laws. No campaign materials are permitted at the polling stations.
- February 4<sup>th</sup>, candidates in the BV Atrium were campaigning too close to the polling station and were instructed by the CRO to follow the by-laws on the matter.
- On February 5<sup>th</sup>, BV Atrium location required more ballots.
- On February 6<sup>th</sup>, BV Atrium, required more ballots.

#### **Scrutineers**

No scrutineers were submitted to participate during the three election days.

#### **Complaints and Rulings**

The NPSP slate was issued 16 demerits for each candidate for a postering infraction. Blatantly using the wrong tape knowing full well that masking tape was suppose to be used, This is in direct violation of the campaigning rules. Therefore, demerits were issued to NPSP.

Other demerits were issued to the Student First slate for improper distribution of campaign materials, which earn them 10 demerits.

Though demerits were being issued no candidate accumulated enough to be disqualified from the SCSU Electoral race.

#### **BALLOT COUNTING**

Following the closing of polls on February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014, the ballots were all transported by the CRO and poll clerks to the ballot counting room.

The ballot counting room consisted of a sorting area, and one table for each position. Poll clerks worked in pairs to count the ballots. Each table was equipped with the appropriate ballot counting sheets and pens. One poll clerk was instructed to read the ballot was the other was instructed to record the ballots on the counting sheet.

The remaining polls clerks along with the CRO and DRO assisted with sorting the ballots.

The ballots were sorted and counted by polling station. Only the ballots from one polling station were out of the ballot boxes at a time. As the poll clerks filled their counting sheets, they wrapped the ballots in the counting sheet displaying the totals on the paper and keeping them packaged.

From there the ballots were added to an excel spreadsheet that generated the sums.

#### **UNOFFICIAL RESULTS**

#### PRESIDENT:

\*\*Chowdhury, Tahsin (Students First): 1101\*\*

Desai, Habiba (NPSP): 369 Sundarampillai, Dharsha: 93

Spoiled: 81

#### VP ACADEMICS & UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS:

\*\*Dionisio, Nicole (Students First): 942\*\*

Nandkissore, Shauna (NPSP): 317

Ravirajan, Vithura: 118 Zeng, Zheng (U-Team): 96

Spoiled: 118

#### VP EXTERNAL:

\*\*Arale, Guled (Students First): 945\*\*

Osman, Dulaa: 384

Wang, Prince (U-Team): 143

Spoiled: 120

#### **VP EQUITY**

\*\*Azraq, Sabrina (Students First): 1168\*\* Mohammad, Oranoos (U-Team): 273

Spoiled: 152

# ANTHROPOLOGY:

\*\*Nasiri, Ferozan (Students First): 105\*\*

Philipiah, Alexson (NPSP): 38

Spoiled: 8

#### ART, CULTURE & MEDIA:

\*\*Bakr, Nour (Students First): 48\*\*

Zaja, Kristina (NPSP): 30

Spoiled: 6

# **BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES:**

Saura, Novie (NPSP): 42

\*\*Youssef, Rany (Students First): 105\*\*

Zaheer, Anam: 26

Spoiled: 18

#### COMPUTER & MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES:

\*\*Ramoudith, Brandon (Students First): 47\*\*

Sharma, Rachit: 11

Wang, Sophie (NPSP): 24

Spoiled: 1

#### **ENGLISH:**

Khan, Rumaisa (NPSP): 30

\*\*Nehrin, Ranziba (Students First): 56\*\*

Spoiled: 5

# FRENCH & LINGUISTICS:

\*\*Chan, Cassandra (Students First): 35\*\*

Juluis, Louisa (NPSP): 24

Spoiled: 1

#### **HUMAN GEOGRAPHY:**

\*\*Barez, Farishta (NPSP): 40\*\*

Polencia, Russell (Students First): 23

Spoiled: 4

#### MANAGEMENT:

Manghirmalani, Simran (NPSP): 28

Li, Hoatian (U-Team): 6

\*\*Parikh, Vivek (Students First): 69\*\*

Zhang, Dan (U-Team): 11

Spoiled: 12

#### PHILOSOPHY:

Chew, Kar-Mei Davinia (NPSP): 10

\*\*Yaacoubian, Garine (Students First): 20\*\*

Spoiled: 2

# PHYSICAL & ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES:

\*\*Anwar, Ahrar (Students First): 104\*\*

Jeyakumar, Anesh (NPSP): 70

Spoiled: 16

#### POLITICAL SCIENCE:

\*\*Faysal, Barrah (NPSP): 78\*\*

Srithas, Sitharsana (Students First): 58

Spoiled: 13

#### PSYCHOLOGY:

Abid, Tooba: 34

Abudiab, Sally: 120

\*\*Fairbairn, Glenda (Students First): 148\*\*

Thayaparan, Rekha (NPSP): 74

Spoiled: 11

# SOCIOLOGY:

Laurin, Marc (NPSP): 28

\*\*Thordarson, Brianna (Students First): 41\*\*

Spoiled: 7

Cassandra Chan has decided to resigned from the position of Director of French & Linguistic by doing so this allowed Louisa Julius of the NPSP slate to occupy this Director position.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

I recommend that the following individuals be ratified for the 2014-15 SCSU Board of Directors and Executives:

PRESIDENT: Chowdhury, Tahsin

VP ACADEMICS & UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS: Dionisio, Nicole

VP EXTERNAL: Arale, Guled

VP EQUITY: Azraq, Sabrina

ANTHROPOLOGY: Nasiri, Ferozan

ART, CULTURE & MEDIA: Bakr, Nour

BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES: Youssef, Rany

COMPUTER & MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES: Ramoudith, Brandon

CRITICAL DEVELOPMENT STUDIES: Khan, Noor

ENGLISH: Nehrin, Ranziba

FRENCH & LINGUISTICS: Juluis, Louisa

HISTORICAL & CULTURAL STUDIES: Mohamed, Nafisa

HUMAN GEOGRAPHY: Barez, Farishta

MANAGEMENT: Parikh, Vivek

PHILOSOPHY: Yaacoubian, Garine

PHYSICAL & ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES: Anwar, Ahrar

POLITICAL SCIENCE: Faysal, Barrah PSYCHOLOGY: Fairbairn, Glenda

SOCIOLOGY: Thordarson, Brianna

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

# **Polling Stations**

The polling stations; The IC Building, received a very low number of voters. Therefore, I believe this location should be reconsidered and placed in areas with more student traffic.

The BV Atrium generated the most participation from voters and therefore should receive a great amount of ballots as to not run out.

#### **Poll Clerks**

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

# **By-Laws**

The time frame for which candidates can withdraw from the elections process and not have their name on the ballot should be increased to 96hrs. As it stands currently, printing of ballots must be done last minute and can be a hindrance on the process.

#### CONCLUSION

I have made recommendations in this report that I believe will enhance the election process in the near future. All recommendations were the results of challenges I had faced during the 2014 SCSU general elections.

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

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

Thank you,

Bismar Maynes
Chief Returning Officer

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