

Friday, December 2, 2011 5:00PM – 10:00PM, Room SL-232
University of Toronto Scarborough Campus Students' Union
Meeting of the Board of Directors
Chair: Guled Arale

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A. Roll Call

Guled Arale - Chair of SCSU Board of Directors
Halija Mazlomyar - Vice Chair-SCSU Board of Directors
Pagalavan Thavarajah - President & CEO
Carl Bagot - Vice President Academics
Abdalla Al-Baalawy - Vice President External
Zahra Murji - Vice President Students & Equity
Ali Lalani – Vice President Operations & CFO
Leah Robertson – Vice President Campus Life
Rupom Rahman - Social Sciences Director
Jessica Renzella - Vice President Human Resources
Adil Kanji - Social Sciences Director
Soumia Allalou - Social Sciences Director
Daniel Tittil - Management Director
Madhav Shah – Management Director
Tamar Istanbul - Humanities Director
Chantelle Barat – Humanities Director
Brian Kerr – Part time Director
Filippo Raso - Psychology Director
Harindra Rajasekeran – Psychology Director
Hally Mass Jobe – Environmental Science Director
Shanaga Jeyakumar – Biological Science Director
Alyssa Moses – First Year Director
Tisha Tan – First Year Director

This meeting is called to order at 5:10PM.

B. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION

Moved: TI

Seconded: TT

Add to the agenda

- 1) BOD Meetings Minutes of November 18th
- 2) SCOA Minutes
- 3) Student Initiative: Movember

AK: We should place the reports first, while everyone is still here, therefore everyone can give input.

PT: We should combine these reports into one line item

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MOTION

Moved: SM

Seconded: CJ

Approval of the Agenda

C. Presentations

Speaking Rights – Mark Sobero

SM

Parking Review Committee – Lot B is restricted to students at this time. We are re-introducing the idea for the implementation of the East Court Arrival plans, where Lots A, B, C would be modified to allow for the creation of a bus loop, hence taking the buses off of the straightaway, so the current drop-off, will have no conflict with buses. The TTC, Go Bus, and Durham Bus lines, would have a bus-line along Highway 2, allowing for easier service. There will also be an accessibility area, and will be a pedestrian ramp, that runs along from the school to the new bus terminal.

FR: Will there be shelters at the bus loop? Will there be heating for students?

Mark S: Yes, and we are in the process of going over new designs. There will also be advertisements there, which will help in generating revenue.

FR: Will there be heating for students?

Mark S: Yes, it has been a topic of discussion at every meeting.

AA: What is the working group/committee working on this? Are there students on this committee? How much will heater systems cost for this project?

Mark S: The East Court Arrival Committee. There are no students on this committee, and there is no need for students to be on this committee. Lighting for this shelter is \$15,000 and heating is approximately \$45,000. There will be vendors at this location that are separate from the shelters.

GA: Will emergency lights be there?

Mark S: Yes, there will be emergency lights there.

AK: What about the current situation at the Student Center?

Mark S: In revamping the space, we will reduce problems at the bottleneck.

Mark S: The ECA Development will begin in May 2012. There will be increased parking fees, for students who desire to park within the closer parking space. In the construction period, there will be changes made to the space, in order to accommodate the restructure, particularly in Lots C, E, and Beechgrove. There will be 107 permits available. In compiling this chart, I determined

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how many steps the faculty is going to make in going from one distance to another, once the changes are made.

PT: How does this new bus loop, interfere with the current Pan-Am Plan?

MS: For all intents and purposes, this new system is not yet in place; there will be consideration as the new plans come into fruition.

HJ: How long will construction take?

MS: It will be fixed before September.

Student Initiative: Movember

Massey Speaking Rights
TT

Massey: I would like to thank you all for your support. We were raising awareness for prostate cancer; we had a three-step plan that we would put in place. We worked with numerous clubs on campus.

- 1) We started with working with local barbers, and began the Take-It-Off phase.
- 2) Then we circulated memoranda to faculty and university staff to use. We worked with VNP, and volunteers to coordinate and facilitate the event.
- 3) We also held events all month long.

We had full-support. There was a great collaboration with IMANI; we had these university students come in to work with high school students on their homework. We wanted to involve these students in University Life.

We had a pub night. We organized with other groups across campus, and used Movember as an umbrella. We worked with SRC, on 'All Balls Out.' We came up with 'Flash Mobs,' and the girls ran with this idea. This kind of collaboration, and opening the floor to other groups, allowed for a great facilitation of ideas to occur and attract students.

I propose that we continue to use Movember as a campaign, to work with different groups on campus, and outside business groups, in order to promote a gigantic event, where everyone can be involved. By working together, we can work with accomplish a lot with limited resources.

AM: Did you start this initiative to raise awareness or raise funds?

MS: The purpose was to have organizations on campus collaborate.

FR: Thank you for your help; this was a great initiative.

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TI: What improvements can be made for next year?

MS: Regarding, 'Movember,' if there was a dedicated street team, things would of worked better.

Sanat Sethi
Speaking Rights TI

SS: How do you address the issue of promoting the campaign?

MS: Initially, I tried to push for working with other groups, in the hopes that they would mobilize their own members. However, I would like to have more direct involvement with the student body.

PT: We have all been discussing different ways, to think on a different-level about things pertinent to the future of UTSC.

MOTION 2-Minute Recess Start: 6:21PM End: 6:28PM	Moved: GA	Seconded: CJ
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MOTION Dissolve current standing committee	Moved: HM	Seconded: RR
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MOTION Elect External Chair	Moved: AK	Seconded: FR
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Nominate – HR

MOTION To close	Moved: AK	Seconded: FR
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External Committee Members
TT, HJ, SM

MOTION To Close – AK/FR	Moved: AK	Seconded: FR
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MOTION Elect Students & Equity Chair	Moved: AK	Seconded: FR
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TT - Nominate – RR

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To close

Students & Equity Chair Committee Members
TI, AM, SM

MOTION Moved: AK Seconded: TT
To close

MOTION Moved: AK Seconded: TT
Elect Academic Chair

HR - Nominate – FR

MOTION Moved: AM Seconded: TT
To close

Academic Chair Committee Members
TT, HR, AM

MOTION Moved: AM Seconded: TT
To close

MOTION Moved: AM Seconded: TT
Elect Operations Chair

MS - Nominate – DT

MOTION Moved: AM Seconded: TT
To close

Operations Chair Committee Members
MS, TT, CB, AM

MOTION Moved: AM Seconded: TT
To close

MOTION Moved: AM Seconded: TT
Elect Human Resources Chair

AM - Nominate – TI

MOTION Moved: AM Seconded: TT
To close

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Human Resources Chair Committee Members
DT, MS

MOTION Moved: AM Seconded: TT
To close

MOTION Moved: AM Seconded: TT
Elect Campus Life Chair

TT - Nominate – HJ

MOTION Moved: AM Seconded: TT
To close

Campus Life Chair Committee Members
Candidates: FR - RR, AA, CB, AM, HR – Nominate – SJ
Vote: RR, AM, AK, CB, SA

MOTION Moved: AM Seconded: TT
To close

MOTION Moved: AM Seconded: TT
Elect PBR Chair

MOTION Moved: AM Seconded: TT
To close

PBR Chair Committee Members
FR, FR-RR, CB-HR,

MOTION Moved: AM Seconded: TT
To close

D. Minutes Exec: November 18th

MOTION Moved: AM Seconded: TT
Minutes Approved

Corrections: Names on the Roll Call –
Mistakes on SE
HJ – Was not absent
PAN-Am

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Moved: TT

Seconded: FR

Motion to omnibus all Minutes

CB: We would like to continue the campaign, however we would like to do it as the conditions have changed.

H. New Business – Budget Line Item

PT: Would like to create a separate line item instead of going to AL, to get funds for certain programs. We want to work with different groups. The idea is to take on new initiatives, as there are several going on, on campus, and the SCSU has a tendency to focus on just two. I would like to work with SCOFIS on this. We don't have a way to measure these kinds of things.

AM: What's a line item?

PT: A way of tracking the money flows; this matters as the organization audits its financials. This will be a perpetual line item that will grow overtime. Of course, there will be rules in place, on how we deal with funds.

DT: Is this a permanent fund? Do we have a guaranteed margin on this fund?

PT: There is a lot that we can do with this fund; we will begin to draft a plan, about how we will go forward with this. Through this process we will create a levy. We are getting funds raised, to place into the fund. Through this process, we can measure the donations that are being poured into the organization.

AM: How do we handle religious-based groups?

PT: We need to have discussion about this. We haven't designed a policy for this yet.

TT: How are the t-shirts being sold?

PT: We're creating a pop-up shop that features three goals:

1. Raise awareness
2. Increase demand
3. Generate interest

HR: Are we expanding the line to include other clothing lines?

PT: We have been thinking about it, we've been thinking about sweats. Though the margin for profits, will be very minimal, and may even be too expensive. I will go to SCOFIS, in order to figure out how to start this program.

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I. New Business – XAO Hiring

JR: I would like to restate my conflict of interest, with AK.

ZM: When we did the hiring, JR, made it clear that ZM and Yevgen Vikov are to make the call for hiring AK.

FR: I didn't think that there was a serious corruptive practice that occurred, it was just that JR and AK were not at the Board Room in order to discuss the issue

MOTION

Moved: CB

Seconded: TT

BIRT the SCSU Board of Directors ratify the recommendation of the XAO Coordinator Hiring Committee and hire Adil Kanji, effective Tuesday October 26th, 2011.

CB: When a Director resigns? Do we get to know when?

GA: We find out at the next board meeting.

J. New Business - Election Timeline

There are several date changes – it is important to create awareness for this timeline, and how this will progress forward. There have been changes in order to reflect common problems that have occurred, whether it is people campaigning prematurely, or not knowing the accurate process for campaigning.

LR: At the All Candidates meeting – many candidates still don't know all of the rules.

ZM: I propose that we have a campaign, that allows students to know what positions are available, and help students to know what they are voting for.

JR: I think the best way to help not lose students during elections, is to make sure we hire before February. As some students are committed to other posts, prior to accepting this one, and in that process we lose people.

PT: "Slate Advertising," you build a team, and announce whom you are working with on the forms. This way student can decide whom; they will be voting for, and which team best represents their interests. The Chair of the Appeals Committee, the CRO, and the liaison, will come together, and draft up an agreement on how these things will go forward. This alleviates a lot of problems and creates delays. It is the SCSUs responsibility to keep things in place for all students.

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Seconded: FR

Amendments to the Elections Timeline.

Amending the Nomination End Date: Jan. 20th

All Candidates: Jan. 23

Campaign Period – Jan. 23 (end of meeting) – Feb. 15

Election: February 13 -15

K. Year Long Plans

PT: These Year Long Plans are what should be brought to the Standing Committee meetings. They are not to be brought up, at the Board-level. We need a consistent commentary with the Directors. Many issues stem from miscommunication. I would like Directors to begin contacting GA, about the different things that they would like to see being done.

HR: Regarding expanding the Student Center? Are we allowed to show this to other students?

PT: It is Joel's responsibility to be present during those meetings. Keep these too to the Standing Committee. Bring this to Standing Committee meetings, though by giving this to students, without having sufficient context, it has the potential to create problems.

L. Mini-C

PT: Joel and PT, will work on download the information that have transpired in the organization over the past three years. We will be able to add fresh, new perspectives, and faces to different problems and issues within the organization. Big-C, aspires to make sure that the new group, advances the initiatives and objectives that were started with the past directors of the organization.

HJ: We need to make sure that in scheduling Mini-C, that we make all the necessary arrangements.

E. New Business - President & CEO

a. Report - President & CEO (Pagalavan Thavarajah)

MOTION

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Seconded: TT

PT: We need to focus on clubs, and we need to work on an individual level, in order to help develop these plans.

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F. New Business – VP Reports

a. Report- Vice President External (Abdalla Al-Baalawy)

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Seconded: FR

AA: I would like to organize more events for the Scarborough Action Committee. On Monday, December 5th, we will deliver the signatures to the – Ministry of Training, Colleges, and Universities. I wanted to demonstrate to CFS, that we are strong and that we can mobilize.

FR: Can you assign us slot times, rather than ask us when to show up?

TT: Can you go over how our interaction with CFS is going?

AA: We built policies and made them stronger. We looked after budgets, and determined the accuracy of the financial statements. With more information regarding the 'Day of Action,' we will be able to play an active role in UTSC.

TI: Regarding student signatures, we would appreciate it if you give use these forms in a little more advance.

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Moved: AM

Seconded: TT

Motion to extend meeting till 10:00

MOTION

Moved: AA

Seconded: TT

Motion to Omnibus

MOTION

Moved: AA

Seconded: AM

Appeals committee

MOTION

Moved: HR

Seconded: SM

To pass Campaigns Coordinator

MOTION

Moved: AM

Seconded: TT

Amend it from Fall to Winter

MOTION

Moved: FR

Seconded: HR

BIRT, send PBR the task of recruiting the external accessory of the appeals committee of the elections.

MOTION

Moved: TI

Seconded: TT

Motion for Nomination for Appeals Committee Chair

TI – Nominate – SM

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For VP External put Manib Sajjad

Motion, the Appeals Committee with SM as Chair, shall be appointed 2 weeks before nomination period, with Manib Sajjad as External.

M. Other Business

FR: TTC fair hike.

GA: We have an expense and revenue line item that adjusts for fair increases.

FR: Revamp and increase, web traffic in web design department. We need to redo the web design program, as there three years in backlog.

HJ: I remember discussing Standing Committees during another BoD meeting. I suggest that the absence system be changed, so that (2) lateness's equal one absence. This way they would to miss every standing committee meeting, in order to have repercussions placed before them. In addition, Board Reports should be given out 48 hours in advance, with missing reports. Therefore, Director's can hold VPs accountable for missing reports.

JR: Chairs should be able to tell VPs when the Standing meetings will occur.

N. Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 9:39PM