

# SCARBOROUGH CAMPUS STUDENTS' UNION

---

LOCAL 99 OF THE CANADIAN FEDERATION OF STUDENTS

---

## Board of Directors Package

Tuesday December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016

12:00PM

University of Toronto Scarborough Campus,  
Student Centre - SL232

# 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	Point of information.	YES	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 that 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 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	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 consideration of a motion until a future meeting	I move that the motion be postponed until . . .	NO	YES	Only to time	YES	Majority
Defer consideration of a motion temporarily	I move that motion...be laid on the table	NO	YES	NO	NO	Majority
Raise a matter previously tabled	I move that motion . . . be lifted from the table.	NO	YES	NO	NO	Majority
Reconsider a motion already voted on earlier in the meeting.	I move that motion . . . be reconsidered.	NO	YES	YES (if original motion was)	NO	Majority
End debate on a motion	I call the question	NO	YES	NO	NO	2/3 majority
Ask that everyone's vote on a particular motion be recorded in the minutes	I call for a roll call vote.	NO	NO	NO	NO	Majority
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

<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Constituency or Position</b>
Ali	Muhanad	Director of Anthropology and Health Studies
Al-Ozzi	Tameem	Director of Biological Sciences
Don	Justin	Director of English
Elhadad	Judy	Director of Management
Elshaikh	Saja	Director of Human Geography
Fung	Howard	Director of Computer & Mathematical Science
Gholizaden	Samin	Director of Historical and Cultural Studies
Hassan	Deena	Director of Psychology
James	Trina	Vice-President Campus Life (non—voting)
Sarkis	Kidanian	Director of Political Science
Kirk	Jessica	President
Mohamed	Nafisa	Vice-President Equity
Mukherjee	Aaheli	Director of First Years
Philipiah	Alexson	Director of Arts, Culture and Media
Rajabi	Yasmin	Vice-President Operations (non—voting)
Singh	Aryana	Director of Physical and Environmental Sciences
Srithas	Sitharsana	Vice-President External
Waltoo	Miguel	Director of Philosophy
Wang	Evan	Director of First Year
Warsame	Samira	Director of Critical Development Studies
Wood	Thomas	Vice-President Academics & University Affairs
Yang	Jin-Mo	Director of Sociology

## Agenda

### 1. Call to order

The meeting is called to order at \_\_:\_\_

### 2. Announcements

### 3. Approval of Agenda

Motion Moved: Kirk Seconded:

Be it resolved that the agenda for the December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016 SCSU Board of Directors meeting be approved as presented.

### 4. Equity Statement

### 5. Approval of Minutes

Motion Moved: Kirk Seconded:

Be it resolved that the December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016 minutes' package including the following documents be approved as presented:

- i. Board of Directors
  - a. December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016
- ii. Executive Committee
  - a. December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016
- iii. SCSU Commission
  - a. November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016

### 6. MOTION to endorse OHIP for International Students Campaign

Moved: Kirk Seconded:

WHEREAS international students have been removed from Ontario Health Insurance Plan since 1994, and have since been integrated into costly private health insurance programs like the University Health Insurance Plan, and;

WHEREAS even in a densely populated city like Toronto, international students are discouraged from seeking medical assistance because of the difficulty around finding doctors, clinics and specialists who accept the use of UHIP and CHIP, and;

WHEREAS other provinces like Manitoba, British Columbia and Nova Scotia all cover international students under public health insurance, and;

WHEREAS all students across Ontario deserve a right to affordable and accessible health coverage and healthcare, regardless of their citizenship status.

Be it resolved that the Scarborough Campus Students' Union officially endorse the OHIP for International Students campaign, and;

Be it further resolved that the Scarborough Campus Students' Union continue to work with the Canadian Federation of Students by lobbying necessary governmental bodies to ultimately achieve OHIP for all students, and;

Be it further resolved that the Scarborough Campus Students' Union work with international students at UTSC to find ways of integrating the campaign into programming and/or initiatives of the Union.

## **7. Executive Report**

Motion                      Moved: Kirk                      Seconded:

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

## **8. Director updates**

## **9. Adjournment**

Motion                      Moved: Kirk                      Seconded:

Be it resolved that the December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016 SCSU Board of Directors meeting be adjourned.

## EXECUTIVE REPORT SERVICES & OPERATIONS

### Income Statement

The income statement for November is not ready yet. It will be presented in the January Board of Director Meeting.

### Health and Dental Opt Outs

Health and Dental Opt out Cheques are being disbursed out of the SCSU office. Please contact [health@scsu.ca](mailto:health@scsu.ca) if you have any questions.

### Office and Student Centre Closure

The Student Centre and SCSU office will be closed from December 20<sup>th</sup> at 5PM until January 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please collect any possessions from the building.

## CAMPAIGNS & ADVOCACY

### Day of Remembrance of Violence Against Women

On December 1st, the Equity and Diversity office held a ceremony in the Meeting Place to remember the lives of women that have been impacted by violence. Members of Admin, as well as our VP Campus Life and President had shared a few words against violence. SCSU had also provided self-care packages for attendees recognizing self-care is very important especially in the settings.

### Departmental Student Associations Funding

SCSU recognizes DSAs as a way for students to access academic services and programming specific to their department. In order to accomplish this, the SCSU provides funding for DSAs at UTSC to provide support for their initiatives that enhance the academic experience of students at UTSC. The first meeting of the DSA Funding Committee met to consider 20 applications by DSAs.

### Health and Wellness Advisory Committee

The VP External sits on the Health and Wellness Centre Advisory Committee as an executive of the Council of Student Services (CSS). The meeting was held on December 6th, in which the committee had an overview of the budget and the services provided by the Health & Wellness Centre. The committee also unanimously decided to lower cancellation fees for missed medical appointments from \$50 to \$30, similar to other universities and campuses. If you have any further questions, contact Sitharsana Srithas at [external@scsu.ca](mailto:external@scsu.ca).

### Hope for Haiti – Follow-Up

Members of SCSU who attended the Annual General Meeting passed a motion whose resolution was that the SCSU donate money to a Haitian-led organization of Caribbean Connections' (CC) choosing. This motion was put forth in response to the lack of responsiveness post-Hurricane Matthew on the part of the government, the media, and other institutions. Another aspect of the motion included supporting CC's "Hope for Haiti" campaign. Just last week, the President met

Board of Directors Meeting #8 of the Scarborough Campus Students' Union  
Tuesday December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016 | 12:00 PM | SL-232, UTSC Student Centre

with Caribbean Connection executives to see which organization they've decided we must donate to, which they have decided would be Sakala. This organization guarantees a tracking system for those who choose to donate in order to ensure transparency. We also discussed how CC intends to roll out their campaign, and how SCSU can act as a resource and as support. Please expect a follow-up once the donation has been made.

#### Provost's Undergraduate Student Advisory Group

On the 6th of December, the President was asked to meet with various student societies and student unions across UofT with the Vice Provost, Students. We addressed our disapproval of Jordan Peterson being given platforms to inflict further violence on trans students, non-binary students, and Black students. We were all updated on the status of the governance process for the Sexual Violence Policy, along with temporary location of the Sexual Violence Prevention & Support Centre at the St. George Campus. Its location will be on the 6th floor of iSchool at the Claude T. Bissell building, room 605.

## EVENTS & PROGRAMMING

#### Exam Destressors

This week, Monday to Thursday from 10:00pm to 1:00am SCSU will be giving out exam destressor kit in the BV area to students studying on campus. If you would like to learn more information contact, [campuslife@scsu.ca](mailto:campuslife@scsu.ca).

#### UTSC on Ice

Friendly reminder that on December 20th, the SCSU, Move U and Athletics will be bussing student to the Harboufront to skate from 6:00pm to 9:00pm. Buses will be leaving the student centre at 5:30pm and will leave the harbourfront at 9:30pm. Those looking to attend must sign up on the intranet and bring a perishable food item on the day of. For more information contact [campuslofe@scsu.ca](mailto:campuslofe@scsu.ca)

#### Winter Week of Welcome

From January 2nd to January 5th, the SCSU will be hosting a variety of events to welcome you back to UTSC. On January 2nd we will be giving out hot drinks to keep you warm on the first day back to school. January 3rd will take over the Student Centre with our Arcade Day. January 4th the SCSU will be giving a free pancake breakfast in the StudentCentre catered by Rex's Den. Lastly on January 5th, we will be hosting an Open Mic Night to showcase so UTSC talent. For more information, contact [campuslife@scsu.ca](mailto:campuslife@scsu.ca)

Board of Directors Meeting #8 of the Scarborough Campus Students' Union  
Tuesday December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016 | 12:00 PM | SL-232, UTSC Student Centre

Meeting Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting #7 of the Scarborough Campus Students' Union  
Friday December 2nd, 2016 | 3:08 PM | SL-232, UTSC Student Centre

---

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

<b>LAST NAME</b>	<b>FIRST NAME</b>	<b>CONSTITUENCY OR POSITION</b>
ALI	MUHANAD	DIRECTOR OF ANTHROPOLOGY AND HEALTH STUDIES
AL-OZZI	TAMEEM	DIRECTOR OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES
• DON	JUSTIN	DIRECTOR OF ENGLISH
• ELHADAD	JUDY	DIRECTOR OF MANAGEMENT
• ELSHAIKH	SAJA	DIRECTOR OF HUMAN GEOGRAPHY
• FUNG	HOWARD	DIRECTOR OF COMPUTER & MATHEMATICAL SCIENCE
GHOLIZADEN	SAMIN	DIRECTOR OF HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL STUDIES
• HASSAN	DEENA	DIRECTOR OF PSYCHOLOGY
• JAMES	TRINA	VICE-PRESIDENT CAMPUS LIFE (NON—VOTING)
• SARKIS	KIDANIAN	DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL SCIENCE
• KIRK	JESSICA	PRESIDENT
• MOHAMED	NAFISA	VICE-PRESIDENT EQUITY
• MUKHERJEE	AAHELI	DIRECTOR OF FIRST YEARS
• PHILIPAH	ALEXSON	DIRECTOR OF ARTS, CULTURE AND MEDIA
• RAJABI	YASMIN	VICE-PRESIDENT OPERATIONS (NON—VOTING)
• SINGH	ARYANA	DIRECTOR OF PHYSICAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES
• SRITHAS	SITHARSANA	VICE-PRESIDENT EXTERNAL
WALTOO	MIGUEL	DIRECTOR OF PHILOSOPHY
• WANG	EVAN	DIRECTOR OF FIRST YEAR
• WARSAME	SAMIRA	DIRECTOR OF CRITICAL DEVELOPMENT STUDIES
WOOD	THOMAS	VICE-PRESIDENT ACADEMICS & UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS



YANG

JIN-MO

DIRECTOR OF SOCIOLOGY

### 1. Call to order

A quorum being present, the Chair called the meeting to order at approximately 3:08 p.m.

### 2. Announcements

Kirk announced that the SCSU Board of Directors Appreciation Party, which is taking place next Friday to show appreciation for the outreach and work contributed to the Student's Union. Kirk asks that the Board members RSVP before Wednesday. Kirk stated that she hopes that everyone could attend this fun event as there will be free food and karaoke.

Kirk asked the new Directors to respond to Doodle for Board Retreat when you have a chance

Kirk stated that the next Board Meeting is on December 13th from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Rajabi will send a Doodle with the dates of potential board meeting dates for the Winter Session.

### 3. Approval of Agenda

#### MOTION

Moved: Kirk

Seconded: Wood

Be it resolved that the agenda for the December 2nd, 2016 SCSU Board of Directors meeting be approved as presented.

Vote: All in favour

#### CARRIED

### 4. Equity Statement

Mohamed read the Equity Statement and the Acknowledgement of the Lands we occupy of the Mississauga New Credit First Nation.

### 5. Approval of Minutes

#### MOTION

Moved: Kirk

Seconded: Elhadad

Be it resolved that the December 2nd, 2016 minutes' package including the following documents be approved as presented:

- i. Board of Directors

- a. October 26, 2016
- ii. Executive Committee
  - a. October 21st, 2016
  - b. October 24th, 2016
  - c. October 31st, 2016
  - d. November 10th, 2016
  - e. November 24th, 2016
- iii. SCSU Commission
  - a. October 24th, 2016
- iv. Elections Review Committee
  - a. November 9th, 2016
- v. Clubs Committee
  - a. November 29th, 2016

Vote: All in favour

**CARRIED**

## **6. Motion for Spring Elections**

**MOTION**

Moved: Kirk

Seconded: Philipiah

Be it resolved that the SCSU Spring Elections campaign period be between January 24th and February 9th, 2017.

Be it further resolved that the SCSU Spring Elections voting days be February 7th, 8th and 9th, 2017.

Vote: All in favour

**CARRIED**

## **7. Executive Report**

**MOTION**

Moved: Kirk

Seconded: Mukherjee

### **SERVICES & OPERATIONS**

Rajabi speaks on **October Income Statement**

Rajabi stated that the SCSU received the general fees and membership fees from the university, which explains the increase in net income in October. Rajabi reminded that Board that the SCSU only receives the membership fees four times a year and distributes them over the 12 months.

Rajabi speaks on **Student Centre Maintenance**

Board of Directors Meeting #8 of the Scarborough Campus Students' Union  
Tuesday December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016 | 12:00 PM | SL-232, UTSC Student Centre

During the holiday break, there will be various maintenance projects around the Student Centre. Initiatives include fixing the first floor ground, the foot washing stations in the bathroom, and more. The Student Centre will be closing on December 20<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m. for maintenance.

#### Rajabi speaks on **Health and Dental Cheques**

The health and dental opt out cheques for the fall semester have been sent out in the mail.

### **CAMPAIGNS & ADVOCACY**

#### Kirk speaks on **CCR Committee**

SCSU was invited to sit on the Co-Curricular Record Campus Group Committee. At this meeting, we sifted through campus clubs' submissions, for those who were interested in having their executive positions listed through CCR. If you are interested in finding out about the application process, feel free to contact [president@scsu.ca](mailto:president@scsu.ca).

#### Srithas speaks on **CFS National General Meeting**

SCSU executives attended the CFS National General Meeting that took place in Gatineau, Quebec from November 17<sup>th</sup> to November 21<sup>st</sup>. At the National General Meeting, delegates from locals across the country discussed the motions and attended workshops which discussed topics such as having a trans-inclusive student movement, education justice and had speakers who had come from Chile to talk about their success in achieving free education through their national student organization. For further questions, contact Sitharsana Srithas at [external@scsu.ca](mailto:external@scsu.ca).

#### Wood speaks on **Council on Student Services**

The Council on Student Services (CoSS) is a governing body, located at the St. George Campus, which has representatives from each of the U of T students' unions and representatives from student services offered by the administration. Like CSS, CoSS gives a majority of seats to students, and votes on increase to ancillary fees. The VP AUA is this year's representative for the Scarborough Campus. Feel free to contact [academics@scsu.ca](mailto:academics@scsu.ca) for any questions.

#### Srithas speaks on **Fight the Fees Showcase**

On November 1<sup>st</sup>, SCSU executives had a showcase which took place in the Student Centre food court where we had students from various clubs, such as the Muslim Students' Association and Tamil Students' Association, who talked about the importance of free education. Students also created placards and painted banners in preparation for the National Day of Action. If you have any further questions, contact Sitharsana Srithas at [external@scsu.ca](mailto:external@scsu.ca).

#### Srithas speaks on **Fight the Fees: Next Steps**

On November 24<sup>th</sup>, there was a discussion on the next steps of the Fight the Fees campaign after the National Day of Action. Students had an opportunity to discuss areas of improvement for the day of action, the effect of the day of action and thought of other opportunities to continue to advocate for free education, especially leading up to provincial elections. For further questions, contact Sitharsana Srithas at [external@scsu.ca](mailto:external@scsu.ca).

Srithas speaks on **Health and Wellness Advisory Committee**

The VP External sits on the Health and Wellness Centre Advisory Committee as an executive of the Council of Student Services (CSS). The meeting was held on November 9th, in which the committee had an overview of the Flourish program. If you have any further questions, contact Sitharsana Srithas at [external@scsu.ca](mailto:external@scsu.ca).

Kirk speaks on **Healthy Campus Advisory Committee**

SCSU's President was invited to sit on the Healthy Campus Advisory Committee, whereby we discussed different ways in which the University can create a healthier campus climate. We established that a healthy campus is not limited to a physically active campus, but also one that prioritized the mental wellness of the UTSC community. There is also a Healthy Campus Fund available so that these ideas can come in to fruition. One of the projects that came out of this meeting was for UTSC to work with the community to create opportunities to grow and eat good food.

Srithas speaks on **Meeting with Lisa Rae, Senior Policy Advisor**

On November 15th, SCSU executives met with Lisa Rae, the Senior Policy Advisor to Deb Matthews, Minister of Advanced Education and Skills Development. This meeting was a follow-up to questions SCSU executives raised at the CFS Ontario General Meeting where Deb Matthews was a guest speaker. At this follow-up meeting, we were able to discuss the government's plan for the funding formula and the implementation of the Ontario Student Grant. For further questions, contact Sitharsana Srithas at [external@scsu.ca](mailto:external@scsu.ca).

Srithas speaks on **National Day of Action**

On November 2nd, students across the country took to the streets to demand free education. 58 campuses from 38 cities across the country participated. The Day of Action at UTSC began with a free pancake breakfast and various speakers such as Diane, who spoke on the indigenous student perspective, James, who spoke on the international student perspective, and a dance performance by Bhangra Dynasty. Afterwards, students were loaded on to buses to leave downtown where we will meet with the other two U of T campus and organized a rally with various speakers and performers. Next, we marched to Queen's Park, where we met with the rest of the universities and colleges in the GTA. At Queen's Park, we had various speakers such as faculty members, people from labour unions, student leaders from different university/college campuses and high school students. The Day of Action ended at 4 pm after which students were loaded on to buses and returned to UTSC. If you have any further questions, contact Sitharsana Srithas at [external@scsu.ca](mailto:external@scsu.ca).

Kirk speaks on **Maveerar Naal**

Following suite with the annual tradition, an SCSU executive was invited to speak at the Tamil Students' Association's Maveerar Naal, hosted on November 24th, 2016 in the meeting place. TSA has spent the month of November organizing initiatives that shed light on Tamil Eelam's history of armed resistance against state sanctioned violence and genocide. SCSU stands in solidarity with marginalized communities challenging colonialism.

Srithas speaks on **Meeting with MP Gary Anandasangaree**

On November 17th, SCSU executives met with Gary Anandasangaree, MP of Scarborough Rouge-River to discuss the case for free education. We were also able to get insight into talks surrounding transit improvements in Scarborough. For further questions, contact Sitharsana Srithas at [external@scsu.ca](mailto:external@scsu.ca).

Mohamed speaks on **Racialized Student's Collective – Real Talks**

The Racialized Students' Collective had two of their bi-weekly Real Talks this month. One partner with the Tamil Students' Association called By Any Means Necessary, which was a discussion centered on violence, genocide, and when arms are necessary to be used. The second Real Talks was partnered with The Olive branch of Hope at UTSC and the Women and Trans\*Center to hold a workshop centered around the Triple Negative Breast Cancer, which is a form of breast cancer that mostly affects women of African Ancestry.

Kirk speaks on **Remembrance Day Ceremony**

SCSU's President was invited to speak at the University's Remembrance Day Ceremony. We made a conscious effort to vocalize our concerns with the glorification of war and the mistreatment of communities under occupation. This includes the impact of war on racialized people, women, children, elderly people and people living with disabilities.

Kirk speaks on **Standing Rock Solidarity Action**

On November 5th, SCSU executives attended Toronto's solidarity action organized as a response to members of Sioux Nation's national call to action. Since that day of action, land defenders and water protectors have been faced with violence for resisting the construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline – enforcement agents have attacked them with teargas, rubber bullets and water cannons. If you are interested in showing support for Standing Rock, here are one of many ways: <http://standwithstandingrock.net/donate/>

Wood speaks on **Study Space Forum**

The second Academic Forum this year is focused on the issue of study space at the UTSC campus. Over the last few years, as the population of UTSC increased out of proportion with its population, study space has become an extremely scarce commodity. Compounded by issues of non-UTSC students using study space, and other issues such as the saving of seats for long periods, many students have felt like the current level of study space available to them is insufficient. The Study Space Forum is meant to compliment the Study Space Survey that was run last year by the previous VP AUA. Feel free to contact [academics@scsu.ca](mailto:academics@scsu.ca) for any questions.

Mohamed speaks on **The Pomegranate Tree Group**

The Pomegranate Tree Group is an external party that has started working the university as well as the Equity and Diversity Office; to create more programming centered on Muslim Women. SCSU partnered with these groups to hold self-care workshops, such as self-defence lessons, calligraphy lessons, and self care for Black Muslim women.

Srithas speaks on **Transit Interview with CBC Radio**

On November 15th, the VP External was interviewed for Ideas, a show on CBC Radio to talk about the ongoing transit concerns in Scarborough. She talked about the high cost of transit fares but the lack of effort put forth by the city to provide increased and efficient services. For further questions, contact Sitharsana Srithas at [external@scsu.ca](mailto:external@scsu.ca).

**EVENTS & PROGRAMMING**

Kirk speaks on **Annual General Meeting**

The Annual General Meeting was hosted on November 16th, 2016 – thank you to all those who attended! Aside from an executive report and a presentation from the auditors, this year we had an opportunity to discuss changes to the commission structure, electing the Vice President Operations, and donating to Hatian-led organizations working on relief efforts. SCSU executives look forward to following up with students about concerns that were raised, including but not limited to study space issues and respecting artists' contributions to Gallery 1265. Kirk stated that there are continued conversations about issues that were not resolved.

James speaks on **Exam Destressor**

On December 12th to 15th the SCSU in collaboration with APUS will be hosting their Exam Destressor. Starting at 10pm and ending at 1am, the SCSU will be handing destressor kits as well as coffee and to the students who are studying in campus. If you have any questions email [campuslife@scsu.ca](mailto:campuslife@scsu.ca).

James speaks on **UTSC on Ice**

On December 20th the SCSU in collaboration with Athletic and Recreation, and Move U will be hosting their UTSC on Ice. Starting at 5p.m., bus will be bringing students to the Harbourfront. Students looking to attend may sign up on the Intranet. Students are welcomed to bring their own or rent it on site. If you have any questions email [campuslife@scsu.ca](mailto:campuslife@scsu.ca).

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

Vote: All in favour

**CARRIED**

**8. Director updates**

Kirk asked the directors what they understood about their role and responsibilities as a SCSU Director.

Singh stated that engagement with students was an important responsibility of a SCSU Director.

Warsame stated it was a Director's responsibility to figure out if anything needs to be changed or addressed and to bring up issues at the SCSU Board of Director meetings.

Philipiah stated that an SCSU Director should partake in all SCSU events.

Hassan stated that a Director should reach out to their DSA and give them a platform to address their issues so it could get back to Board.

Kirk stated that the directors all brought up important points that well encompass their understanding of their roles. Kirk added that the directors have a lot of agency and potential to bring about the changes that they want to see around campus.

Kirk gave examples of changes made by the SCSU directors last year. The Director of Biology recognized that the method of testing, such as finals and assessments, are not as accessible as they could be because not everyone can do well and perform well through standard multiple choice questioning. As a result, the Director of Biology drafted survey that reflected the needs of biology students, talked with the Department Chair of Biology and found out different ways that students can be more meaningfully engaged with the course material. Also, the First Year Director collaborated with the VP External and held two decompression events, one of which was a Games Night. The First Year Director used her role to figure out different ways to provide students a space where they could decompress.

Kirk opened up the floor for discussion about why they got involved as a director and discuss any ideas they have or changes that they would like to see around campus.

Singh liked the campaigns from last year and they are part of the reason she decided to get involved in the SCSU.

Wang stated that he wants to hold events but he is not sure what event he can do so he would like to speak to the VP External.

Elshaikh wants to get involved, something is missing in terms of the geography department and she wanted to see if there is something she could do about it.

Warsame would like make the IDS Student Resource room more accessible because gaining access to the room is very elite, even for IDS students and professors. Warsame notes the students in City Studies face a similar dilemma as it is difficult to get into the City Studies Resource room unless you are part of a specific City Studies course.

Philipiah stated that he got involved in the SCSU because arts, culture and media is his realm of study and he wanted to get involved with the university. Philipiah stated that there is an arts, culture and media networking event at 6 p.m. today, which he plan to attend so that he could discuss any concerns that individuals may have and bring them up at the next board of directors meeting.

Sarkis that the reason he wanted to become the Director of Political Science was the experience itself. Sarkis stated that he wants to organize events and discussions to help bring political science students closer together.

Hassan stated that she knew that she wanted to be part of student union but did not know how. Hassan thanked Kirk for reaching out and letting her know about opportunities at the SCSU. Hassan thinks that it is important that student body knows that there is an opportunity for them to have platform that will affect what their student union is doing. Hassan wanted to get involved to make this opportunity open to everyone, to help students understand that they can reach out to Board and affect what they're receiving from student union.

Mukherjee stated that she was involved in student council in high school and enjoyed the experience so she knew that she wanted to get involved in the SCSU. Mukherjee wanted to be actively involved in helping solve issues that students raise during discussions. Mukherjee noted that first year students, especially international students, are not comfortable with public transport and she suggested that SCSU gets the Presto card or at least increase student's awareness of Presto. Mukherjee also stated that she wants to hold events that will give first years an opportunity to discuss the university experience with upper year students.

Fung stated that he got involved in the SCSU to represent the Computer Science community because he is well connected with this community and he is aware of their struggles because he has experienced them himself. Fung stated that he often feels that computer science students are unengaged with the campus. Fung knows he can outreach to them easily because he knows a lot of them and he can bring things of interest to them.

Elhadad stated that main reason she got involved in the SCSU was to connect Management students with the main campus ensure that the voices of Management students gets heard. Elhadad stated concerns about Management students being unengaged with the main campus because majority of the management courses are taught in the IC building, which leads students to spend most of their time at the IC building.

Kirk thanked the Directors for their honesty and sharing how they got involved. Kirk stated that she believed it is important to meaningfully connect with each other. Kirk wanted to recognize that we are halfway through the year but the Board still has an opportunity to bring about real changes to the Scarborough campus. Kirk stated that she looks forward to talking to the Directors about their ideas and encourages Directors to reach out to SCSU Executives who can help put their plans into action.

Fung asked what the Board expectations are for the Director Updates.

Chair stated that the Director should have discussions with their department to identify any issues they may have and bring them to board meeting for further discussion about how the student union can help.



Fung asked about issues that students have with particular courses and how the Board much sway they have in regards to professors and assignments.

Wood responded that particular assignments are probably not going to change right away. However, SCSU Executives can set-up and attend conversations between Directors and the Chair of their department. Wood stated that Directors can discuss assignments that are not conducive and often the Chair of the department is interested in helping to solve the problem because they want students to succeed. Wood notes that often times there is not a great response rate from students so the Chair and professors are unaware of the need for change.

Fung asked whether issues such as these should be brought up personally or at board meetings.

Wood replied that matters that involved personal details should be discussed privately and more general issues that are public knowledge can be brought up at board meetings.

Hassan noticed patterns in stagnant outreach and felt that if outreach was more personal, such as mobile outreach with one-on-one conversations, then more people would listen and attend SCSU events. Hassan admits that this may lead to talking to less people but she feels that this method would be more productive and lead to a greater response rate.

Kirk asked the Board what other ways they could get students more engaged.

Wood suggested that the Directors encourage their students to fill out course evaluations since professors review these with the Chair of the department.

Sarkis suggested outreach going from top to bottom. Sarkis suggested that the Directors talk to the DSA because the DSAs themselves talk to the students in their department.

Fung asked how to reach out to students who just go to school and go home.

Sarkis stated that it must be recognized that there is a limit to outreach. Sarkis stated it would be ideal to outreach to everyone but it may not be possible.

Hassan suggested to ask students what they care about in order to learn what the students want, which would allow the SCSU to advertise based on what appeals to the students. Hassan adds that this would help the SCSU tailor campaigns and services to the students' needs.

Philipiah stated that he wanted to close the gap between the official academic government and the student social spirit. Philipiah suggested to reignite pages such as "Students at UTSC", fuse politics in the pages and encourage discussion, which would make students want to be engaged in the UTSC community.

Board of Directors Meeting #8 of the Scarborough Campus Students' Union  
Tuesday December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016 | 12:00 PM | SL-232, UTSC Student Centre

Mukherjee recalled that there were SCSU pages where group leaders shared stories and pictures of how they met friends at Orientation. Mukherjee suggested floating outreach and personalizing events by getting statements from students that explain what they got out of the event.

Singh suggested giving out free stuff to get students' attention and get them to engage.

Kirk thanked the Directors for their input. Kirk reminded the Directors that the Executives are here to support their initiatives and help put plans in action. Kirk stated that there are also spaces to continue these conversations such as the SCSU commission. Kirk reminded the Board that the SCSU does not hold a commission during the last month at each semester.

## **9. Adjournment**

### **MOTION**

Moved: Kirk

Seconded: Sarkis

Be it resolved that the December 2nd, 2016 SCSU Board of Directors meeting be adjourned.

Vote: All in favour

### **CARRIED**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:01 p.m.

Board of Directors Meeting #8 of the Scarborough Campus Students' Union  
Tuesday December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016 | 12:00 PM | SL-232, UTSC Student Centre

MINUTES – SCSU EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Scarborough Campus Students' Union | Local 99, Canadian Federation of Students  
Monday, December 5th, 2016 | 1:00pm | UTSC Student Centre, SL – 108

1. Call to Order:
  - a. Present: Kirk, Wood, Mohamed, Rajabi, Srithas, James
  - b. Absent:

***BIRT the Dec 5th Agenda be approved as presented***  
***APPROVED***

2. Hot Water Machines/Microwaves/Charging Stations  
There was a meeting with the university regarding charging stations. Due to the changes in technology, there is no interest in investing in charging stations. The microwave in EV will be replaced in January. The University did not budget for hot water machines for this fiscal year. The plan of action will be to purchase the new charging stations for the student centre and have a further discussion with the university about microwave locations.
3. Pan Am Kiosk  
Athletics would like to use the kiosk for ticket sales. There is interest in renting this space like the other SCSU Spaces on campus. Students will be permitted to use free of charge.
4. OHIP for ALL  
The UTSU has endorsed this campaign and would like to know if the SCSU is interested. This will go to the Board of Directors.

***BIRT the Dec 5th meeting be adjourned***  
***APPROVED***



Scarborough Campus Students' Union  
University of Toronto Scarborough  
1265 Military Trail, Room SL-108  
Toronto, ON M1C 1A4

T: (416) 287-7047  
E: info@scsu.ca

---

## SCSU Commission - Agenda

November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 5:00pm – 7:00pm

SL 232

1. Call to Order  
At 5:15pm
2. Equity Statement
3. Report-Backs
  - a. Clothing Drive
    - Working on graphics with food for fines initiative
  - b. Chippewas of the Thames First Nation
    - Sitharsana submit a cheque to the organization to assist with legal fees, she will do a report-back at January's
4. Microwaves
  - There were concerns raised about how few microwaves are around campus at our AGM, so Yasmin has added this item to the agenda to request member feedback
  - Students are in favour of investigating putting them around campus in pairs
  - Folks had proposed microwaves on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of BV
  - Science wing hallway
  - Second floor of EV
  - Another in IC
5. Other Businesses?
  - SCSU is investigating purchasing charging stations in student centre
  - Yasmin will also be meeting with Fran to investigate hot water machines. Suggestions include:
    1. In IC beside the water fountain and microwaves
    2. 4<sup>th</sup> floor of BV
  - There will also be requests for charging stations around campus. They include:
    1. MW, SW, BV, IC... One per building, essentially

- The university is putting out an RFP (request for proposals) for permanent food truck vendors beside IC
  - Peterson – ***what can we do to make the campus safer after there had be?***
    1. Two new portals include the option to put your pronouns and preferred
    2. Syllabus should include equity statement, that is what happens at the University of Toronto Mississauga
- a. It's essentially a binding contract, so it could be a means
- ***Are there any new services folks would like to see SCSU provide?***
    1. Emergency grants
    2. Upass! Maybe after fare integration
    3. Cheaper parking options?
- . Request weekly or monthly passes
6. Adjournment  
Moved by: Wood                      Seconded: Waltoo
- CARRIED