

Friday, March 30, 2012 3:00PM – 8:00PM, Room SL-232  
University of Toronto Scarborough Campus Students' Union  
Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Chair: Guled Arale

**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 Bharat – Humanities Director  
Filippo Raso - Psychology Director  
Harindra Rajasekeran – Psychology Director  
Hally Mass Jobe – Environmental Science Director  
Shanaga Jeyakumar – Biological Science Director  
Tisha Tan – First Year Director  
Alyssa Moses – First Year Director

This meeting is called to order at 3:29PM.

**B. Approval of the Agenda.**

**MOTION** Moved: DT Seconded: TT

**C. Minutes – March 9**

**MOTION** Moved: ZM Seconded: CB  
Approval of the Minutes

**E. Presidential Report**

**MOTION** Moved: ZM Seconded: TT  
To Table.

**F. VP Reports****MOTION**

Moved: AA

Seconded: DT

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

AA: In our discussion with councilors of the City of Toronto, they were very impressed with the presentation and were ready to work with us on the request that we presented on, specifically the community work. This was definitely a first step to build a coalition between the SCSU and the councilors in Scarborough for future initiatives.

**b. Report- Vice President Students and Equity (Zahra Murji)****MOTION**

Moved: ZM

Seconded: SJ

DT: What is going on with the Toshiba Laptop program?

ZM: We were looking to make the Toshiba Laptop program official, so the notation just makes the approval that the necessary steps were taken to make it happen.

DT: A better program, would be made SCSU executives and its associates use the laptops

HM: Why didn't this program work?

ZM: Its not a good program for the SCSU, we need an IT person to wipe the computer to make sure that it works for the next person. This program would be better implemented if handled by the library in terms of loaning out the laptops as if they were books. In a particular instance, the Toshiba laptop fell and smashed, which speaks to its durability. In order for this program to be fully implemented, we need to have durable laptops. If we really want to have a program that works, we should invest more money in durable laptops.

Ismael Iqbal Speaking Rights

DT

II: It would be great to house the Toshiba program in the library, as there are IT specialists there who are sometimes idle.

**c. Report- Vice President Academics (Carl Bagot)****MOTION**

Moved: TT

Seconded: FR

FR: In regards to incoming DSAs, we are getting 8 new DSAs, each of whom will be working on a variety of committee meetings. The DSL has a new funding scheme for this as well.

**d. Report - Vice President Campus Life (Leah Robertson)****MOTION**

Moved: DT

Seconded: AM

LR: We successfully hosted 'Leveraging LinkedIn,' and out of 150 people that signed up, at least 100 students came.

**MOTION**

Moved: FR

Seconded: TT

To 15 Minute Recess.

Break Began – 3:50PM

Call to Order – 4:24PM

**D. CRO Report**

SS: Our methods were consistent with the previous SCSU elections held. We were able to hold to the Elections Forum on March 19<sup>th</sup>, where each candidate was able to speak individually to the students. There was an Election Day discrepancy between the voting list and the students eligible to vote. Though, many eligible voters were not included in the voting list, the elections committee was still able to hold a fair election. Initially, DSL gave us a student list that contained first and last names, when we followed up the next time, they gave us a list that was still missing pertinent information that was necessary in order to determine the eligibility of potential voters. Polling clerks were told that if names were not on the list than they would have to present their ROSI account to the polling clerks.

**RESULTS OF VOTING****Psychology**

Nicole Dionisio - 31

Taha Iftikhar – 11

Abstain - 3

**Computer and Mathematical Science**

Yes - 5

No – 2

Abstain - 1

**Biological Science**

Sheen Pardinias - 46

Tisha Tan – 35

Abstain - 2

**Management**

Mouad Benaicha - 48  
Vishesh Bhojani - 21  
Ismael Iqbal – 41  
Abstain – 4

**Humanities**

Ashley - 29  
Hassan Mohamud - 27  
Rannie Xu – 20  
Abstain - 3

**Social Sciences**

Alyssa Moses - 20  
Luis Alcantara - 26  
Patrick Simeon – 16  
Abstain – 5

Total Number of Spoiled ballots: 11

**SS:** Recommendations: Pay close attention and verify that the student voter e-copy list is the exact duplicate of the student voter hardcopy list which is presented to the elections team. Also pay specific attention when printing out the hardcopy voter lists to ensure that it matches all corresponding e-copy lists particularly first year students. Also the DSL must ensure that the total number of student enrollments during the school year matches the total number of student's names present within the voter list which is presented to the elections committee.

**FR:** In some instances, some of the poll clerks did not monitor the voters appropriately, as on the first day of voting, the lists were not properly provided. In recording this discrepancy, I sent an email to PT, GA, and HM.

**AA:** What exactly were the issues that you found with the lists provided?

**SS:** This is a recurring problem that has not only happened in this election, but in several elections prior. I would suggest that the SCSU work with administration closer in order to provide the accurate lists necessary that would be conducive to hosting a proper election.

**II:** If you had problems with the lists, did you tell anyone?

**SS:** According to Elections Committee bylaws, we are not supposed to discuss any issues with any other individual except for PT. I would like to reiterate that either the CRO or DRO is always there.

**RR:** Why did the electoral procedure still continue if the right information isn't there?

SS: We were provided two lists, and we did the best that we could given our constraints.

HJ: Is it possible that we can just go forward in this process and not play a blame game?

TT: What steps can be taken to fix the issue?

**CALL TO QUESTION**

Moved: LR

BIRT, that the SCSU adopts the elections ratified as of Friday, March 30th, 2012 with the director's positions as follows; Sheen Pardinias (Biological Science director), Edouard Magharian (Computer and Mathematical Sciences Director), Ashley Acoba, Hassan Mohammed, & Ran Xu (Humanities Directors), Mouad Benaicha, & Ismael Iqbal (Management Directors), Nicole Dionisio & Taha Iftikhar (Psychology Directors), Alyssa Moses, Luis Alcantara, & Patrick Simeon (Social Sciences Directors).

**VOTE**

In Favour: 1

Abstention: 6

Opposed: 2

Abstention noted – TT/AM/RR

HJ: Can we reconsider?

GA: Yes, but you need a 2/3 majority.

**MOTION**

Moved: RR

Seconded: TT

To Reconsider

**VOTE**

In Favour: 6

Abstention: 1

Opposed: 2

FR: The procedures and guidelines are there for things to happen right and fairly. We need to make sure the integrity and the foundation of the organization is honest.

AA: The Elections Committee bylaw suggests that we cannot have another election until September.

HJ: You guys need to determine what is in the best interests of the SCSU. The reality is that we cannot have an election.

FR: In accordance with last year, we blatantly broke policy, when we could have followed procedure.

TT: We have to base our decision on what we know now.

GA: There is not clear evidence or proof that there was election fraud; all we know is that the potential was there.

ZM: I think we need to pay the Elections Committee, appoint the winners of the election as they stand now, and have another election in September.

HJ: The reality is that we are all here not because we can follow a simple piece of paper, but in reality we all have independent minds that we can use.

AA: Even if we are to go through a new hiring process, our VP HR is gone. We also need more resources in order to do this properly. It's going to be hard to integrate people into the SCSU if we have the election in the Fall. Also, the majority of the election was voted properly. Although, there was an issue, we should be pointing fingers at the DSL.

RR: I agree with AA, our goal should be how to resolve the issue and not to blame DSL.

**MOTION** Moved: AA Secended: RR  
To Table.

**VOTE**  
In Favour: 4 Abstention: 1 Opposed: 3

AA: Why are we tabling if we know what are options are?

HJ: We just want more time to figure out more options. It just seems like in our discussion, there is such a wide-array of options that we need more time to figure out what we want to do.

**MOTION** Moved: AA Secended: DT

BIRT, that the Vice-Chair writes a report about all the different options if the director's election is not ratified.

**VOTE**  
In Favour: 1 Abstention: Opposed: 4

**MOTION** Moved: DT Secended: TT  
Extend the meeting to 7:00PM.

**VOTE**  
In Favour: 3 Abstention: Opposed: 1

HJ: I think that we should move the meeting to earlier in order to accommodate people's academic and work schedules.

**MOTION** Moved: FR Seconded: TT  
Recess Began – 6:10PM  
Call to Order – 6:32PM

AA: HM will just bring the options back to us that we already knew we had, so there's really no point on voting on this.

**MOTION** Moved: AA Seconded: HR  
Reconsider Tabling Until Next Meeting.

**VOTE**  
In Favour: 4 Abstention: 2 Opposed: 1  
Abstention noted – TT/RR

**MOTION** Moved: AA Seconded: RR

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**VOTE**  
In Favour: 3 Abstention: 4 Opposed: 1  
Abstention noted – TT/HJ/AM

**MOTION** Moved: AA Seconded: RR  
5-Minute Recess  
Recess Began - 6:39PM  
Call to Order - 6:49PM

**MOTION** Moved: FR Seconded: TT  
Extend meeting to 7:30PM

**G. Others Business**

AL – in determining the levies, I sat down with GA, AA, PT, and Joel in order to determine what increases would be appropriate for each category. In looking at the Athletics Complex, this is covered as the UTSC Athletics Complex.



**Minutes**

Board of Directors Meeting #9 of the University of Toronto Students' Union  
Friday, March 19, 2012 – 7:00pm – Room SL-232

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**H. Adjournment**

**MOTION**

Moved: RR

Seconded: TT

Adjourned: 7:01PM