

Board of Directors Meeting #8 of the Scarborough Campus Students' Union
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University of Toronto Scarborough Campus,

Student Centre - SL232

✓X	Last Name	First Name	Constituency or Position
✓	Lalani	Mobeen	Director of Health Studies
✓	Syed	Hassan	Director of Biological Sciences
✓	Tootonsab	Zahra	Director of English
✓	Elkas	Jack	Director of Psychology
✓	Bahl	Ankit	Vice-President Campus Life (ex – officio)
✓	Brayiannis	Nicole	President
✓	Lhamo	Chemi	Vice-President Equity
✓	Chan	Desmond	Vice-President Operations
✓	Taj	Zakia Fahmida	Director of Physical and Environmental Sciences
✓	Syed	Hana	Vice-President External
✓	Gheerawo	Leeza Ayanna	Director of Critical Development Studies
✓	Abdulle	Ayaan	Vice-President Academics & University Affairs
✓	Lagman	Theresa Louise	Director of Sociology
✓	Hossain	Soaad	Director of Computer & Mathematical Sciences
✓	Alemayehu	Kalkidan	Director of French & Linguistics
✓	Tsai	Li-Yang(Leon)	Director of Historical & Cultural Studies
✓	Kassim	Hanna	Director of Human Geography
x	Awad	Ibrahim	Director of Management
✓	Saldanha	Rebecca	Director of Philosophy
✓	Dang	Raymond	Director of Political Science

Agenda

1. Call to order

The Chair calls the meeting to order at approximately 5:17pm.

2. Announcements

The Chair announces that live tweeting is not allowed during the meeting, and media members are not allowed to take photos, as some members of the Board did not give consent.

Chang announces that the Management Director for 2018-2019 has officially resigned from their position.

Tsai and Gheerawo state conflict of interests regarding a motion about the Women and Trans Centre that is in the agenda.

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion Moved: Brayianis Seconded: Hossain

Be it resolved that the agenda for the November 27th, 2018 SCSU Board of Directors meeting be approved as presented.

Brayianis mentions that there is an error on item number 10 that has to be removed. The error is that Brayianis did not move the motion, but rather, Dang did. The Chair acknowledges the error.

Dang asks to move motions in the agenda and introduce new items. Dang also states that the ratification of the First Year Director cannot happen because the CRO must submit a report, and currently, there is no report on the agenda.

Brayianis mentions that the SCSU is having difficulties in contacting the CRO

Dang amends the agenda to read: Be it resolved that motion 6 becomes motion 14.

Motion Moved: Dang Seconded: Lalani

Vote: Majority Carries

The floor is back on the main motion as amended

Dang moves an amendment

Be it resolved that motion number 13 becomes the new item 6 in the agenda

Motion Moved: Dang Seconded: Alemayuhu

Dang motivates and explains that members of the Women and Trans Centre are currently in the room, and there is a motion that needs to be discussed.

Vote: Majority in favour

The floor is now back on the main motion as amended

Dang moves an amendment to add a new item to be included in the agenda which is a new motion

Whereas the recent days have shown the entire campus can be misled on important topics relating to their lives,

Whereas the foundation of democracy rests upon a marketplace of ideas that are not incorrect or invalid,

Whereas students rely on their fellow student journalists to accurately report the truth and hold power to account,

Whereas sensationalism in journalism has led to the decline in trust towards institutions of democracy,

Whereas the students deserve better reporting from currently “accredited” student media,

Whereas such student media have been abusing their positions as disseminators and aggregators of information by misrepresenting the reality of the situation,

Be it resolved that the SCSU adopt an ad hoc committee on media accreditation to study, reaffirm, or deny accreditation and recognition of legitimacy from student media,

Be it resolved that this committee be made of the Vice President Operations (chair of the committee), Vice President External, and three directors chosen by this board,

Be it resolved that the committee on media accreditation dissolve no later than January 1st, 2019 if immediate action is taken,

Be it resolved that the committee on media accreditation dissolve no later than April 30th, 2019 if no action or meetings are called between the submission of this motion and the next board meeting,

Be it resolved that the committee decisions are permanent for the rest of the academic year,

Be it resolved that a call for student media to submit their request to be recognized, between the passing of this motion, and December 4th, 2018 at 11:59pm,

Be it resolved that the committee meet between December 5th, 2018 and December 7th, 2018 to discuss the applications and whether to accept or deny them,

Be it resolved that a google form shall include all the representatives who seek to cover the SCSU

Be it resolved that the SCSU adopt the Canadian Association of Journalist's ethics standards as guiding principles for the deliberation of the committee.

Chair seeks for further discussion on the new motion.

Hossain agrees and mentions that it is about privacy as well

Vote: Majority in favour

Motion Carries

The floor is back on the agenda as amended

Gheerawo moves an amendment to remove the Centre for Women and Trans Centre statement in the agenda.

Seconded: Alemayuhu

No discussion

Vote: Majority in favour

The floor is back on the agenda as amended and the Chair asks for further discussion. None.

Vote: Majority in favour

Motion to approve the agenda carries

4. Equity Statement

Lhamo reads out the Equity Statement

5. Approval of Minutes

Motion

Moved: Brayianis

Seconded: Dang

Be it resolved that the November 27th, 2018 minutes packages include the following documents be approved as presented:

- a) Board of Directors Meeting
 - i. Tuesday, October 30, 2018 on Page 16
- b) Executive Committee Minutes
 - i. October 23rd, 2018 on Page 39
 - ii. November 6th, 2018 on Page 41
 - iii. November 21st, 2018 on Page 43
- c) Clubs Committee
 - i. November 13th, 2018 on Page 44
 - ii. November 22nd, 2018 on Page 50
- d) DSA Funding Committee
 - i. November 19th, 2018 on Page 55

Dang asks for copies of last month's commission minutes as well as the emergency Board of Directors meeting that just happened.

Lhamo mentions that the minutes for commissions is not in the package because the meeting did not quorum and therefore there was not a meeting that occurred

Pineda states that the minute taker is still currently working on the emergency board of directors meeting minutes

Saldanha asks why the minutes are getting printed and why they cannot just go online

Lhamo suggests that this is great idea to save paper and move to this direction.

Dang mentions there are corrections to be made on page 27, 28 and 29

Chair asks for further discussion. None.

Vote: Majority in favour

Motion to approve minutes carries

6. Women and Trans Centre Sponsorship Motion

Motion Moved: Dang Seconded: Alemayuhu

Whereas the motion to sponsor the Women and Trans Centre Conference was debated and approved at the SCSU's AGM,

Whereas the motion for the WTC conference "Making HERstory: Annual Conference 2019" sponsorship amount was reduced to \$2,500 from the original request of \$7000,

Whereas the motion for WTC was argued against by members of the student public, under the assumption that SCSU was going to be put into deficit,

Whereas such motions are necessitated due to the deficit in leadership and partnership displayed by previous administrations,

Whereas the previous administrations have not properly contributed to the strategic partnership with Women and Trans Centre,

Whereas the SCSU has a \$66,745 allocation to our contingency reserve, on top of a \$150,000 student centre reserve fund operational policy allocation to our financial health and well-being,

Whereas the SCSU has sponsored organizations such as Artsideout in current and previous years,

Be it resolved that the SCSU commit to reasonably and proportionally sponsoring the Women and Trans Centre in partnered events, services, and campaigns year after year, within an agreement set out by the union and Women and Trans Centre,

Be it further resolved that a Sponsorships Policy and Sponsorships Fund be discussed and formulated within the Policy and Bylaws Committee, no later than January 6th, 2019.

Be it further resolved that the Sponsorships Policy be presented at the following board meeting in January,

Be it further resolved that the remaining amount requested by the Women and Trans Centre be allocated in a one-time special amount from the unrestricted - non Health and Dental and non Student Centre Reserve Fund - Contingency Fund for this year's conference,

Be it further resolved that a memorandum of understanding be drafted and negotiated with the Women and Trans Centre by executives from each organization, and presented to the SCSU and WTC boards for approval, as to clarify the relationship between the WTC and SCSU.

Dang motivates the motion and mentions the importance of supporting the Women and Trans Centre and as such this is a response to what the SCSU does; that it is about programming.

The Chair states that the second last be it resolved clause needs to provide an amount.

Dang moves an amendment to change the amount to \$4500 on the second last be it resolved clause on page 10.

Seconded: Alemayuhu

Dang states that it is obvious what the amendment is for based on the discussion.

Taj mentions that they are supposed to be representing the student body and asks for the Boards opinion in changing the amount, and how students will see this.

Brayiannis second the previous speaker's comments because the student body already voted on the motion and the Centre for Women and Trans was encouraged to source different funds, and the Centre currently receives levies.

Dang states that there is misinformation from the AGM regarding the Financial Statements that he understands there is university policy around reserves, but the Board should also meet the needs of students, so they do not jeopardize relationships.

Lalani asks what the floor is discussing.

The Chair states the floor is discussing the current amendment to add \$4500 to the second last be it resolved clause

Saldanha asks why the contingency reserves were mentioned during the AGM

Dang states that as Board of Directors there exists fiduciary duty to review the financial documents of the organization, but now there is a solution the board should vote in favour of the solution

Saldanha states that the question was about the students

Taj states that there was misinformation given about what folks were trying to say about reserves and deficit, now the Board should inform students with the right information, therefore this should be discussed in the upcoming general meeting.

The Chair states that the floor is on the amended of \$4500

Dang motions to give speaking rights to Shangari Baleswaran

Seconded: Lalani

Vote: Majority in favour

Speaking rights has been extended

Sutherland provides information of the usage of \$4500 and clarifies why the Centre needs it because Board of Directors were not present at the AGM. The conference is a celebration to come together to discuss mobilization and activism, which can bring dialogues to UTSC and the centre is looking for support from SCSU.

Lalani calls to question on the amendment

Secunder: Taj

Vote: majority in favour

The floor is on the vote on the amendment

Vote: majority in favour

The floor is back on the main motion as amended

Syed (Director) requests for more information from VP operations about what the contingency fund is?

Brayiannis answers and states that this is in place to ensure that if anything happens in future year, the organization has the fund to tap into. The organization has never tapped into it in the past, but it is past precedence to have the fund exists.

Dang is asking where contingency comes from and states that in August Board of Directors package there's a reserve fund allocation to meet the obligation fund, then there is Health and Dental restricted funds, and there is also unrestricted contingency funds. In previous years there were surpluses and that's where the money is accumulating to.

Syed (Director) asks if they've ever tapped into the funds in the past.

Saldanha mentions that she is concerned that tapping into the fund requires valid motivation, what if by example, other levy groups on campus try to take advantage of the funds?

Dang mentions that in other be it resolved clauses there are items about future sponsorship policies, which can be used to allocated funds towards external clubs to collaborate in the future, and this will be approved on a case by case basis.

Pineda states that he has been reviewing the budget for this year, currently there are funds to fund this motion.

Taj asks how other Board of Directors could present this at the next AGM

Saldanha mentions that for the sponsorship committee will the money come from contingency funds?

Dang response to Taj and states that the Women and Trans Centre conference will happen before the general meeting, and therefore will not be feasible. To address Saldanha's question, Dang states that establishing this fund we could budget year upon year which will be outlined in the budget manual.

Taj asks if there are other ways to apply for sponsorship through other means.

Brayiannis states that initially proposed the \$2500 can be provided through sponsorship to the Centre, and through clubs funding they can get \$2500 more, but please note in the past the max we donated was \$2000.

Sutherland mentions in terms of time the conference is happening in March, so the funds need to be approved as soon as possible

Dang mentions in the AGM it was discussed that the funds would come out of the donation funds and not the sponsorship funds

Sutherland mentions that the Centre recognizes that \$2500 is to come from donations fund, but there was miscommunication about where the money would come from, where more information was provided at the AGM.

Syed (Director) asks if there's a current sponsorship policy and how funds can be allocated if it does exist.

Dang states that this could be discussed in the policy and by-law meeting, feel free to reach out to him to draft the policy with the amounts

The Chair states that the list has been exhausted

Saldanha states that other venues were available but there was not a discussion on whether the Women and Trans Centre wanted to use the other venues

D'Souza affirms that they are collaborating with other clubs and have exhausted resources, the Centre is hoping to have a concrete relationship with SCSU.

Sutherland mentions that in terms of applying and looking into other venues, they've applied to DSL on two other occasions.

Lhamo notes that this year WTC has been a priority, if folks have noticed SCSU has been meeting with WTC and collaborating with them. Lhamo states that SCSU already has spent double the funds compared to previous years in collaboration with WTC.

Saldanha notes two things: speaking on clubs and collaboration there is a way to get funding and is in favour of the motion since students voted, secondly; a statement should be given by SCSU to show where the money is coming from.

Brayiannis mentions that the max funding for an event is \$2500; however, a favorable presentation to the club funding committee will consider it.

D'Souza discusses the previous comments about the double funding for WTC is not accountable, as in the previous year there are no proof as to where the funding is going. They were provided with no receipts, by the previous VP Equity. In terms of clubs, the WTC is not going to partner with clubs who are misogynistic.

Lhamo mentions that the previous budget was already approved at the AGM (last year), Lhamo notes that the VP Equity budget this year will be presented at the AGM, and folks are encouraged to reach to discuss this. For collaboration, Lhamo asks for clarity on what the word means because in the month of May there was discussion about sponsorship, but collaboration is favourable. Lhamo notes that there was discussion about monetary funds and not provide the SCSU space for programming, however, at the AGM SCSU is a co-collaborator. Lhamo asks what role does the WTC see from SCSU instead of monetary funding. Lhamo

Shangavey clarifies that there was a discussion on clubs collaboration, however, funding is not a guarantee.

Bahl notes that clubs submit an online application after they submit receipts, and this goes through a clubs committee, which looks at each applications and a decision is made. Bahl notes that there is no guarantee is provided. If the funding request is more than \$1000 there needs to be a presentation to the committee.

Sutherland mentions that they have been in communication with SCSU, but is directed elsewhere, where funding is not guaranteed.

Brayiannis proposes an amendment to the second last be it resolved clause to change it from \$4500 to \$2500 resulting to a total of \$5000.

Secunder: Alemayuhu

Brayiannis motivates and mentions that the total amount needed was \$7000, however, the \$5000 will satisfy what WTC needs based on the discussion we had in the first place with WTC.

Lalani speaks in favour of the amendment and suggests that there will be clubs who would want to collaborate with WTC

Lhamo states that \$5000 was the initial amount that WTC asked for, however, I am worried that this sets a precedence for other entities

Dang is against the motion, and notes that WTC has already reached out to so many clubs, and the original amount asked for is crucial for the WTC to receive.

Srikugan states that it is important that the amount of money provided is awesome, but sometimes it is about sacrificing for the greater good because it's going to a conference.

D'Souza notes that the motivation for this amendment is that funding for clubs is not guaranteed in the first place, and there's a delay in allocation of funds. The money from the first club funding round is still not allocated and time is crucial for this conference.

Alemayuhu is against the amendment since there is enough fund to support it.

Lhamo is in favor of the motion and mentions that initiatives by execs like the Pow-wow is costly, however, SCSU is not tapping into funds because we are seeking external funds.

Syed (Director) mentions that being in many clubs, the funding I understand the hesitation of WTC, however, if you put together a solid presentation I can say in confidence that they will get the full funding.

Abdulle is in favor of the amendment and reminds folks that \$5000 is the amount that was originally asked for, and was deemed sufficient to fund this event.

Bahl seconds Syed's (Director) comments.

Dang is against the amendment, 2.5 plus 2.5 is not 7k that WTC needs and is not sufficient. The SCSU funds ArtSideOut project actively. Commenting on the Pow-wow, it's not either or.

The Chair asks members to speak on the amendment and asks members to not slam their name cards, and notes that disrespectful manner is not acceptable.

Syed (Director) motions to extends speakers list to 3 and 3

Secunder: Hossain

Vote: Majority in favour, motion carries.

Syed (Director) asks WTC representative for clubs collaboration who has the same views and values.

Lhamo is in favor of the amendment and agrees that it is not this or that, and because lack of information at the AGM, the multifaith monetary funds have been turned down. Now, by allowing one entity to access a restricted fund is not aligning with the values of the union.

D'Souza mentions that at the AGM there was an idea that it would be reckless if WTC was to spend the money without proof. WTC is hesitating to access the clubs funding because of the scale of the project, asking the WTC to spend the money beforehand is a little concerning. Folks on this campus rely on an accessible event and this event is free. I am not in favor of the amendment.

Seeram notes that Hart House sponsorship funding was rejected

Alemayuhu calls to question

Seconded: Dang

Vote: Majority in favor

The Board is now on the amendment

Vote: motion fails

The Board is back on the main motion

Saldanha seeks a point of information on criteria for clubs who collaborate with WTC.

Syed (Director) notes that rejection from Hart House should not discourage the WTC, but rather to continue looking for funding in UTSC.

Abdulle asks for point of information on the kinds of funding the WTC has already received.

Tsai takes the point and mentions that there is small donation from campus police and the library, there's been a reach out to fusion radio.

Bahl notes that there is a policy on clubs funding, that clubs must attend training, the policy is online, and there is nothing that prevents clubs from submitting and seeking funding.

Srikugan notes that it's good to know there are other venues for funding.

Shangary notes that the WTC does not have more money than the \$10k

Syed (Director) asks if a sponsorship committee could be established first and then discuss the funding for WTC.

Brayiannis mentions that the issue there is no budget set aside, and therefore this must be discussed at the AGM, so setting up a committee now is not helpful since there are no funds to draw from.

Dang calls a point of privilege, the conversation is getting passionate and asks folks to be civil and not note names in this discussion both online and offline.

D'Souza notes that collaborating with clubs means they must align with their mandates and values, and they must be active in the community and must be taken carefully how they are represented.

Abdulle calls to question

Vote: majority in favor

The Board is now on the main motion

Vote: majority in favor, motion carries.

7. In-Camera Session

Motion

Moved: Brayianis

Seconded: Dang

Be it resolved that the Scarborough Campus Students' Union Board of Directors go in-camera at 7:22pm

Vote: majority in favor

The Board went in camera at 7:22pm

Motion Moved: Dang Seconded: Taj

Be it resolved that the Scarborough Campus Students' Union Board of Directors go out-of-camera at 8:30pm

Vote: majority in favor

The Board went out-of-camera at 8:30pm

Dang motions to reconsider the September 2018 emergency motion

The Chair states that the motion is from the September Board of Directors meeting and reads out the following motion:

Where as, Mobeen Lalani was known to be in another continent between the summer months.

Where as, the rule of law should be that no one is above the law.

Where as, Mobeen Lalani has never signed a legally binding contract.

Where as, the last minute termination has caused immediate distress to Mobeen.

Be it resolved that Mobeen Lalani be reinstated immediately.

Be it further resolved that Mobeen receive a personal and public apology for the distress that was caused by the executives.

Be it further resolved that there be a permanent governance issues commission headed by the Board of Directors to discuss governance issues.

Be it further resolved that BoDs receive a public apology for the continued distress that VP of Operations has caused.

The Chair asks for a seconder on the motion to reconsider the emergency motion submitted in the September 2018 Board of Directors meeting

Secunder: Alemayuhu

Dang states there is no motivation required

Lalani thanks the Board

The Chair opens the speakers list

Dang calls to question

Seconded: Lagman

Vote: majority in favour

The Board is back on the motion

Vote: motion fails

The Chair notes that the Board is now back on the agenda, item number 8.

8. Israeli Apartheid Week Motion

Motion Moved: Gheerawo Seconded: Dang

Whereas this motion has been created by the Finance and Sponsorship Executive,

Whereas the Palestine – Israel conflict isn't afforded its own course in the University of Toronto,

Whereas Israeli Apartheid Week has been happening annually and implemented by the Toronto Students for Justice in Palestine for the past three years in collaboration with the Scarborough Campus Student Union and the Department of Student Life,

Whereas previous Vice-Presidents Equity have supported IAW and worked hard with the TSJP team to establish the success of the event,

Whereas TSJP is committed to supporting the Jewish, Christian and Muslim religion affiliated communities, clubs and members of the UTSC society as they are the three holy religions that are practiced in Palestine,

Be it resolved that *Israeli Apartheid Week (IAW)* be adopted by SCSU's Vice President Equity's portfolio plan annually,

Gheerawo motions to extend speaking rights to Hanbali

Secunder: Alemayuhu

Vote: majority in favour

Hanbali notes that this event is not in support of the apartheid, but instead we are supporting Jewish, Muslims and all other religions and Palestine's

Abdulle motions to extend speaking rights to Kadhem

Secunder: Dang

Vote: Majority in favour

Kadhem notes that as a person who supports Palestine, I have friends who are Jewish. The Board of Directors has not passed the Holocaust awareness week, and therefore if you are taking on celebrating this week, moving forward, you should accept any other Jewish weeks or similar events to this one. We should not pick on one issue and not support others, I am just voicing my opinion because some Jewish students do not feel comfortable on this campus.

Dang agrees with Kadhem in addressing other issues as well.

Abdulle states that in terms of executive portfolios there are no limitations on which topics to be supported or not since they are decided by execs every year. I support this but I recommend that this motion to be amended to change the wording to reflect a recommendation rather than an applied change to the portfolio

Brayiannis moves an amendment to read:

Be it resolved that Israeli Apartheid Week (IAW) be recommended as an advocacy initiative for SCSU

Secunder: Abdulle

Brayiannis motivates and mentions that it is difficult to mandate what people can do with their portfolios, therefore, by making it an initiative for SCSU it will not be a direct mandate, but rather a collective SCSU initiative.

Taj notes that working with TJSP as a manager of promotion and has worked with SCSU, and therefore is in favor of the amendment so that the entire executive team will put aside time and resources for events like these instead of just one executive.

Hanbali recommends an amendment to ensure SCSU works on this as a partner

Kadhem mentions that the next motion is a Holocaust week one, there is a student body on campus that can benefit from these two weeks, and hopes that SCSU puts in the work for this.

Brayiannis mentions that TJSP should be the sole organizer as it is important to ensure the true spirit behind the event, therefore, SCSU should not take on the responsibility but rather support and resources to TJSP

Vote on the amendment: majority in favour

The Board is on the main motion as amended

Vote: majority in favour, motion carries.

9. Holocaust Education Week

Motion

Moved: Dang

Seconded: Alemayuhu

Whereas the SCSU has a responsibility to tackle antisemitism and the social ills that it brings,

Whereas antisemitism is referenced within the Equity Statement that the Vice President Equity reads at every board meeting and at some SCSU events,

Whereas antisemitism is an ancient issue, continuously arising and falling in severity,

Whereas this motion was crafted in consultation with Jewish students on campus as well as through the work of some board of directors at the SCSU,

Whereas SCSU has not appropriately used its resources to address the structural problem that is antisemitism on campus,

Whereas the Board of Directors is given the ability and power to, "...vary, add to, reassign or limit the powers and duties of the executives or individual members of the Executive Committee by a 2/3 majority vote of members present at the meeting of the Board, subject to provisions in these bylaws,"

Whereas the board of directors currently can address antisemitism on campus,

Whereas the responsibility to tackle antisemitism is a collective responsibility on all students,

Whereas two weeks ago was Holocaust Education Week, which was globally commemorated amongst the Jewish community,

Whereas there was a Jewish Student Life vigil held at the University of Toronto Scarborough to commemorate the lives of those who were killed in the Pittsburgh Massacre two weeks ago,

Whereas hate crimes against Jewish people and anti-Semitic acts are statistically on the rise,

Whereas Holocaust Education Week would be a smaller commitment to one portfolio in comparison to the other equity initiatives that the Vice President Equity takes on,

Whereas it is our duty as elected officials to condemn white supremacy, its allies and cousins, and promote an intersectional and inclusive perspective about social issues of our time, Whereas other students' in universities in the GTA like Ryerson have put forth motions to add the responsibility to hold a Holocaust Education Week under the union,

Whereas UTSC stands in solidarity with those other students' unions on different issues like labour rights, student tuition, and environmental protection,

Be it resolved that, Holocaust Education Week be a primary responsibility under the Vice President Equity,

Be it further resolved that, Holocaust Education Week be a secondary responsibility (to support the Vice President Equity through resources offered) for the Vice President External, President, Vice President Campus Life, Vice President Academics and University Affairs, and Vice President Operations,

Be it resolved that the Vice President Equity, in collaboration with Jewish Student Groups and Chaplains on campus, work to create a commemorative week to discuss the History of the Holocaust,

Be it further resolved that this become mandatory programming as a part of the portfolio of the Vice President Equity, indefinitely,

Be it further resolved that the Holocaust Education Week follow the national conversation around HEW,

Dang motivates that in the emergency meeting there was great discussion on the Holocaust, and the primary responsibility is to recognize and support this initiative. This motion is clear in the sense that this is collaboration with the student group, and it has come out because of an extensive discussion with the Jewish student's community.

Brayiannis notes that it's difficult to mandate people's portfolio and moves and amendment to the third be it resolved clause to read as follow:

Be it resolved that SCSU is recommended to work with Jewish Students Groups and Chaplains on campus to create a commemorative week to discuss the History of the Holocaust

Seconded: Abdulle

Brayiannis motivates and notes that this is put forward as a knowledge based event, and by participating in this event the executives are encouraged to work with and collaborate with for these events.

Vote: Majority in favour

The board is back on the main motion as amended

Abdulle moves an amendment to the first be it resolved clause.

Be it resolved that Holocaust Education Week be recommended a primary responsibility of the SCSU

Secunder: Brayianis

Dang mentions that he is against the amendment since it is good practice for accountability and there needs to be a recognition to students who deserve this week.

Brayiannis is in favor of the amendment as it ensures there are multiple folks who are taking care of the initiative.

Gheerawo states that not making this a primary responsibility of one person is not viable, it is a very sensitive topic and this community already feels their voices are not heard.

Abdulle notes that keep in mind the fact that the entire union will take on the responsibility, being mindful that perhaps VP Equity will not always be there.

Dang disagrees and states that Holocaust week is becoming a secondary responsibility from all the executives and we are asking for someone to be held responsible

Brayiannis states that it is not a secondary initiative but rather a lack of knowledge. We want to make sure this is a team effort and not just one person.

Taj mentions that she agrees with Abdulle and Brayianis, and notes that it has to be with someone with the culture and background, so if the entire team helps out it makes more sense.

Dang responds to Brayianis and suggests that it is a simple research on these issues.

Hossain seeks a point of information on what the amendment on

Chair clarifies that it's on the motion

Vote: fails

The board is back on the motion

Brayiannis moves an amendment to strike the fourth be it resolved clause

Secunder: Abdulle

Brayiannis motivates that the strong language makes it difficult to mandate one person's portfolio, and is best suitable to take on as a team.

Vote: majority in favour

Back to the main motion as amended

Taj is in favor of the motion as these are sensitive and difficult issues and a lot goes into planning these events, and to make it one person's responsibility makes it difficult

Brayiannis moves an amendment to the first be it resolved clause to read:

Be it resolved that, Holocaust Education Week be recommended a primary responsibility under the Vice President Equity,

Secunder: Syed

Brayiannis motivates and suggests that this is a primary responsibility rather than a full on one.

Vote: majority in favor

Back on the motion as amended

Dang calls to questions

Secunder: Alemayuhu

Vote: fails

Back on the motion

Hanbali states that the UTMSU has it in their by-laws stuff about Holocaust week so the team should be able to take this on.

Brayiannis moves an amendment to strike the second be it resolved clause

Secunder: Abdulle

Brayiannis motivates and mentions that taking this on should be a team effort.

Vote: majority in favor

Back on the main motion as amended

Vote: majority in favor

Motion carries as amended.

10. Office Space for Board of Directors

Motion Moved: Dang Secunder: Taj

Whereas the old office space that was given to board of directors in the 2017/18 academic year was abruptly taken away at the end of the summer months with a trial period of 4 months,

Whereas the President of the previous SCSU administration sought to monitor the work that board members were doing by asking board of directors to use their office,

Whereas this was completely inadequate and reprehensible to the extreme, and often resulted in a breach of privacy to the board of directors dealing with individuals with sensitive topic matters,

Whereas the current policy of open doors and open offices means that when executives are not in their respective offices, such office space is open for students to use,

Whereas the SCSU office space acts like a hangout for individuals involved in Street Team and what not,

Whereas the SCSU office space is often a first-come-first-serve space,

Whereas the concern is that such space is not regulated and such space is not accessible to student leaders trying to complete the mandates set out within our by-laws,

Whereas the previous clubs coordinator left their position two years prior,

Whereas their office in SL207 was vacated and has since been left vacated after their departure two years prior,

Whereas this office space would allow for board of directors to hold valuable office hours, in conjunction with our need to organize and complete our campaign points,

Whereas this office space would provide for the privacy that was so sorely absent in the last year,

Be it resolved that the second-floor former clubs coordinator room be designated as the board of directors office space for 2018-2020,

Be it further resolved that the second-floor former clubs coordinator office be managed by the following directors: the director of political science, the director of philosophy, the director of physical and environmental sciences, the director of psychology, and the director for centre for critical development studies in a joint committee on BOD action,

Be it further resolved that these directors be empowered to encourage the growth and development of board of directors,

Be it further resolved that these directors have the ability to independently manage the space and the people occupying the space within reasonable limits,

Be it further resolved that the intention of this space is to allow board of directors to meet with constituents in a private setting, to help board of directors complete their campaign points, as well as to facilitate board coordination in response to constitutional duties outlined in the bylaws,

Be it resolved that the office be fit towards occupation no later than November 30th, 2018,

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors may have the power to grant or deny access according to reasonable limits created by this committee,

Be it resolved that this committee report to the board every three months during a new item within the Agenda called Committee on the Board at-large Report,

Be it resolved that this committee be allowed to draft its internal protocol as to how the committee will run/meet/act

Syed (Director) asks why only certain Board of directors are included in the committee

Dang mentions that it's a cross collaboration across different faculties

Syed mentions asks if all BoD's can be involved in this.

Brayiannis mentions reservations on the motion because certain board of directors are not here, and the space suggested is not ideal since there are confidential files and information in those rooms. If BoD wants they can book rooms in the Student Centre and the Rex's Lab which often goes underutilized.

Dang mentions that there is a responsibility to protect the union and its interests so BoD will not want to infiltrate those documents.

Brayiannis mentions that it is not about the BoD but it's about different things stored in the rooms that do not pertain to their roles.

Dang notes that there are ways to work around this.

Brayiannis mentions that it is better to have the downstairs office room since there could be hours worked out with the CRO and Clubs Assistant for the room usage. If we can figure out the filing in those rooms there could be something figured out.

Dang moves an amendment to the first be it resolved clause:

Be it resolved that the first-floor former clubs coordinator room be designated as the board of directors office space for 2018-2020, with temporary arrangements made for clubs assistant and the CRO.

Secunder: Alemayuhu

Dang motivates this motion was shaped by Brayianis' help

Syed asks where the room is

Brayiannis answers

Syed (Director) so when the clubs assistant and CRO requires the room we need to vacate?

Brayiannis confirms

Vote: majority in favor

Back on the motion as amended

Dang moves an amendment to the first further be it resolved clause:

Be it further resolved that the first-floor clubs coordinator office be managed by the following directors: the director of political science, the director of philosophy, the director of physical and environmental sciences, the director of psychology, and the director for centre for critical development studies in a joint committee on BOD action,

Secunder: Gheerawo

Dang motivates and mentions for consistency purposes.

Vote: majority in favor

Back on the main motion amended

Brayiannis moves and amendment to the 6th be it resolved clause

Be it resolved that the office be fit towards occupation no later than December 21th, 2018

Secunder: Dang

Brayiannis motivates and mentions that it is busy in the office around this time and it is more beneficial to have more time for the space

Vote: Majority in favor

Brayiannis moves an amendment to add more board of directors to the committee:

Be it further resolved that the second-floor former clubs coordinator office be managed by the following directors: the director of political science, the director of philosophy, the director of physical and environmental sciences, the director of psychology, and the director for centre for critical development studies, and any other director who is interested in that committee in a joint committee on BOD action,

Secunder: Alemayuhu

Dang moves an amendment to the amendment:

Be it further resolved that the second-floor former clubs coordinator office be managed by the following directors: the director of political science, the director of philosophy, the director of physical and environmental sciences, the director of psychology, and the director for centre for critical development studies, and any other director who is interested in that committee in a joint committee on BOD action, by December 21

Secunder: Alemayuhu

Dang motivates that adding a date is for consistency

Vote: majority in favour

Back on the amendment of the main motion

Dang asks what the maximum number of people in the committee

Syed (director) mentions that opening it to everyone there should be a limit

Vote: majority in favor

Back to the main motion as amended

Syed (Director) asks why there's a timeline of 2020

Dang mentions that it's because they have the space for this time and the space is managed in a certain way and makes sense to provision this.

Vote: majority in favour

Motion as amended carries.

11. Governance Committee Structure & Apology Follow Up

Motion Moved: Dang Seconded: Gheerawo

Whereas the emergency motion passed at the board of directors meeting in September,

Whereas the emergency motion contained specific provisions asking for an apology from the executives to Mr. Lalani personally and to us – the board, in a public written statement,

Whereas no such apology has been made since that point,

Whereas there was also a governance commission mentioned in name and passed,

Whereas it is on the responsibility of the board to conduct ourselves in a manner that is accessible to students,

Be it resolved that, an apology to board members and an apology to Mr. Lalani be made no later than November 29th, 2018,

Be it resolved that the SCSU Governance Commission become a Governance Committee of the Union,

Be it further resolved that, the permanent governance committee structure be as follows: (out, into a committee)

Terms of Reference for Governance Committee

1. Composition of the voting members of this special committee: The most senior executive committee member, the longest serving board of director (excluding executives) (if at all), two directors from this board of directors, and one student member chosen by the chair and deputy chair of the committee.
2. The Directors on this committee, who are not the longest serving board of director, shall be elected from the board of directors.

3. The student applications for the special and permanent governance committee shall take place over December, and will be given provisional attendance and speaking rights in January, pending the board meeting.
4. The Chair of the Committee shall be the senior most executive committee member, and the deputy chair shall be the longest serving board of director.
5. Frequency of Meetings: The Committee will convene once every 6 weeks beginning in January, and the agenda shall be prepared by both the chair and deputy chair.
6. Purpose of the Committee: To find areas of improvement in governance at the SCSU, and to make those improvements a reality by either implementing it through the committee, or overseeing the implementation.
7. Meetings shall be open towards students who want to participate in discussion, but speaking rights are not automatic and shall be granted on a case by case basis with a simple majority vote from the voting members of the committee.
8. The meetings will use Robert's Rules of Order in their latest edition.
9. Resolutions that are passed at this committee will come to the board of directors for approval and implementation.
10. The governance committee can compel the testimony of witnesses that are requested to speak at the committee
11. The governance committee chair or deputy chair may request the attendance of a witness to aid in the process of deliberation.
12. Minutes shall be kept by an official who is approved at the board, and such minutes shall be incorporated into the minutes package of the board.
13. Resolutions regarding punishment or reward shall be made by way of 60% threshold. If such a threshold is met, such a resolution passes.
14. Resolutions regarding policy recommendations shall be passed with a simple majority threshold and recommended for discussion at the next possible policy and bylaws committee meeting.
15. Resolutions passed at the board stage, shall be effective immediately.
16. Resolutions shall be formatted with whereas (preamble) statements, followed by action clauses (resolution).
17. Such a committee will expire in June of 2018 if the new administration does not pass a Motion to Fill the seats of this Special Committee, through the board with a simple majority vote.

Dang moves and amendment to strike the first be it resolved clause

Secunder: Gheerawo

Dang motivates and mentions that given its been discussed earlier, therefore, it does not make sense anymore

Vote: majority in favour

Back on the main motion as amended

Dang mentions that earlier we discussed this and there is a committee and it's important to have this in the future to prevent incidences from happening

Dang moves and amendment to strike the second be it resolved clause

Secunder: Gheerawo

Dang motivates and mentions that it relies on the previous motion and is therefore not valid

Vote; majority in favour

Back on the main motion as amended

Dang notes that this is not changing the by-laws as this is just an ad-hoc committee

Dang moves an amendment to add "an ad hoc" to the third be it resolved clause replacing "the permanent"

Secunder: Gheerawo

Dang motivates and mentions it's for consistency reasons.

Brayiannis asks if all the executive committee comes in at the same time and there is no senior executive as they are all equivalent.

Dang mentions that the senior most member is the President

Bryiannis asks if Dang could talk more on the spirit of the committee

Dang mentions that in the past there were unfortunate times where this union did not past certain motions, and it was not necessarily at fault of the executive committee and this committee would exists to pass motion, that have not been passed before noting that this Board is not the best place to pass motions and talk about more governing issues.

Brayiannis moves an amendment to the last be it resolved clause number 12 to read:

12. Minutes shall be kept by executive director and such minutes shall be incorporated into the minute's package of the board.

Secunder: Dang

Brayiannis motivates and mentions that it's easier to keep consistency across all board meetings.

Vote: majority in favour

Back on the main motion as amended

Vote: majority in favour

Motion as amended carries

Brayiannis motions to table item 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17 to the next Board of Directors meeting

Secunder: Alemayuhu

Dang mentions that tabling these motions does not recognize the timeliness of the next Board meeting.

Vote: majority in favour

Motions are tabled.

13. Adjournment

Motion Moved: Brayianis Seconded: Abdulle

Be it resolved that the November 27th, 2018 SCSU Board of Directors meeting be adjourned at 9:58pm.

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| Tuesday November 27th, 2018 | 5:00PM | SL-232, UTSC Student Centre