



UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LITERARY AND ATHLETIC SOCIETY
AGENDA OF THE JULY MEETING OF COUNCIL
11:00AM ON AUGUST 27TH, 2017 AT CROFT CHAPTER HOUSE

Attendance

Core Exec

PRESIDENT:

Albert Hoang

VICE-PRESIDENT:

Victoria Kourtis

Executive

ATHLETICS COMMISSIONER **(SKYPE):**

Benjamin Wang

SERVICES COMMISSIONER:

Martha Beach Bartel

SOCIAL COMMISSIONER:

Tua Hytonen

SPIRIT AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSIONER:

Dan Proctor

EQUITY AND OUTREACH COMMISSIONER:

Mira El Hussein

UNIVERSITY AND ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMISSIONER:

Danielle Stella

SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSIONER:

Michelle Zhong

MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSIONER

Thomas Pender

Representatives

UPPER YEAR:

Michelle Beyn

Mahzeb Ashraf

Sameer Rai

MIDDLE YEAR:

Paul Schweitzer

Aster Gerard

Olivia Jordan

Sarita Bhukal

FIRST YEAR:

VACANT

UTSU Directors

UTSU VOTING DIRECTOR:

Aidan Swirsky

Kshemani Constantinescu

Staff

SPEAKER:

Ryan Gomes

SECRETARY:

Snow Mei

Guests

ORIENTATION CO CHAIR:

Lindsay Kruitwagen

UC STUDENTS:

Noah Petrie

Melanie Mascarenhas

STUDENT LIFE COORDINATOR:

Meng Lim

Not in Attendance

UCRC PRESIDENT:

FINANCE COMMISSIONER:

OFF-CAMPUS COMMISSIONER

LITERARY AND CREATIVE ARTS COMMISSIONER:

MIDDLE YEAR REP:

UTSU VOTING DIRECTOR:

Artur Khasanov

Raye Negatu

Sara Mandia

Kaitlyn Ferreira

Priya Gupta

Miranda Desbiens

Anushka Kurian

1. Call to Order

The meeting is called to order at 11:15AM.

2. Land Acknowledgement Statement

Ryan Gomes reads the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

3. BIRT the June council meeting minutes be approved as presented (Kourtis/Hoang)

MOTION CARRIES.

4. BIRT the agenda be approved as presented. (Kourtis/Hoang)

Albert: Motion to amend agenda to include Discussion item: Gift for Susan (New motion 7). (Hoang/Schweitzer).

MOTION CARRIES.

5. BIRT council reports are approved as presented. (Kourtis/Proctor)

MOTION CARRIES.

6. Reports

a. **President**

Albert reads his report.

Aidan: Can you report on UTSU student summit that happened yesterday?

Albert: It wasn't as high charged as prior years. There was discussion on how to restructure the UTSU so that it's actually representing student societies. I have some notes that I can share later if you want to talk about it more. Many divisions are all on the same board!

Mahzeb: For the international students lunch, do you have to be an international student?

Albert: No!

b. **Vice-President**

Victoria reads her report.

c. **Finance**

Noah reads the report.

Dan: Can we get Noah and Jeremy's email address on the Facebook group so they can be cc'd on everything?

d. **Athletics**

Ben reads his report.

e. **Equity and Outreach**

Mira reads her report.

Mira: Cultural competency training, talked with deputy last night about this. Ziigwen and I will have another meeting and re-establish where we are.

f. **Literary and Creative Arts**

Melanie: Kaitlyn's at a baby shower!

Melanie reads the report.

g. **Mental Health**

Thomas reads his report.

h. **Off-Campus**

Paul reads the report.

i. **Services**

Martha reads her report.

j. **Social**

Tua reads her report.

Aidan: Did you end up getting human/large Jenga?

Tua: Working on it, no response yet.

k. **SCC**

Dan reads his report.

Dan: I had a meeting with Jasmine and Albert. Looks like we could get Paypal running on website so spirit wear could be bought online! We have confirmed/setup monthly videos, which will be done by Ryan Hume!

l. **Sustainability**

Michelle: I did update the Facebook page; I'm also meeting with my deputy to discuss plans for next year. Also if you are planning events, let me know and we'll work on sustainability aspect together.

Victoria: Please keep the UC Lit calendar updated. It makes me happy to see events happening, but if they're not on calendar, not everyone can see what's going on.

m. **University and Academic Affairs**

Danielle: For Coffee with the Profs, we got Bill Ju! He's really enthusiastic and has been listing names of other professors to reach out to! For the student panel, I emailed Raul, and also the lady at the Identify and Assist event. I also sent an email just now about therapy dogs and just updated the de-stressor on the calendar!

n. **Middle Year Representatives**

Paul reads the report.

o. **Upper-Year Representatives**

Mahzeb: We attended the same meeting as mid year reps and have the same thing to report!

p. **Orientation**

Michelle and Lindsay read the report.

Lindsay: Registration numbers are at 660, and expecting 150 on the day of!

Victoria: R&W, what time are you starting set up?

Martha: It's 3:30PM on the orientation schedule.

Sameer: Can you get everyone who is getting on the 3:30PM bus from Adventure Valley on the first bus going to Adventure Valley?

Michelle: Yes.

q. **UC Review**

No Report.

r. **UC Follies**

(see report)

s. **Diabolos'**

Snow reads the report.

t. **UCRC**

No Report.

u. **Gargoyle**

No Report.

v. **UTSU**

Aidan and Kshemani read the report.

w. **SLC**

Meng reads her report.

Meng: Adrian's on the second floor of the student life office. If you have any questions on how the staff change impacts you guys, please let us know!

7. **Gift for Susan Lishingman**

Albert: Susan's been working here for a long time, as you all have seen Yvonne's email. We want to give her a signed UC t-shirt! Please come sign it after the meeting.

8. BIRT Jack Denton be ratified as UC Review Editor-in-Chief for the 2017-2018 term (Hoang/Ashraf)

MOTION CARRIES.

Albert: Jack had really good visions for the UC Review. He has the experience, been on the UC Review two times, and I'm excited to see where he takes it this year.

9. BIRT Syed Arif Hussain and Yalda Mehran be ratified as WUSC Co-Directors for the 2017-2018 term. (Hoang/El Hussein)

MOTION CARRIES.

Albert: Both directors have really great humanitarian experiences! It's going to be a great year going forward with them!

10. BIRT Rachel Evangeline Chiong be ratified as Photographer for the 2017-2018 term. BIFRT Aaron Ng be ratified as the Back-Up Photographer for the 2017-2018 term. (Hoang/Schweitzer)

MOTION CARRIES.

Albert: Rachel's been at a lot of coffee houses, really impressive photography skills. We thought Aaron could use more experience in the UC community itself. Great photographer too!

11. BIRT Jiamin (Jasmine) Wang be ratified as Web Coordinator for the 2017-2018 term. (Hoang/Stella)

MOTION CARRIES.

Albert: Jasmine's in engineering and has experience coding before, and she's going to get Paypal for us this year. She's really great!

12. UC Renovations Updates

Albert: For event planning, what's specifically going to be open: Victoria and I have been meeting with Principal Ainsley and Melinda. Renovations have been pushed to January 2018.

Quad is closed. Front of building, basement closed after April, Alumni Lounge, all those offices in the H wing is closed.

Victoria: East side of building will not be touched. Furthest east is 158 and 259. If you're looking to host events where the Gargoyle staircase is and east side entrance, that is fully accessible after January as the rest of the building will be off limits. This kind of screws with everyone's event planning, and I don't know when it will be done. They say 2019, but they also said renovations will start last year, so I don't know.

Albert: We're looking to get the Gargoyle relocated to another office space since their office will be renovated. So the JCR balcony may be their temporary office starting in January. Also for move in day, there will be elevator attendants, so if it interests you, go and apply! Sir Dan's will be completely open for the school year.

Thomas: What happens with Zen Zone if we're moving the Gargoyle to the balcony?

Victoria: We're not throwing anything out but for the time being the Gargoyle will probably need that space. After renovations we can reclaim that space for the Zen Zone.

Mira: Can there be someone from admin actively working with Martha for Fireball surrounding these renovations?

Victoria: Other than Meng, we could figure out how to have more meetings. We can invite Martha to more meetings with Principal Ainsley and Melinda. I don't think there's much they would tell you directly that we wouldn't relay to you too.

Dan: We could store some Gargoyle stuff in the bell tower too if they need?

Victoria: They have a massive pool table they may want to use throughout the year that may or may not be doable, but they'll still need space to operate in the school year.

Albert: Most likely they'll have to use the JCR tables throughout the night instead. We might also have to relocate our Lit meetings to the JCR too.

Sameer: What happens to the UC offices? Mailroom?

Meng: Some central UC admin offices are moving. The entire front half of the building is shifting. Principal's office, and the Office of Academic Services are going to double up. The Principal's office is moving into Advancement. People are given alternate spaces.

Sameer: Can we get the final list when it's approved?

Meng: Yes for sure, the public will know these changes. For example, places to drop essays instead of 173 will be shared.

13. **Other Business**

Albert: Most of you know that Snow has been through a tough time. We prepared a card that everyone signed; the Lit cares and is there for you!

14. **Quote of the Meeting (Kourtis/Hoang)**

Ryan: The quote of the meeting is trying to figure out the quote of the meeting.

15. **BIRT the meeting be adjourned (Kourtis/Proctor)**

Meeting Adjourns at 12:06PM.

President:

Last meeting of the summer! Hope you've had a relaxing break. Lot of planning wrapping up I changed the directors on the corporation, setting this year's core exec in those positions. Met with Dan and Jasmine, our web coordinator, to go over changes to make to the website. SGRT held its first constitutional draft meeting - thanks Felipe Vicencio-Heap for taking the time to go to these meetings. Also, based on the past Lit retreat, core exec has decided to do weekly or bi-weekly mini reports that we'd send out to council in an effort to keep you folks in the loop and to try to make information at meetings more widespread among council. DJ from Student Life asked if a couple people would like to sign up for an international students lunch; food will be free, please ok. Finally, UC's taking charge on the design and promo for Homecoming, which will be on October 5. I think it's going to be a really good one, thanks Dan and the SCC commission for helping out.

Vice-President:

Good morning sunshines!

I hope you all had a lovely month! I missed you all so reading your reports made me very happy! Anyways, there a few important things I want to bring up:

- Albert & I will be doing individual meetings with all of you in the next week. A doodle will be sent out. We just want to know how things are going and catch up before the year begins!
- The UTSU does some pretty great stuff like sending out weekly reports. Albert and I are going to do similar things for the school year but they will be bi-weekly if there is anything to report! We want to keep you all in the loop with core-exec going-ons and we thought that this would be the best way of doing that!
- A reminder to please keep in contact with your deputy and to keep them in the loop. At the end of this term, they should be able to read your mind and/or be your other half. Please keep in constant communication with them as we are also going to have meetings with them during the year to get feedback.
- If you haven't been in the office recently, on the computer I have added what is called the "Lit Updates". Here you will find Office Hour "guidelines", "how-to's" and little updates that have been left by your peers. If someone is leaving a cheque for a student to pick up, you can always place a note in the updates of who, what and where council can find everything. This should be checked at the start of every hour.
- Just a reminder that school is coming... obviously you all know that but I want you to remember your responsibilities as a council member. Your mental health and well-being is incredibly important to us all so if you need to take a week off to focus on you, please do so but just let us know so we aren't like "where's so-and-so?". Please be good to yourselves!

I'm excited for all your events to come and especially for Orientation week!

Lots of VP love,

Vic <3

Finance:

Hey everyone!

Just a couple updates: everyone should know who their finance contacts are by now. If they have not contacted you by Sept 2 please let me or one of my deputies know. They are there to answer any low level accounting questions (what is a budget? How do you budget? What is enough documentation for reimbursement? How do I keep track of my expenses? Etc) I really want to emphasize that me AND my deputies must be CC'd on every email. If you're unsure if your question is a low level question or not you can reach out to me or my deputies to ask!

We're going to put out the call for budget requests pretty soon (likely Sept 9th -16th) so please start thinking about the events you would like to have this year. I have sent out a "4 Steps to Budgeting" doc to help. Also, please keep a general ledger of your expenses and revenues so that my commission and I can better keep track of the expenses.

Thanks guys!

Athletics:

It's getting to be a very busy time for Athletics! I've got updates on a couple of different things that we have going on.

First, we have purchased tickets to see the Blue Jays on Wednesday September 20th, at 7pm. The Jays will be playing the Kansas City Royals that day! Thanks to Danyal, we managed to get 50 tickets at a cost of only \$12.50/each, and we'll be selling them at \$5 to UC students! Marketing and ticket sales come next, I'll have more on that soon!

We'll also be posting player sign-ups for intramurals very shortly (in fact they should be up by the time we meet)! They'll be open until September 15, and possibly later if we need more players. Please encourage anybody who is interested in playing for a team to sign up! We're also still looking for captains for several teams, so if anybody is still interested, let them know they can still sign up!

Lastly, we have also made a purchase of various pieces of sports equipment for use during the school year by our intramural teams and UC in general. Aleksandra took care of that, and we'll have it available in the Athletics locker as soon as we get it.

That's all from Athletics! I hope you guys are as excited as I am for the school year to open up- it's going to be a great year!

From Athletics with love,
Benjamin Wang

Equity and Outreach:

Hi Folks!!

Not too much to report on our end! We're getting some foundation set with WUSC and getting to know our amazing codirectors, Arif and Yalda! We're really excited to work with them this year and to really create a collaboration between WUSC and EOC. We hope you're all having a lovely summer now that the weather is at least a little reflective.

Lots of Love,
Mira and Ziigwen

Literary and Creative Arts:

Hello everyone!

I'm currently at a baby shower so my lovely deputy Melanie is here! I'll be thinking of all of you while I'm playing Pin the Sock on the Baby or whatever you do at one of these things. Not much to report for August except for a few small things. I'll be recording my Sound 101 video within the next couple of weeks so expect that up for your viewing pleasure. SCC and LCA's Spotify collab has finally gotten off the ground! UC now has its own Spotify account and the first playlist will be created for Orientation. If your commission would like to make the next one, let us know! Finally, UCADAN is just around the corner! AHH! I'll be checking in with all commissions involved THIS WEEK.

Miss you all,
Kaitlyn

Mental Health:

Hello Everyone!

So I realize I have kind of been MIA this summer, I do truly apologize for that as I've been completely overwhelmed with a lot of things back home and had very little time for Lit related things. However I am now back and super excited for the rest of the year! The FB group for the commission is now up and running, so if I forgot to add you be sure to join. I will be meeting with my deputy Ana this week so that we can plan when we will have our first meeting and the resource promoting event. Also we are planning an event for frosh week that will be a fun mental health related jeopardy that will promote resources, and there will also be some colouring.

Thats all for this month,
Thomas <3

Off-Campus:

Hey everyone! I hope you've all been having a great summer! currently, we are working on the last few accounting details regarding MyJourney, making sure everyone gets reimbursed and t-shirts and food are all paid for properly. Other than that, we are working on the commuter meet up for orientation and our Opening ceremonies / start of school party and brainstorming other September events as well as UCADAN. That's all for now! -Sara <3

Services:

Hi my beautiful friends

Red and White is less than 2 weeks away and i'm so excited! I recently saw Adam and he told me to clean out the fireball locker. The clean up will probably happen after frosh ends because Sir Dans has been under renovations, and right now is kind of a bad time to clean, it'll just get messy after Red and White. If anyone wants to help i would appreciate it very much. Decorations are being made, everything looks amazing so far. Big fun news, some of you know this, but we got one of those inflatable dino suits for Red and White, and possibly other events if orientation wants it. If anyone wants to take a small shift to be a dino, message me.

I love you all!!

Social:

Hey guys! As in the past summer months, August has once again been pretty quiet with Social. The most exciting thing that has happened is that we got CBS approval for our upcoming UCADAN Quad party! I'm currently still in Finland when the reports are going in, but hopefully by the time you are all reading this I will have more things planned for the Quad party as I'll be back in Canada. That's it for now!

Spirit and Communications:

Things have been happening on the SCC front this month!

First of all we've reordered the UC Maroon crewnecks and the Baseball caps. The crewnecks have already been received and the baseball caps are expected in before the end of August (so in time for Frosh week). Not at the time of writing this, but probably by the time this is being read in our meeting I'll have ordered our new shot glasses. I'm also finalizing the Diabolo's mugs with Ema and Snow so expect those soon.

We have also reformed the SCC Design Team for the new year so if you know anyone who might be interested send them my way. Along with Albert we've started working on design for Homecoming (Corncoming?).

Mahreen and I have started to design the UC Lit monthly newsletter and I've recruited one of my commission members Shania to do short Meet the Lit interviews with you all for the newsletters (hopefully we can include the Spotify playlists with that @LCA). Just so I know you've read my report please pat me on the back and say whales. As September is right around the corner, please start thinking about the small blurb (tweet-sized) about your commission you might want to include in the newsletter. I'll be getting in touch with you about specifics with that very soon.

As you all are probably already aware, Albert, AJ, Shray, and I have been working on a Meet The Lit video for Frosh week this year. Other than that, it's been an uneventful month.

Cheers,
Dan

Sustainability:

Nothing to Report

University and Academic Affairs:

Salutations everyone!

On Wednesday, UAA had their summer brainstorming and planning meeting. It hasn't happened yet as I'm typing this so I will elaborate at the meeting on more details. Our first three events are currently being planned! They are the Trivia Event for UCADAN, the Student Panel and the first Coffee with the Profs! If anyone is interested in helping out please let me know because that would be awesome :D

That's pretty much for UAA

Danielle

PS I am super excited for frosh <3

Mid-Year Reps:

Hey y'all, So we had a meeting on feedback forms and discussed the types of questions and methods for using it, we're meeting again soon to bring up specific questions to put on the questionnaire! If everything works out we wanna have these ready by frosh. Otherwise we're still mid years and we're still reppin!

Upper-Year Reps:

None Submitted

Orientation:

Hi friends! Orientation is in its final stretch! Here's whats up:

- Prep week is tomorrow, oh my! We will be working all week to set up for Orientation, finalize events, and figure out any last minute things before the week. Because of that, as of today, the JCR is closed and will be locked until September 11th. If you have keys, please don't use the JCR to chill - only if you need to grab things/etc. Thanks for understanding :^)
- We have included equity brochures, mental health information cards, and other super important resources in the frosh kits this year! Name tags also have pronouns on them! We're excited for these things!
- We (should have, by the time you're reading this) received all of our merch! We're very excited about this as well!
- Leaders this year will be getting water bottles and frosh backpacks (because we got them for free from the UTSU)!

- Leader training is September 1st (5pm-9pm) and September 2nd (9am-5pm). After the first day (Sept. 1st) there will also be a Charity pub night at O'Grady's! Even if you're not doing Orientation, come out to have fun!
- Registration numbers are good! \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$
- Services/Martha will remind you of this, but please please help set up and clean up for Red and White on Saturday, Sept. 9th! It's a big job, Services & our team can't do it alone.
- We're super excited for frosh! Thanks for all of your support so far, we <3 you! We hope to see your pretty faces next week!

UC Review:

None Submitted

UC Follies:

We are gearing up for the beginning of the year and our first show is currently holding auditions today and will be having their shows on Sept 29, 30, and Oct 1st at 7pm. We have booked the UTSU Clubs fair and we also need to know who to get a hold of so our Sketch Comedy Group can participate in the Open Mic in Frosh!

Diabolos:

Diabolos is in the process of gearing up for the school year. In the past few weeks, a few changes have occurred. We have gotten approval for 4 workstudy positions (2 brand ambassadors and 2 community liaisons) and are currently in the process of choosing who to interview. The deadline for regular baristas is also over. We have ordered loyalty cards for every single UC frosh kit this year. As well, Snow and Ema will be receiving professional training from Bruce of Demello coffee roasters to prepare for training the new line of staff. In addition to this, we have secured a juice vendor and contacted all vendors about the staff changeover. In the first few weeks of the year there will be interviews and short training sessions/shadow shifts for staff. When things get up and running we will be introducing our ice machine.

UCRC:

None Submitted

Gargoyle:

None Submitted

UTSU:

Hey everyone! Lots has happened since the last Lit meeting 2 months ago, apologies for the length:

- All July-August board/committee/commission minutes, executive reports, and the agenda for the August 24th meeting can be found here https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0B_GPPKRn-JuvanVvSHRTR2U0QXM

- Additionally, all June-July minutes and exec reports can be found here https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0B_GPPKRn-JuvVXVCR0dHS0FOcG8
- The UTSU's campaign for a universal student Metropass is in full swing! The UTSU's working with its counterparts at Ryerson, George Brown and OCAD to achieve a discounted TTC Metropass for all students of these campuses that would be included in tuition – to get Toronto's downtown schools in line with a number of other universities across the province. A survey on commuting trends and TTC use will be coming out this week to students at all 4 schools, so please fill it out by September 15th, as your answers will help make the case to our municipal leaders to grant students this pass (pending a referendum in November)! A commuter awareness/transit education week will be happening in Oct/Nov in the leadup to the referendum, with panels and interactive events. We hope to work with you in the coming weeks to promote this survey and the referendum to UC students – please come to us with questions!
 - As an aside, the UTSU, specifically Anne Boucher (VP External), has worked tirelessly and made a lot of headway on this project – thus far, she has met and gotten support from a number of influential city councillors and TTC board members, and will as of this meeting have met with TTC chair Josh Colle.
- The UTSU's Help Desk will be opening for business in September! The Help Desk is an online and in-person, front-line resource for you to ask questions of a number of hired student representatives, on anything at all related to:
 - Services provided by the UTSU, including services provided to recognized clubs;
 - Academic matters, including academic appeals;
 - Financial aid;
 - Immigration matters;
 - The policies and processes of the University of Toronto;
 - General enquiries

Student help desk attendants are currently being hired!

- The Health & Dental Plan webpage on the UTSU website is being updated to be much more interactive and easy to use, including automatic redirects to the right resources to use the plan or opt out, when you select what type of student you are on the site (e.g. full time or part time, UTSG or UTM). That should be up and running next month!
- As Michelle and Lindsay know full well, UTSU's Parade and Clubs Carnival are happening on Wednesday, September 5th. Clubs Carnival is a merger between the Clubs Fair and the Carnival, to account for the shorter frosh period, and thus will include over 200 club booths, food trucks and inflatables. Please encourage your frosh to come out! :)
- Our commissioners have been hired!
 - Mental Wellness (Namyia Syal, mentalwellness@utsu.ca)
 - Sustainability (Zhenglin Liu, sustainability@utsu.ca)
 - International Student (Ziyue [Joe] Zhou, internationalstudents@utsu.ca)

Please feel free to contact them for support, partnerships and help with event planning. Otherwise, we can help put you in touch with them! We will elaborate on their priorities at the meeting on Sunday.

- In terms of advocacy, the UTSU has closely monitored promised reforms to campus police in the wake of the “Rally for Free Speech” last October. It has been frequently raising this point in communications with admin, who have assured that executive staff changes to campus police are occurring, an unprecedented external review is being conducted, and all officers are undergoing equity training. The free menstrual products working group is working to secure a partner tampon company. Policy briefs are in the works regarding the UTSU’s position on Indigenous student issues, undergrad research, the Canada Student Loan program, tuition fee reform, the aforementioned universal Metropass, mental health mentorship, voluntary and involuntary leave policy, online voting, pedestrianizing campus, and additional provincial transit subsidies. The 3 of us will be meeting in September with various members of UC administration to discuss resources and structural changes we would like to see at this College, and would love to discuss these ideas with any of you as well.
- In response to the planned September campus rally by the white supremacist Canadian Nationalist Party, the UTSU set up a mailing list to provide updates to students who opt in, and are lobbying to administration to ensure that the CNP would not be allowed to book space on campus (the University’s inadequate response to the crisis has simply been to ensure that the CNP has not booked space yet).
- Chim Alao, VP Equity, held a successful panel discussion last month about the corporatization of Caribana and the resulting implications for Toronto’s Caribbean community. He and his associate are also conducting an extensive analysis of UofT admin’s group recognition policies to establish how to create more effective disciplinary action against clubs (e.g. Students In Support of Free Speech, Students for Life) whose actions are discriminatory, often violent and infringe upon student rights. They have met with administration to discuss this and the aforementioned Campus Police changes, and are also working on reforming the General Equity Director structure to make it less tokenizing and more consensus-based. Two UTSU-spearheaded events for Queer Orientation are in the works – a panel discussion on queer activism in Toronto, and a “wine-ish” and cheese social.
- Kshemani is a voting member of the Bylaws and Policies Committee, which just approved a Help Desk policy, guaranteed funding to Level 2 UTSU clubs, and created an appointments policy for the Student Commons board. Aidan is chair of the Outreach Committee, which is working on sweeping reforms to Accountability Cafes, the UTSU’s approach to student society communications, and the UTSU’s social media presence.
- The Poverty and Financial Insecurity Commission had its meeting on August 25th. Minutes from the last meeting can be found here https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0B_GPPKRn-JuvZGJaeDN5OVdQVzA.
- The UTSU’s budget is being proposed on August 24th. Of note are the bursaries and Student Initiative Fund, which you can apply for, and commission funds, which you can make use of for your events if you attend commission meetings! https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0B_GPPKRn-JuvNnBGSExULXUySEk

- Also on August 24th, we will be voting on whether to rescind a previous motion, which was to commission and pay for a second legal opinion on the Sandra Hudson lawsuit, which will be going to trial in October. As a reminder, Ms. Hudson is being sued by the UTSU for allegedly stealing approximately \$250,000 in undue severance and overtime claims following her term as Executive Director. The second opinion would be to reevaluate the lawsuit from the lens of racialized lived experience, specifically on the notion of whether her job as Executive Director could have been considered managerial or precarious work (the UTSU is claiming it was neither). A vote on this matter was to have taken place at our July board meeting, but it was disrupted by a protest, prior to which board members were barricaded in the meeting space by protesters of the lawsuit.

As always, we and the UTSU are here to help you with whatever you are planning, and we look forward to continuing to work with you!

SLC:

Hello and happy end of August! I can't believe the summer is already wrapping up, but it's exciting to see everything coming together for the start of another school year. We are halfway through don training, which has been going really well so far, and props to the Orientation team for being so ready for prep week. As you may have heard, we've also officially welcomed a new staff member to the Dean of Students team – Adrian Leckie joined us on Wednesday as the new Student Life Coordinator, and my title is changing to Assistant to the Dean, Student Life. We're excited to have more hands on deck to support students and create more programming, so if you have ideas for new initiatives or projects, please do get in touch with us. Outside of that, we'll be starting promotions for the Career Mentorship program soon, and I'd strongly encourage upper year council members to apply, as well as would appreciate council's support on promoting the program to UC students. I hope folks have had an enjoyable summer and are looking forward to the start of the year – I have a feeling it's going to be a good one!