



## Attendance

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### Core Exec

PRESIDENT: Albert Hoang  
VICE-PRESIDENT: Victoria Kourtis  
FINANCE COMMISSIONER: Raye Negatu

### Executive

ATHLETICS COMMISSIONER: Benjamin Wang  
SERVICES COMMISSIONER: Martha Beach Bartel  
SOCIAL COMMISSIONER: Tua Hytonen  
LITERARY AND CREATIVE ARTS COMMISSIONER: Kaitlyn Ferreira (LATE)  
EQUITY AND OUTREACH COMMISSIONER: Mira El Hussein (LATE)  
SPIRIT AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSIONER: Dan Proctor  
UNIVERSITY AND ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMISSIONER: Danielle Stella  
SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSIONER: Michelle Zhong  
MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSIONER: Thomas Pender  
OFF-CAMPUS COMMISSIONER: Sara Mandia

### Representatives

UPPER YEAR: Mahzeb Ashraf  
Sameer Rai

MIDDLE YEAR: Paul Schweitzer  
Olivia Jordan  
Priya Gupta  
Miranda Desbiens

FIRST YEAR: Brie Augustine  
Tony Liang  
Brandon Lee  
Sabrina Weinstein

### UTSU Directors

UTSU VOTING DIRECTOR: Aidan Swirsky  
Anushka Kurian

### Staff

SPEAKER: Ryan Gomes  
SECRETARY: Snow Mei

### Guests

ORIENTATION CO CHAIR: Lindsay Kruitwagen

UC STUDENTS:

AJ Ubhi

Dede Akolo

NON-UC MEMBER:

Ariel Ho

STUDENT LIFE COORDINATOR:

Meng Lim

UCRC PRESIDENT:

Artur Khasanov

### **Not in Attendance**

UPPER YEAR:

Michelle Beyn

MID YEAR:

Aster Gerard

Sarita Bhukal

FIRST YEAR:

Soli Yared

UTSU VOTING DIRECTOR:

Kshemani Constantinescu

## **1. Call to Order**

**The meeting is called to order at 11:14AM.**

## **2. Land Acknowledgement Statement**

Ryan Gomes reads the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

Ryan asks everyone to introduce themselves, pronouns, and favourite animal.

Ryan explains the Robert's Rules of Order.

**Ryan:** There's 3 main points you can make when you talk about an item: 1) Point of personal privilege. Used to point something out that is making you uncomfortable in the space. i.e. I can't hear what someone's saying could you please speak up; 2) Point of information: When you don't quite understand what people said; 3) Point of order: Object to incorrect procedure, i.e. letting other people talk when there's still a speakers list.

Generally if you want to talk about an item, I'll say, "Is there any discussion?" There's a running list of people that want to talk. Other than that most things that happen in meeting are best observed. But I want to make sure everyone feels comfortable. There are no silly questions. If you have a question, please ask it. I could come across intimidating because of sticking to rules and following procedure but I really just want to hug everyone!

**Albert:** It's summer, and an oddly warmer day. If you need to go to bathroom, go! You don't have to ask for permission.

## **3. BIRT the August council meeting minutes be approved as presented (Kourtis/Ashraf)**

**MOTION CARRIES.**

**Ryan:** Congrats to everyone's first meeting. You just passed your firm motion!

**Michelle Z:** Just wanted to point out that Thomas and I were hired so we don't have voting rights in our positions, it's not that we're not raising our hands because we don't care or something!

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

**MOTION CARRIES.**

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

**MOTION CARRIES.**

6. **Reports**

a. **President**

Albert reads his report.

b. **Vice-President**

Victoria reads her report.

c. **Finance**

**Raye:** Going to start getting busy now because of planning budget. If you have any questions just remember to CC the deputies, and me and the finance contacts. There's been a lot of questions asked that weren't sent to me until the finance contacts forwarded it.

d. **Athletics**

Ben reads his report.

e. **Equity and Outreach**

Mira reads her report.

**Victoria:** Did the Follies contact you?

**Mira:** They contacted me about Rocky Horror on Monday Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> but I'm going to respond to them to ask why on they chose a Monday??

f. **Literary and Creative Arts**

Kaitlyn reads her report.

g. **Mental Health**

Thomas reads his report.

**Mira:** In terms of yoga/meditation night: if you want to chat about it to get folks to make sure we're not appropriating.

**Thomas:** I think we got the Buddhism Students Association. But yes, we can chat!

h. **Off-Campus**

Sara reads her report.

i. **Services**

Martha reads her report.

Priya leaves at 11:50AM.

j. **Social**

Tua reads her report.

k. **SCC**

**Dan:** AJ, Mahreen, and I filmed 4 of the Ryan Hume's guide to UC Videos. All your events are due to me tomorrow. If you don't send it to me, it won't be in the calendar or newsletter. Other than that, I can tell you we're getting phone wallet, bottle opener key-chains, gryphon baseball caps, notebooks made of recycled cardboard and I'm done.

**Mira:** What did you change the shot glasses to/are we still getting shot glasses?

**Dan:** Read my report and yes!

l. **Sustainability**

**Michelle:** Gardening in High-Park, and BYOC Pumpkin Spice event in October, and a Salad Event with local university foods.

m. **University and Academic Affairs**

Danielle reads her report.

**Meng:** Where are you hosting the de-stressor?

**Danielle:** JCR.

**Dan:** Have we checked out person giving us dogs for de-stressor?

**Danielle:** Yes, it's the therapeutic dogs of Canada?

n. **Middle Year Representatives**

Paul reads the report.

o. **Upper-Year Representatives**

No Report.

**Mahzeb:** I'm still getting used to reporting stuff, thanks mid-year representatives for helping us figure it out. I was surprised to see the number of people that came to the booth who were too lazy to open their laptops. Also I didn't get the feedback forms.

p. **Orientation**

Lindsay reads the report.

q. **UC Review**

(see report)

r. **UC Follies**

(see report)

s. **Diabolos'**

(see report)

t. **UCRC**

No Report.

**Artur:** We have some changes to our treasurer position. I'm hoping there's time to get together and chat.

u. **Gargoyle**

Dede reads their report.

**Dede:** I'm hoping to have Zine Fair with UC Review. If anyone wants to join a mailing list we can do that after!

v. **UTSU**

Aidan and Anushka read the report.

w. **SLC**

Meng reads her report.

7. **BIRT \_\_\_\_\_ be ratified as First Year Representatives to council for the 2017-2018 year. (Hoang/El-Hussein)**

**Amendment: BIRT Tony Liang, Brandon Li, Sabrina Weinstein, and Brie Augustine be ratified as First Year Representatives to council for the 2017-2018 year. (Hoang/Schweiter)**

**MOTION CARRIES.**

**Albert:** Motion for a blind vote.

**MOTION CARRIES.**

**Mira:** Just want to clarify that nobody's going to vote this down.

**MOTION CARRIES.**

**Ryan:** Congrats on getting ratified.

8. **Meeting Guidelines and Overall Understanding.**

**Discussion Item**

**Albert:** I wanted to talk about UCADAN.

**Victoria:** We would love for our meetings to start at 11AM so we don't go over time. A long meeting doesn't mean unproductive meeting but sometimes it takes long because we take long to start. Secondly raise your hand if you have questions about anything. There's no stupid question. Overall understanding is it's frowned upon if you talk over someone. Speaker's list is great. Ryan's good at that. Be aware of what you're saying and those around you. Try to not say ridiculous things. First thing that comes to your mind, think it over.

**Albert:** Don't be discouraged to ask somebody to raise their voice. Noise quality isn't great here. Just use "point of personal privilege" so you can participate fully.

**Mira:** If someone corrects you on something, do so respectfully. If something's bothering you that someone said, it's okay to come to me and so I can maintain a safer space for everybody if you don't want to directly say something to them, I can say something on your behalf.

**Mahzeb:** For the first years, can you explain how you get on speaker's list?

**Ryan:** Just raise your hand, and then I'll note it and write your name down.

**Victoria:** For any other questions about meetings, they're kind of their own force of nature, sometimes we know what's going to happen, and sometimes we don't. If you don't want to ask out loud, send me a message on Facebook.

**Ryan:** If you have procedural question, you can also send me a Facebook message. My Facebook is in the UC Lit group.

**Tony:** We got Timbits for you guys!

**Dede:** Can you only vote if you are on council?

**Albert:** Yes. The UCADAN turnout and set up: there was a lack of support. Pancakes went well. Michelle was killing it! The EOC event was good. Trivia setup was done really nicely. But the BBQ setup: not enough people helped out. For the live music, it was just Kaitlyn and AJ. Only two people were there to set up and that was unacceptable. For Quad Party, there was only Priya, Olivia and myself with Tua for clean up. Your absence is noted. After the meeting please come explain why you didn't help out with your ratified commission. I want to give shout out to Priya, Olivia, Ben and AJ. We got out at 1AM. This was our first big event and there was a lack of support from the council.

**Dan:** At entrance at the quad, it was only ever me, Paul, and Kaitlyn and also Tom Piao. And I saw all of you who walked passed me, attending the quad party.

**Mira:** If we were in class is there anything else you need to know?

**Albert:** If you were in class it's fine but ghosting is not okay. There isn't a lot of communication. Please come to events, support each other; it's in council policies that you should be helping out. We'll send an email but you can also come up to us to talk why you weren't here.

**Danielle:** AJ helped out a lot! To the first year reps: I know there's a lot of friends who may not have gotten elected but you can sit in on meetings like AJ and help out when you can!

**Victoria:** Office hours should not have more than two Lit members at once; it's intimidating for new people to come in with too many council members sitting around, talking. Do it at a table in the JCR. Engage with students. Office hour is not meant for you to hang out in an exclusive place. We're trying to be inclusive to all students and let students feel like they can just walk in to the office.

9. **BIRT \_\_\_\_\_ be ratified to the Appointments Committee for the 2017-2018 term. (Kourtis/Schweiter)**

**Meng:** The College has a number of various committees and spaces reserved for students to share their voice. The Appointments Committee serves to review any new faculty appointments to the college. Faculty members can choose to affiliate themselves to specific colleges or their in house programs. If you are interested in potentially new UC faculty this is the one to sit on.

The Creative Writing Committee is to choose submissions. You're part of the review process.

The Curriculum Committee looks at changes to courses and new courses. For those programs housed at UC, if professors want to start a new course, they'd have to justify it to the committee.

The Scholarship Committee involves being part of the decision process for in course scholarships, graduating scholarships, or a combination of both.

I want to clarify that the point of sitting on this committee is not meant to promote these. These positions are to review applications, not to engage in promotion or creation. Also to clarify, most of the scholarships are open to international students. Scholarships that are not for international students are often provided on a UofT wide level.

**Aidan:** The leadership awards are available on the UC website and if you're intending to apply you cannot be on the scholarship committee. Also, I was on the scholarship committee last year but I didn't do too much because there's a need to be free in the summer.

**Meng:** To clarify that's not typically the case, usually scholarship committee reviews at end of semester, typically all this work happens in the school year.

**Paul:** Nominate Tony Liang, Brandon Li, Sabrina Weinstein, and Brie Augustine to appointments committee.

**Brie, Sabrina, Brandon, and Tony decline**

**Thomas:** I nominate myself.

**Dan:** I nominate myself.

**Kaitlyn:** I nominate Paul.

**Paul declines.**



Ryan: There are now two candidates for two positions.

**Amendment: BIRT Thomas Pender and Dan Proctor be ratified to the Appointments Committee for the 2017-2018 term.**

**MOTION CARRIES.**

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10. **BIRT \_\_\_\_\_ be ratified to the Creative Writing Committee for the 2017-2018 term. (Kourtis/Hoang)**

Meng: On this committee you judge short fiction, poetry, and essays with a table of faculty and going through all the works.

Albert: I want to make an amendment. Ramsey from last year was on a time crunch and so last year's council already chose for this coming year. They've already technically started the work. I'll be putting forward 2 names.

**Amendment: BIRT Rachel Evangeline-Chiong and Penelope Evans be ratified to the Creative Writing Committee for the 2017-2018 term. (Hoang/Ferreira)**

Kaitlyn: Many of you have met them. They've been involved in study and extracurricular activities in the creative writing. Rachel studies Linguistics, Penelope's been on the Gargoyle, they'd be lovely for these positions that they currently already hold.

**MOTION CARRIES.**

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11. **BIRT \_\_\_\_\_ be ratified to the Curriculum Committee for the 2017-2018 term. (Kourtis/Proctor)**

Meng: If faculty are interested in developing a new course or changing an existing course, they come to this committee to review it.

Mira: I nominate Danielle.

**Danielle declines.**

**Aidan:** I nominate Mahzeb.

**Mahzeb accepts.**

**Amendment: BIRT Mahzeb Ashraf be ratified to the Curriculum Committee for the 2017-2018 term.**

**MOTION CARRIES.**

**MOTION CARRIES.**

12. **BIRT \_\_\_\_\_ be ratified to the Scholarship Committee for the 2017-2018 term. (Kourtis/El-Hussein)**

**Victoria:** You choose who gets a scholarship.

**Mira:** Maybe don't nominate others and wait for folks to nominate themselves for this one.

**Miranda:** I nominate myself.

**Mahzeb:** Can I nominate Ben?

**Ben declines.**

**Sameer:** It's important we get more students on this committee because they're not giving out all the money they had, and they're decreasing the level of scholarship distribution. If you guys want to be a change in that, you can totally be the student doing that.

**Martha:** I nominate myself.

**Aidan:** We can table the position if people don't want to nominate themselves.

**Thomas:** I'll nominate myself

**BIRT Miranda Desbiens, Thomas Pender, and Martha Beach Bartel be ratified to the Scholarship Committee for the 2017-2018 term.**

**MOTION CARRIES.**

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13. **Open the Budget (Hoang/Proctor)**

**Albert:** It's largely to move an expense to capital. "Diabolos' is requesting \$350 to go towards the purchase of a new grinder. We have used the same drip coffee grinder for years. It's been around since before Andrea's time and has, unfortunately, ground its last bean this week. The machine was spitting out entire coffee grounds and refused to grind any beans when we made the grind smaller. While we could hypothetically repair this machine, the costs associated with it would be similar to buying a new one. A barista from De Mello that's now working at Diabolos', George, has informed us that a specific kind of machine he knows of would be relatively inexpensive to other grinders but would serve the purpose all the same. Andrea, last year's manager, suggested purchasing a new Bunn grinder, but this is considerably more expensive and very large. A Baratza machine, suggested by George, is much more cost efficient and works well for our purposes. Purchasing a new grinder is critical to Diabolos' operations as a coffee bar. Currently, we cannot sell drip coffee due to the broken grinder."

**Albert:** This won't impact the budget because it's in the capital budget.

**Raye:** I used the cheque register to update as of Tuesday but there are some expenses that haven't been updated.

**Mira:** Can we make amendments as we go along?

**Albert:** Can we have a 5-10 min recess?

**Ryan:** Split it to a 7.5 min break?

## **MOTION CARRIES.**

**Ryan:** All those in favour of those who are late to do the chicken dance.

## **MOTION CARRIES.**

### **Be it resolved that council propose any changes to the budget**

- a. Albert proposes an increase on Line 1208 from \$0 to \$350
- b. Albert proposes an increase on Line 1209 from \$0 to \$400
- c. Dan proposes an increase on Line 1104 from \$0 to \$500
- d. Sara proposes an increase on Line 908 from \$100 to \$200.

**Mira:** Point of information, if we're taking things in our summer budget can we move it to fall budget?

**Victoria:** No, the summer budget stops when the fall/winter budget starts.

e. Ben proposes an increase on Line 404 from \$80 to \$100.

f. Ben proposes an increase on Line 405 from \$0 to \$100.

**Paul:** Where are you thinking of having it? CSC?

**Ben:** Yes I'll book it.

g. Mira proposes a decrease on Line 503 from \$190 to \$70.

h. Mira proposes a decrease on Line 505 from \$370 to \$0.

i. Dan proposes a decrease on Line 1102 from a balance of \$3150 to \$1500 because of an increase in revenue.

**Dan:** We made more money than expected!

j. Sara proposes a decrease on Line 902 from \$100 to \$0.

k. Ben proposes a decrease on Line 402 from a balance of \$920 to \$385.

l. Victoria proposes an increase on Line 201 from \$1631.84 to \$2181.84, and decreases on Line 202 from \$250 to \$0 and Line 205 from \$300 to \$0.

**Victoria:** Only a portion of these have been used to pay for the UC Follies because they want to purchase the rights to a script to a show but have trouble doing so because of the amount in their account because of last year. Also, their funding doesn't come out until October. The rights are \$3000.

**Aidan:** What is the play?

**Victoria:** Spring awakening.

**Mira:** First years: don't be intimidated by this process.

**BIRT the above a. to l. are approved as an omnibus motion.**

Moved \$725 to contingency.

## **MOTION CARRIES.**

### **14. Residence Involvement Representative Initiative (RIRI)**

**Dan:** In the summer we talked about the social media policy this year. The process for the commissioner to post would be to talk to deputies or me. If you want to post something, draft it up and let me know, and let AJ, Mahreen, Aidan, Aster or Sameer know.

**Danielle:** Is that the same for creating events?

**Dan:** So I'm cutting you guys some slack because it's frosh week, but I was very disappointed at everyone, including myself for my commission-meeting event being posted only 4 days in advance. Events should be posted at least, or preferably, 14 days in advance. If you can't post them early, people won't see it. Please have all your posts/events submitted by the 28th. Also I found out when you post on the UC Lit calendar sometimes it's posted on your personal calendar. Just double check when you create an event that it's on the UC Lit calendar and includes a location so I know where it is.

**Victoria:** I realize that all of council is looking at it too so if you can specify a time as well, just so Lindsay, my deputy, knows for JCR bookings too, so events won't overlap.

**Be it resolved that the following representatives be ratified to the specified residence house:**

**Aidan \_\_\_\_\_ to Bratty House**

**Aidan \_\_\_\_\_ to Cody House**

**Anushka \_\_\_\_\_ to Falconer House**

**Kshemani (not here, should ratify when present) to Ferguson House**

**Priya (not here, should ratify when present) to Hutton House**

**Mahzeb \_\_\_\_\_ to Jeanneret House**

**Sameer \_\_\_\_\_ to Landsberg-Lewis House**

**Paul \_\_\_\_\_ to Langley House**

**Miranda \_\_\_\_\_ to Loudon House**

**Olivia \_\_\_\_\_ to McCaul House**

**Michelle B \_\_\_\_\_ to Mullock House**

**Sarita \_\_\_\_\_ to Perron House**

**Michelle B \_\_\_\_\_ to Taylor House**

**Sameer \_\_\_\_\_ to Wallace House**

**Aster \_\_\_\_\_ to Wolfe House**

**Albert:** There are issues to be combatted. These representatives are paired with house president. They meet monthly and discuss how to collaborate, ways to increase turnout, meet students in residence, and meet students by extension. Dan's really taken initiative to take charge of this.

**Dan:** I met with Adrian the SLC and Colin the Residence Life Coordinator. For now it's one rep to one house. It's upper year, mid year and UTSU representatives. Once we know what works and doesn't work, I'd like to add the first year reps to this. I'm going to send info over.

**Aidan:** How does nomination process work?

**Dan:** I already assigned you guys. Also point of order, I can't nominate people who aren't here right?

**Ryan:** No you can't.

## **MOTION CARRIES.**

### **15. UTSU's UCommute Campaign Endorsement (Constantinescu/Ferreira)**

**Aidan:** How long do I have Ryan? I received a letter from UTSU. Anne worked really hard over the past summer to put this together. She sent letter to us to motivate.

Aidan reads letter:

*Hi :) First of all I just wanted to say that it means so much that there would be a motion to endorse U-Commute at UCLit. My heart is happy.*

*I'll just give a brief summary of the campaign thus far, and what the plan is from here: We've had preliminary meetings with stakeholders, and they've been surprisingly very positive and fruitful. Meetings we've had so far have been with municipal members on the TTC commission, the TTC commission chair, the director of policy at the Ministry of Transportation, some provincial members (for support), and each of our university administrations. I'm cautiously optimistic moving forward.*

Our survey has just gone offline, and if you've filled it, THANK YOU--we got over 16000 responses! The results will be really important pieces come negotiations. Given the high turnout, we'll be able to present accurate info.

As for the next steps, we're looking toward the negotiations. If we can reach something both we and the transit providers agree to, then we go to referendum to incorporate the pass as an ancillary fee, and it would be in effect Fall 2018. The referendum will be a really big push, and we'll be running some type of "Yes" vote campaign with students & student groups in support of the price point.

As an aside, the survey data will be evaluated this upcoming week. At that point we'll have a rough idea of how expensive the pass should be, but the ballpark is roughly just over \$200 a semester. It may seem like a lot, but transit systems like Guelph who, for example, rely heavily on students to stay in business and don't serve that great of an area (it's Guelph lmao) charge \$120 and it's going up to \$130 in the winter. I just want to put this out now, so that people don't think we're trying to pretend it'll be really really cheap or something. Exact numbers we'll be negotiating can be provided as soon as we set them!

I hope you all choose to support the campaign, and I'd love to answer any questions people might have! We'll have a Facebook page up and running shortly where we'll be posting updates often, and I'm always around. If you have questions right now, you can call me at 705-262-9453

Love you all, Anne

**Sameer:** They're trying to get a Metropass for every student?

**Danielle:** Can you opt out?

**Aidan:** This works like the health insurance plan, and the money that's saved will go to individuals that use it. The TTC makes them buy in bulk. Plus U of T is an 80% commuter school. Over 50% of students use local or regional transportation to get to school.

**Mahzeb:** Aren't they getting rid of the Metropass?

**Aidan:** I think like UTM, it wouldn't be a Metropass but it'd be like a Presto system for U of T students.

**Dede:** Would they be buying in bulk? And it's like an adjustment to Presto then?

**Aidan:** At UTM, you just show your T-card to get on board to busses, every student gets a card to tap on and tap off.

**Olivia:** Would it be like \$200 per semester?

**Danielle:** It's like 62 rides at \$3.25 per ride.

**Aidan:** Even though we're putting the motion in to endorse, it's not to say the consultation is over. You have myself, Anushka, Kshemani, and others who can bring feedback, questions, and concerns back to UTSU. All of your opinions are obviously valuable; it's a service we hope to be made use of by many students.

**Danielle:** In terms of timeline, is there something that could delay the process?

**Anushka:** Consultations could.

**Mira:** I'd like to speak in favour of the motion. As you know TTC passes are really expensive: \$116 or \$140 for an adult. This is difficult for students who are disabled or live with their parents. This is something that you'll seriously consider supporting because it makes campus more accessible. But it's a lot cheaper than \$500. I think it's important that we don't get caught up in the detailed \$200 per semester. It's important we consider that as it is and take it as a service level that helps folks who need the help. Mobility is really important in the city, this kind of thing is important to maybe not you directly but a hell of a lot of students.

**Albert:** As next year is an election, political figures will really want to get that vote. This campaign will be good for us to have a definite chain of action to support and figure out which politician would support this. With general politics in Toronto, I think there's a lot happening next year.

## **MOTION CARRIES.**

### **16. Campus Lion Clubs**

#### **Discussion Item**

**Victoria:** Always thought Lions Clubs is a UC club but they're not. They basically go around making clubs. They're trying to find their place on campus, want to write up monthly reports with us.

Albert reads ULife Campus Lion Club brief.

**Victoria:** Delrina said only potential problem is that they have about 25% UC students making up their club which is low but they are looking and actively trying to engage more UC students but also other students. They're especially trying for the executive level for UC students. I'm bringing this up because I'm wondering if council is willing to have this new club even though they have a small UC community starting out.

**Paul:** From the description, it seems like they do a lot of stuff. What is their track record? What'd they do last year? I'd want something more concrete if we're supporting it.



**Miranda:** So I want to clarify what this means if we recognize it as a UC club?

**Victoria:** So they'd be recognized, they'd be able to ask us for funds, etc.

**Mira:** I want to ask if we can table this motion, I'm looking at the website and it seems a little pyramid schemey to me. They say they work for Habitat For Humanity. It's a little bizarre. I just don't understand it. I sort of wonder the degree to which the work is relevant to this space. I'd rather we take on something more grassroots rather than adhere to some international organization.

**Sameer:** The decision to make it a UC club isn't a small decision. We should continue to be strict on all the UC clubs. We should have them come with Delrina and present.

**Ben:** It's a similar structure in rotary clubs and Kiwanis clubs. I was in one in my youth. I wouldn't say it's sketchy but it's just how they operate. It functions as a club anyways now, so what difference does it make to become a UC club? I agree with Mira and Sameer.

**Victoria:** I just wanted to talk about them.

**Danielle:** Do they have space on campus specifically? At the ULife centre we pick clubs that are really active in the community, I've worked there for the last five months but I've never seen or heard of their name. It makes me worry that I've never seen this group pop up.

**Aidan:** Can they not have applied to become a UC club before this meeting rather than speculating at the meeting now? Also responding to Mira's point, I get that we might not want to recognize clubs of a larger organization, but there was Amnesty UC and other branches.

**Mira:** My issue is not that it's part of a larger organization; it's just that I've never heard of this organization.

**Albert:** I echo everyone's points. They should really give a presentation. It's a general principle of how we're going to go in the future. There are membership requirements. The actual points on what they have to provide us. The membership, how many people are in the club, and a regular updated member list. We'd make sure they actually adhere to that. It's not like how our ancillaries operate.

**Anushka:** I'd like to motion to table this. (Kurian/Schweiter)

**MOTION CARRIES.**

## 17. **Other Business**

**Mira:** This was in my initial budget, Ziigwin who's my deputy, her mom does cultural competency training, and I was just wondering if you folks would be willing to learn after the November meeting. She's super competent, knowledgeable, and wonderful person. We'd learn about competency surrounding various cultures. Everyone on council will benefit from this.

**Albert:** We can do it during our retreat. But then the issue is that it's at hart house farm.

*Anushka reads letter regarding student from Mexico fundraising for her family post-earthquake.*

**Albert:** The Red Cross has controversy; different Atlantic and Time articles have stated that the Haiti money donated has not gone to fixing things. I'm very critical of Red Cross and how their budget is actually used.

**Anushka:** Could we then somehow endorse the cause of helping people and the consensus of how we could go about that?

**Paul:** Maybe we could set up a meeting with core exec and Anushka to donating to Doctors Without Borders or another charity instead?

**Mira:** Our motion should read: "Upon future meeting to agree on where the funds may go." We should be careful not to go about noting conditions of support when talking to her. I'm sure she knows best; she's an international student from Mexico.

**Dan:** I have a point that I expect to be unpopular but I think someone needs to, I'm hesitant to directly support and release information related to charitable cause to something because it'll really show when we miss something and it's difficult to support everything. If UC students see that we support this and this, why aren't they supporting something in my country? I'm personally in support but I'm hesitant to support as UC Lit.

**Raye:** We have funds set aside for charity donations, I understand what you're saying about the different things to support, but we can say we have limited funds available.

**Anushka:** If something happened in India I would feel comfortable approaching my UC Lit because this individual came up to us to do so.

**Dan:** If we support this, I would ask if it's okay to support her and mention her directly, but we aren't just looking around at everything we need to support.

**Albert:** I think it's good to look at how we support globally.

**Paul:** Ways to support without directly contributing support financially, we can support by sharing posts, giving outreach. That's what we have. It would be a struggle doing it alone.

**Mira:** I think the point of highlighting this person individually like Dan said is a good idea. It's uplifting instead of being like "The UC Lit's doing so great."

**New Motion 18: BIRT the UC Lit support the fundraising efforts of Eri Kimura Meguro online for her work to raise money for the natural disaster in Mexico following the September 19th Earthquake. BIFRT upon further meeting the UC Lit will promote other organizations that we encourage our students to donate to in response to this cause. (Kurian/Schweiter)**

## **MOTION CARRIES.**

**Ben:** I've received complaints about sports equipment damages.

**Victoria:** We have lots of balls.

**Ben:** My deputy is considering a system of putting down T-Cards to borrow equipment? I was wondering if that system is a good idea?

**Mira:** I think it's a good idea. We could do name, student number, time in, time out. Or T-Card thing is totally fine too. But you don't want to be responsible for someone's T-Card.

**Victoria:** Maybe they could put down a deposit?

**Olivia:** How about if someone wants to borrow balls for practice, or for an hour?

**AJ:** It excludes people who can't afford to do that. It'll exclude communities that won't have that resource.

**Albert:** For those who borrow sports equipment, is there a limit for how long they'd borrow for? i.e. office hour is closed at 4PM. Maybe if you have a longer rental, keep a deposit, or during office hours, T-Card is fine?

**Sameer:** My opinion on this, money being an accessibility issue, is if we take name, student number, time in and time out, you're the only one that's going to have to pay for it. Give them a time limit. I've had a soccer ball for 3 months for practicing. We trust students enough, most people don't know about the sports locker.

**Tony:** For short term renting: put down T-Card; long term renting: put down deposit.

**Ben:** I'd really like to get this equipment out and used. Not many people know about it, I appreciate your input for sure.

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

**Ben:** In my youth...

19. **BIRT the meeting be adjourned (Kourtis/Weinstein)**

**Meeting Adjourns at 2:08PM.**

**President:**

Welcome to the new first year reps! Congratulations on running good campaigns and getting elected, it takes a lot of courage and dedication to run in an election and I'm glad you all did so. I'm excited to see what you add to council with each of your different personalities and quirks and I'm glad you're joining our family. Please don't ever hesitate to ask any upper years questions, to get to know us, and don't be afraid to use your voice during meetings. Updates:

- Orientation went really well overall! There'll be a final report later on, but to any leaders, head leaders, or execs, thank you for bringing UC spirit and energy to this year's frosh.
- SGRT met with the Provost to discuss online voting for referenda and also the Sexual Violence Prevention and Support Centre, which is located at [720 Spadina](#).
- Homecoming is going really well and will be held on October 5 from 4-7PM! It seems like the location is going to end up being the UC Quad and maybe parts of Sir Dans
- Met with the UC Alumni Association to discuss how alumni could better connect with students in our programming
- Attended the Represent conference with Victoria and Aidan and we have a lot to bring back to council, stay tuned for further updates.

Finally, please remember that during the year whenever you know life is getting hard for you, or your week is really hectic, or you need support, to let council know so we can give you the support you need to get back to your 100%. We're a family, and I know we all want each other to succeed. It's crucial that we all communicate with each other so we can effectively do the work and lend a helping hand when necessary.

Lots of lit love, Albert."

**Vice-President:**

Good morning sunshines!

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year/Lit council! Welcome to our newest members of council, the First Year Reps- I hope you all find your home here and that you take an active role in representing the first years and all UC students to the best of your abilities!

Congrats to the OC's and the Orientation team for an incredibly successful Orientation Week! You both did such an amazing job, so YAY! With regards to Orientation Week, if you were a leader/exec and did not specify to Martha that you were not going to be there for set-up or clean-up and decided to go to Adventure Valley you should apologize at some point. We may have finished in time and "had enough help" but it's the principle of you telling her so she can figure out alternatives.

Aside from that mishap, congrats to the commissions that participated in UCADAN! I had fun! I am a very small part of the UC Community though and our numbers were quite low so there needs to be a discussion on how we're going to increase our numbers in the future and maybe think of different date for UCADAN next year because the common theme I heard was "it's such a hard time of the year". So please send your ideas this way!

As well as low turn out, if you are ratified to a commission, you need to be there to help set-up and/or clean-up at some point. The lack of support that core-exec is seeing from some our council is not appreciated. This is a team effort and taking time out is 100% wanted but needs to be noted so that we don't just think you're slacking because as of right now it just looks like that.

With that being said, Albert and I asked you to meet 3 new people during UCADAN so I would like to hear them! I met Sabrina, Brie, and Kristen who all decided to randomly compliment my outfit which was super nice and they were lovely! I love these first years! I also met Adrian who I ended up taking a group photo booth picture with (I love photo booths).

Other than that, I'm planning the Fall Retreat (November 10th) and I can't wait to see how this school year plays out for all of us! We have a very strong team and I hope we stay strong and healthy throughout the year!

Lots of VP love,

Vic <3

**Finance:**

Nothing to Report

**Athletics:**

Hey everybody! I hope the start of your school year has been enjoyable and that everything is settling down nicely! It's been a very busy few weeks for Athletics – here's what's going on!

Intramural signups have been a hectic ordeal, but we're finally done selecting captains and registering our teams for all six sports being offered this semester. We have almost 400 players signed up, with some sports seasons beginning this weekend and others starting up next week!

We're looking forward to a fun and exciting year with the program!

The Blue Jays game was also a great success, with all 50 tickets being sold a few days in advance of the event! UC was loud and proud at the game, even though the Blue Jays took quite a beating at the hands of the Royals. I think the event went well, and feedback that I've received suggests that attendees felt the same way!

We also had our first commission meeting this year, which helped introduce our commission to members of the UC community, and where we heard some great ideas for events in the upcoming year and received feedback on the events we want to run

We'll be handling the distribution of jerseys to our intramural teams as well acquirement of

additional jerseys as necessary next, as well as organizing a sports game viewing night sometime in October, so keep an eye out for those events! We're also working on a system for members of the UC community to borrow equipment from the commission so that people can have some fun in their free time before the snow sets in.

Lastly, the tournament schedule will be released soon! We'd love to see UC send some teams to these tournaments, which sound like a lot of fun (glow-in-the-dark dodgeball, anyone?). More details will be posted on the Athletics Commission Facebook group through the semester – if you're interested in participating, join the group!

That's all for now! Hope you guys have a great rest of the month!

From Athletics with love,

Benjamin Wang

### **Equity and Outreach:**

Hi friends!

We're super excited to say that our MyJourney event was apparently well received! I'm really glad that we were able to turn things from a talk into something more engaging and interactive and we're excited to see if this will be a continuing thing! If you've heard any feedback from your first years, positive OR negative, I'd love to know!

As I'm writing this we're working on finishing up the minute details of our UCADAN event which is a beading workshop - led by Ziigwen - and a discussion on appropriation versus appreciation - which we hope will go well and be well received (I will update you on this in person since UCADAN will have been over by then).

We've also been arranging some collabs with UAA and Social - shoutout to Danielle and Tua and their deputies for being great to work with!

Welcome, first years! I'm the equity commissioner which essentially means that I aim to make UC as safe and welcoming of a space as possible (especially for marginalized people), to increase awareness surrounding human rights on and around campus, and to start conversations and dialogues about topics surrounding racism, transphobia, homophobia, misogyny, ableism etc. I will be trying to send out a list of 101 resources as soon as I can in case you feel you need some help understanding any of these concepts and would like to do so in at your own pace. In any case, please feel free to reach out whenever, ask me questions if you have them, let me know if you need any guidance on issues of equity in UC spaces, or just need to talk about anything at all. I am here as a resource and if I don't have an answer to your question I will do my best to find one or to direct

you to someone who can help. Equity is for everyone, don't ever feel intimidated or ashamed of not knowing or of needing to ask - I am not as scary as I seem, I promise!

I hope every has had a lovely, restful summer - I am excited to see your faces!

Lots of love,  
Mira and Ziigwen

### **Literary and Creative Arts:**

Hey friends! I'm so happy to be back in classes and around campus with you lovely people! September is going to be busy for LCA, so get pumped. We just finished UCADAN which I'm sure was a huge success (since I'm writing this on Wednesday lol)! Thank you so much for all of the help. Special shout out to Melanie and my ratified reps for all that you do. Looking forward, the first coffeehouse will be in the first week of October - theme to be announced this upcoming week! Pump it up to your commission and friends please. I'm going to purchase our new cordless mic and missing piece for our keyboard so that outdoor events are a lot more practical. Finally, Tua and I are holding our Paint Night in October! Yay wine!

xoxoxo, LCA

### **Mental Health:**

Hey everyone!

So from our meeting the commission came up with a lot of really great ideas for the upcoming year. So firstly, the Zen Zone, we will be having a cleanup party for that in the next little while, just to get it back to what it was. We'll also add some more guidelines so that hopefully it will remain a bit cleaner throughout the year. Another thing we're looking at doing is compiling a complete list of mental health resources here on campus for students to have easy access to. We all agreed that finding information on the resources available is very difficult, and spread out through various webpages, so we want to aim to compile one complete list for all to access. We're also looking at having monthly yoga/meditation/etc nights throughout the year on a rotating basis just as a casual event. We're gonna continue the relationship we started last year with peer2peer, and continue to support and promote their group. Finally we are looking to have an event similar to last year's panel event that happened in January, but this year with more of a focus on the mental health resources on campus from the perspectives of professionals and students.

Thomas <3

### **Off-Campus:**

Hey everyone, I hope the new school year is treating you all well. So UCOC has been starting to get busier now that our events are beginning. So within the last week, we had our commission meeting and received a whole bunch of new ideas and feedback for events that we would like to start implementing, and were able to introduce the commission as well as some of our planned events to new and returning commission members and other UC students. By the time this is being heard, we



have also just had our UCADAN pancake event which has hopefully gone well as it will be a monthly or bimonthly thing. We've also begun planning our next two events, the Trinity Bellwood Picnic and the ice cream event - of which we have yet to decide whether to make it a crawl in Kensington or some other ice cream outing. Either way both events will be well suited to the nice weather we have been having as of late. Other than those, we have, like everyone else, been working on budgeting and event planning for the rest of the year. Thats all for now folks! - Sara <3

### **Services:**

Hi my lovely friendos,

Red and White is over!! It was great, even with the couple of mishaps that happened. Thanks to everyone who came to set up, and everyone who showed and and stayed to clean up on Sunday. I hope you're all excited for Fireball though, cause i am!! Room Head Applications are coming out within the next week, so let your friends know and encourage everyone to apply.

I love you all,  
Martha

### **Social:**

Hey guys!

The school year has finally started and things are already so busy. By the time you all will be reading this UCADAN will be over, but right now I am still busy with organizing last minute things for that. I am so excited for it and I hope everything goes well!

At the moment, Kaitlyn and I are trying to figure logistical things out for our Wine and Paint Night which is most likely happening October 12th, and I am also working on the Halloween Rocky Horror screening/shadow cast with Mira. I already had my first meeting for Social and I am looking forward to planning a new event for the year, so by the time of our Council meeting I will have that figured out as well.

That's it for now from Social!

### **Spirit and Communications:**

Many things have happened folks. I've reordered the UC shot glasses with the new college order (UC, Vic, Innis, Trin) and I've ordered the Whiteboard for the JCR Calendar. At the time of the meeting I will have hopefully had a chance to set it up so get pumped! I'm also working out the new spiritwear we'll be ordering, I will be able to speak to this more in the meeting as I will have sent in my budget by then.

I've begun work on the Residence Involvement Rep Initiative (or RIRI) and will hopefully be connecting the Mid and Upper Year reps along with the UTSU Reps with your house presidents. On the social media front there have been some issues but for the sake of brevity I'll leave that to my discussion item in the agenda. I realize this report is kind of long but if you read the whole thing please Facebook message me a picture of a duck. I'm sitting on a whole bunch of leftover Frosh and

Leader shirts that I want to get out of the bell tower so if you want one hit me up. Work has also been chugging along on our Homecoming collab with the other colleges and faculties.

### **Sustainability:**

Had my meeting on the 20th and there were a lot of excited first years who wanted to make a difference in UC! We've come up with a calendar and budget, and have appointed members to lead specific projects

### **University and Academic Affairs:**

Salutations everyone!

I hope everyone's first few weeks are going well! I want to personally congratulate the recently elected first year reps! I am sure that you guys will make a wonderful addition to council and I am excited to get to know you better! UAA had their commission meeting last Tuesday and a lot of new people showed up. We got volunteers for trivia and our student panel. Trivia on Thursday went \_\_\_\_\_. Our next event is on October 3rd and that is our student panel! if anyone wants to sit on the panel or help out please hit me up. Coffee with the Profs #1 will be happening on October 25th and we have four professors attending. They are John Vervaeke, Bill Ju, Geoff Macdonald, and Ashley Waggoner-Denton! Please hype up these events they are awesome! I am also doing collaborations this year with Social, UCOC, Equity and Outreach, Sustainability, Mental Health and Diabolos! Also doggos are booked for de-stressor! It's gonna be lit hahahahahahahahahahaha stay cool frands

### **Mid-Year Reps:**

Hey UC Lit!

The mid-year reps have very little to report on as we launch into the year! We are all attending our respective commission meetings, and are always available to help when you need us! Our only real update is the rep feedback forms!

The feedback forms were completed by mostly first years. People want to see events that are social, and geared towards art and music activities. A majority of people heard about the Lit or its events through emails, facebook, posters, word of mouth an frosh leaders. In terms of approachability the mean was ranked at 6. The ease of getting involved with a commission averaged at 5, and student engagement was averaged at 5.5.

A resounding number of people had the same feedback to give which was; they do not know who the members of the Lit are or how to identify them. They wish that there were more signs or boards with photos of members and what they do. Many also felt that Lit members are intimidating in large groups and that it is hard to approach us if you do not already know someone from before. To

combat these issues we can make a conscious effort to engage with, and reach out to new students to make everyone feel more welcomed.

Another thought we had was to come up with interesting profiles for each of the reps; including our fields of study, hobbies and other interesting facts. This way if the profiles are noticed by other students (on social media- facebook, or instagram) they may feel more inclined to begin conversation with one of us.

-Mid-Year Reps

### **Upper-Year Reps:**

Not Submitted

### **Orientation:**

Hey everyone! Frosh is all done with, what the heck? We've been doing this since February, and orientation is our baby, so it's weird being back in the real world. Thank you to all the leaders for their support during the week, the execs for working so hard during the summer to make it happen, and to everyone on council who helped with Red & White/Clubs Fair/etc. A big thank you to Meng for supporting us all summer and during the week - logistically orientation is very complicated and your support was crucial to our success. Lastly, the biggest thank you to the froshies that came out! We hope you had a memorable first week, we do this for you! Y'all are amazing and better be leaders next year. <3 <3

We're currently in the process of writing our last few cheques and completing the audit, which hopefully will be done soon. We'll probably have another report about this at the next meeting! Everything went really well and we couldn't have done it without everyone who helped us over the past 7 months.

Lots of orientation love,

Linds and Chell

### **UC Review:**

As of September 21, 2017, The UC Review has successfully hired for all editorial and design positions on the masthead.

We are still actively seeking an Archivist; someone who will oversee the continued digitization of the Review's past editions, and ensure that the actions of the 2017-2018 masthead follow our greater archival strategy.

If anyone would like to work for the Review in this capacity, please send me an email at [ucreview@uclit.ca](mailto:ucreview@uclit.ca). Also feel free to tell your friends and family.

We are gearing up for our Winter call for submissions, which will open on October 2 and accept works until October 27. The Review is so far on track to release an edition in January.

In the meantime, our masthead is actively searching for platforms where we can promote the Review and the call for submissions.

We are set to speak at the &quot;Preparing Your Work For Submission&quot; event on October 10, hosted by the Hart House Literary and Library Committee.

In addition, I will be going to training on October 2 to have the Review included on the Co-Curricular Record.

— Jack Denton, Editor-in- Chief

### **UC Follies:**

The UC Follies has been preparing for their first show SEVEN By Ned Dickens and directed by Hannah-Rae Sabyan, which opens Friday September 29th at 7pm and closes Sunday Oct 1st. The UC Follies has also recently cast their Hart House show Spring Awakening and are working on purchasing the rights and signing the Hart House theatre contract. Currently we are still in the process of hiring a director for Rocky Horror, but the three candidates interested will be interviewed this week. Rocky Horror rights will also need to be purchased sooner than later given the requested dates for the collaborative event. Rocky Horror will be in collaboration with the UC Lit, UC Residence Programming Don and the Social Commissioner. The Programming Don, Kelly, is hoping UC Follies will assist in the haunted house. Hannah-Rae Sabyan can provide Special Effects makeup and actors for the haunted house roles.

### **Diabolos:**

Diabolos' just had its first week of regular hour shifts. 8 baristas have been trained and are continuing to learn the ropes at Diabolos'. In addition to this, our 150-mug order for Diabolos' mug. In this initiative, we'll be offering people mugs for \$10, or the option to buy a mug for \$12-15 and have it stored and cleaned at Diabolos' all year long then get to take it home at the end of the year. This is similar to a service offered by Diabolos' a few year ago when there was a wall of mugs where the logo is now.

As well, we are ready to make our first juice purchase! We are waiting for the Diabolos' Dollars Cheque, but we will place the order shortly after this. We will be ordering apple juice, orange juice and Peach Snapple.

### **UCRC:**

Not Submitted

### **Gargoyle:**

By this time, the Gargoyle would have published two issues by some grace of God or whatever force in the universe you accept. Anyways, we have gotten a lot of great feedback from first years and our peers about the issue in the Orientation kits. This positive feedback set a precedent for our first issue last week with a great turn out of first year students. By Sunday, our second production night will be on Thursday September 29: the theme is butch, we might have a photoshoot. Concerning the renovations taking place next year, we are in contact with administration and the core executive to ease us all into that transition.

## **UTSU:**

Hi everyone! Hope you're easing into your new schedules well! We want to extend a special welcome to the first year reps – this whole meeting might seem like a lot being thrown at you all at once, especially when you factor the UTSU into your time on the Lit, but we (Kshemani, Anushka and Aidan) are all extremely excited to work with you, and to help guide you through the many facets of student politics here at UofT. The UTSU is your campus-wide student government; we work with student societies such as the Lit, and representatives from all the colleges and faculties, to provide services to students, advocate about issues facing students, and create events that build connections between students at this school. As we try to find and create more collaboration opportunities between the Lit and UTSU, we hope we can work with you specifically to increase students' awareness of the issues we do work on, especially yours! There are meetings you can take part in, campaigns you can give your ideas to, funds you can help create new events with, and your three UC directors, for you to ask any questions you have! Here's what's going on in our neck of the woods, in no particular order:

1. We've mostly been working on campus-wide initiatives thus far that would benefit UC students, but over the next months, since we're all about settled in to the new school year, we really want to begin working with a number of you on initiatives and priorities you and we have in mind to improve UC services specifically! Looking forward to beginning these discussions with you all!
2. While we were polishing up this report, Victoria out of the blue suggested the UC Lit plan an excursion to Halloween Haunt at Canada's Wonderland. Coincidentally, the UTSU announced it was partnering with Woodsworth College on a similar event, and they told us the door's open to similar collaborations with UC, so we're now going to spend the next week or 2 working with them to hopefully achieve something similar for UC students! Come out to the Campus Life Commission meeting, Wednesday night at 5, to help convince the UTSU! :)
3. The UTSU's Help Desk is rolling out starting tomorrow! It's an online and in-person service whereby you get to ask a few undergrad students we hired any questions at all related to academic and university procedures!
4. The UCommute survey, to get a subsidized transit Upass for all full-time undergrads, got over 15,000 responses! The information will be brought to the TTC to come up with a plan that works for most students – in terms of cost, we know now that the UTSU won't negotiate higher than \$200/semester (and will aim for far lower). It will all be part of your tuition though – counts for scholarship considerations! The referendum vote will be in March, but the UTSU's running some campaigns to raise awareness until then (including a commuter appreciation week in October/November), and such a major service addition necessitates broad campus support for it to go through, so that's why Kshemani has submitted a motion for the Lit to endorse the UConnect campaign!
5. Our Poverty & Financial Insecurities director, Adrian DiTommaso, has revived the You Decide petition campaign. You Decide, which the Lit endorsed last year, is a petition to hold a referendum

on the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) – a group for which UofT students pay \$15 a year (amounting to about \$500,000 annually), and was supposed to provide services to UofT students, but largely doesn't anymore, due to the UTSU finding options (such as your health plan) that provide more resources, and for less cost than the CFS was asking of us. Basically, they aren't necessary anymore for a school as large as UofT, but we're only still paying this fee because they make it incredibly hard for student unions to leave – we need 4000 signatures to even hold a vote. You Decide began last year, and got the signatures needed to have a vote on the federal arm of the CFS – we're now focusing on the provincial arm, and hope to have a vote on both (the first vote in 15 years) at the beginning of next school year. We hope you'll help us by signing the petition, raising awareness of the issue at hand and keeping abreast of coverage of the CFS' lack of accountability (the Varsity's running a series on their hidden bank account, please read it!).

6. On the subject of provincial advocacy, a number of UTSU representatives attended a roundtable on September 15th, run by MPP Han Dong, to get student input on the new OSAP framework (which is a nice step but isn't really "free tuition"). They'll also be meeting with the office of the Minister of Advanced Education and Skills Development to discuss their new International Student Strategy, and advocate to the provincial government to provide more services to international students considering their ridiculously high, unregulated tuition.

7. On Tuesday, September 26, at City Hall, UTSU will be speaking in support of Councillor Joe Cressy's motion to remove licensing exemption to fraternities and sororities. This would require these organizations to adhere to the same building upkeep and safety standards as any other tenant of a house, or risk eviction.

8. Orientation Fest was a success! The UTSU held its first ever Clubs Carnival, which combined the traditional clubs fair with a whole bunch of food trucks and inflatables to create a more fun experience! They also held the traditional night social, parade and pep rally (shoutout to all the UC froshies who led the cheers from the bleachers! Shame on Trin). They also provided frosh kits to colleges who couldn't pay for their own (so not UC – though they did provide those pink reusable water bottles)! Please let us know if you had any concerns with how any of these events were run (especially the night social), and we will relay them to the orientation team.

9. The UTSU also held their Street Fest, where they basically brought the Clubs Carnival to St. George St., and provided tons of giveaways from our sponsors, some of which used yeti costumes to do so. However, owing to the UTSU's refusal to recognize the Students for Life anti-choice club, members of that club, some of whom were not even students, disgustingly protested the event with large, inaccurate signs meant to disturb and (re-) traumatize students and passersby out of abortion. Thankfully, a patchwork of student advocates (commendably led by Ellie Adekur and Silence Is Violence), UTSU board members, and concerned UC students worked together to block and drown out the anti-choicers, forcing them eventually to pack up and leave. These types of demonstrations, meant to shock and intimidate people away from a legal right they have to choose, as well as invalidate lived experiences or trauma, should have no place on this campus, but as long as Ulife continues to recognize this club, and St. Michael's College continues to fund it, we as concerned

students and student leaders should strive to be organized, vigilant and ready to respond when these bigots return to campus, as they have already.

10. On another unfortunate note, our VP University Affairs, Carina Zhang, resigned in advance of Orientation due to personal circumstances. Carina provided an endless amount of ideas for how to combat pressing student issues – from a translated student handbook, to a poster campaign to end the laptop ban, to working with the university’s new Associate VP, International Experience, to reduce cultural and financial barriers to international students at UofT, and to commencing a UTSU effort to provide free menstrual products to students. These initiatives will absolutely continue, and her foundations built upon, once her successor is hired in October/November. In addition to this work, in our short time working with her, Carina never failed to put a smile on our faces through her humorous and genial nature! (on that note, if you want a daily smile please follow her Snapchat - babybabyzhang)

11. Our general equity director for trans students, Teddy Williamson, also resigned this month due to personal circumstances. Teddy has been a tireless advocate and demonstrator for trans student rights and awareness on campus – he even worked with the UC Lit on last year’s “Existence Is Resistance” campaign. We wish he’d been able to continue this great work this year on the UTSU.

12. UTSU’s infamous Annual General Meeting is on Monday, October 30. This is where the UTSU’s audit and financials get discussed, in addition to any constitutional amendments. We will fill you in when we find out what’s on the agenda, though one item that is guaranteed to be there is a restructuring of the General Equity Director system, for which Chim Alao, VP Equity, spent the summer consulting with equity and service groups on campus to create a less tokenizing, more consensus-based system. He’s expressed interest in holding an info session with the UC Lit on what exactly this entails, in advance of the AGM! We’ll provide more details closer to the date. Please come out to the AGM, by the way – there are free samosas, the chance to get really engaged with how your student union works, and free samosas!

13. Adrian, the aforementioned director for students in poverty, is working on securing the UTSU partnerships with both FoodReach (to provide clubs food ingredients at reduced cost) and Brands for Canada (to sell branded apparel at reduced cost to students). As well, he’ll be filing a Freedom of Information request for scholarship demographic information from all colleges, to begin an inter-college advocacy plan to advancement departments to fundraise for more needs-based scholarships for students. This is an initiative we ran on, so we’re glad he thinks alike! Once data is compiled, he will approach all college societies, including the UC Lit, for collaboration.

14. Chim and Ziigwen (Mira’s deputy who is also the UTSU’s Indigenous students director) held Indigenous cultural competency training for the Board, led by Kelly Brownbill, on Sep 19 and 20. The training began as an overview of Anishinaabe cultural philosophies on land use, clan and family structure, and spiritual relationship; led into another overview on how European colonists committed genocide against Canada’s Indigenous populations; and tied everything back together with a call to action on reconciliation and education, which we pledge to incorporate into our work on both of our organizations.

We thank Ms. Brownbill for her really engaging and sincere presentation, and thank Ziigwen and Chim for putting it together to help create a more equitable Board!

15. Chim's also put together the Equity 101 campaign, which are those colourful cards on display in the UC Lit office, meant to provide introductory definitions and analysis, for those learning about equity and intersectionality, of a number of related terms and concepts. There will be a series of events related to the Equity 101 campaign – keep your eyes peeled! Next week we're going to try and get these cards provided to UC's residence dons.

16. UTSU's planning 2 Queer Orientation events:

a. Wine-ish and Cheese with Woodsworth Inclusive and InPride (w/ Anushka's

friend Jack McCrossin), Tuesday Sep 26 @ 7pm at UC 240!

b. The History of Queer & Trans Activism on Campus: A Talk: Weds. Sept. 27, 4 – 6 pm (details TBA)

There are a TON of other events planned by other organizations happening next week for Queer Orientation; please try to go out and support as many of them as you can!

17. Meetings coming up (please come out!):

a. Board of Directors monthly meeting, Thursday Sep 28 @ 4pm (location TBA)

b. Women's commission, Monday Sep 25 @ 5pm in UTSU office (led by Anushka's friend Grace Marshall)

c. Sustainability commission, Monday Sep 25 @ 6pm in UTSU office (led by Zhenglin Liu)

d. Campus Life commission, Wednesday Sep 27 @ 4pm in UTSU office (led by Stuart Norton)

e. Academic & Student Rights commission, Wednesday Sep 27 @ 5pm in UTSU office (led by Mathias Memmel)

f. LGBTQ commission first meeting COMING VERY SOON (led by Kshemani's friend Andrea Bermudez)

g. Outreach committee, Monday Sep 25 @ 2:30pm in UTSU office (led by Aidan's friend Aidan Swirsky)

### **SLC:**

Welcome to the first Council meeting of the 2017-18 year, and a special shout-out to all the newest additions, the amazing first year reps! Congratulations to everyone on a really positive elections season this year, and I'm so looking forward to getting to know each of you over the course of your terms. Huge props as well to Michelle, Lindsay and the entire Orientation team for coordinating such an amazing Orientation week – with the introduction of the Fall Reading Week, there were a lot of changes to how Orientation has traditionally looked, but they did an incredible job in organizing



such a successful week, and it was a true pleasure to work with them over the summer. Congrats as well to all the commissioners on a successful UCADAN – the year truly is off to a great start! As for updates from me, for all the upper year members I want to really encourage you to sign up for the Career Mentorship program – it’s a really valuable opportunity to gain insight and advice from some pretty incredible UC alum, and the deadline is tomorrow, so make sure to submit your application! The Success Centre is also up and running for the academic year, so make sure to take advantage of the three embedded advisors for support and resources. If you have questions come chat with me any time, but otherwise I hope your first two weeks of classes have gone well, and that you’re looking forward to Principal Ainslie’s reception later today. Thanks and here’s to a great year!