

Attendance

Core Exec

PRESIDENT	Ramsey Andary	(2)
VICE-PRESIDENT	Daman Singh	(2)

Executive

EQUITY AND OUTREACH	Chimwemwe Alao	(2)
LITERARY AND CREATIVE ARTS	Ryan Hume	(2)
UNIVERSITY AND ACADEMIC AFFAIRS	Aidan Swirsky	(2)
OFF-CAMPUS	Abby Godden	
ATHLETICS	Abbey Kachmar	
SPIRIT AND COMMUNICATIONS	Sylvia Urbanik	(2)

Representatives

MIDDLE YEAR	Paul Schweitzer	(2)
	Michelle Beyn	(2)
	Sara Mandia	
	Kelly Mieko Curran	(2)
FIRST YEAR	Thomas Pender	(2)
	Danielle Stella	(2)
	Martha Beach Bartel	
	Anushka Kuria	(2)

UTSU Directors

VOTING	Mira El Hussein	(2)
EX-OFFICIO NON-VOTING	Ryan Hume	
	Chimwemwe Alao	

Staff

SPEAKER	Eric Schwenger	
SECRETARY	Nicole Gumapac	

Guests

Spirit and Communications Deputy	Delrina Nguyen	
UC Member	Abigail Elizabeth Brown	(2)
	Kanwar Singh	
	Mahzeb Ashraf	(2)

UC Commuter Coordinator
Social Deputy
WUSC Co-Director
UTSU VP Internal
Edgy 14 Year Old (Anonymous)

Shania Perera
Sharina Woo
Tate Crowards
Nevoh Masliah
Tua Hyotonen
Natalie Petra (2)
Mathias Memmel

Not in Attendance

FINANCE
SOCIAL
SERVICES
UPPER YEAR

MIDDLE YEAR

FIRST YEAR REPRESENTATIVE
MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSIONER
SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSIONER

Snow Mei
Francesca Campos
Victoria Kourtis
Sameer Rai
Felipe Vicencio-Heap
Jonathan Liang
Albert Hoang
Catherine Zhou
Minli Chen
Tisha Hasan
Michelle Zhong

1. Call to Order

The meeting is called to order at 5:20 PM.

2. Land Acknowledgement Statement

Chimwemwe reads the land acknowledgment statement.

3. Introductory Statements

Eric introduces himself as the Speaker and asks everyone to review Roberts' Rules of Order. He asks that everyone get the attention of Ramsey in order to be added to the Speaker's List and asks if everyone has a voting card.

Ramsey makes his opening remarks, thanking everyone for coming to the UC Lit's AGM even though they're not as exciting as the UTSU ones. The AGM is necessary for the Lit to function as a corporation under the provincial government.

Daman mentions how proud he is of everyone on council; how everyone has been working to provide students with a safe and welcoming space, to hold regular events throughout the year, to maintain transparency about operations, etc. He also thanks UC students for attending and helping to make these events successful.

Ramsey reviews the past year and talks about the referendum for JCR renovations, which was passed. As a result, couches have been reupholstered, floors have been redone and there are now outlets on the floor. The Lit is looking into another referendum for next year, but Fireball this year will stay the same. He reviews some of the Lit's accomplishments:

- Holding 2-3 events per week since the beginning of this year
- Having every commission holding a monthly commission meeting
- Equity and Outreach's Existence is Resistance Event and the Drag Show
- LCA's Battle of the Bands
- Social's Battle of the Bands
- UCOC's Brunches
- The Mental Health Commission's past conference on student mental health
- The sustainability commission
- Athletics, for having the most active intramural teams (22) they have ever had, including a new water polo team
- Services Commission's Fireball, which has less than 100 tickets left available for purchase
- A new UC club called Campus TV, which interviews campus profs, students and others
- Diabolos running smoothly every weekday, being open from 9-5:30 PM
- The UC Review
- The Gargoyle
- The WUSC Co-directors doing a fantastic job together for UC's refugee program
- The recent move to relabel the JCR washrooms to be all gender washrooms; they are looking into finalizing all details with admin
- Orientation Week being a great success, with first year students attesting that they can have a fantastic time
- Meng, for her support as Student Life Coordinator

Finally, Ramsey thanks UC students in general for supporting the Lit. He stresses that the Lit is always open to feedback and criticism and encourages folks to get in touch re: suggestions. *Mira walks in at 5:28 PM with Canton Chili, the democratically chosen foodstuff of the UC Lit AGM.*

4. BIRT the agenda be approved as presented (Petra/Hume)

MOTION CARRIES.

5. BIRT the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting be approved as presented (Singh/Beyn)

Daman states that there's nothing too substantial on the agenda last year; the majority was a discussion with nothing too controversial.

MOTION CARRIES.

6. BIRT the Society approve the audit for the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year (Andary/Schweitzer)

Ramsey speaks on behalf of Snow, who has class until 6 PM; he praises her for doing a phenomenal job of the finances and comments on how rare it is to have such a skilled Finance Commissioner and asks everyone to give her a round of applause when she walks in (Secretary's note: Snow walks in after the meeting is over, and everyone does indeed give her a round of applause).

Ramsey reviews the audit that was prepared, the four main portions being the balance sheet, the statement of operations and statement of cash flows, and gives everyone a basic accounting overview re: what everything the means. Ramsey says that if anyone has any questions, they can be directed to Snow during the item, "Other Business".

MOTION CARRIES.

7. BIRT the Society appoint Pardeep Gill Aggarwal, CA, as Auditor of the Society for the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year (Andary/Stella)

The Lit has used Pardeep's services for the past few years, particularly because her office really understands the specific operations of student unions as opposed to other corporate auditors. Ramsey states that later on, other options can be explored from Pardeep's office, but in the meantime, Pardeep has done a fantastic job as the Lit's Auditor.

MOTION CARRIES.

8. BIRT the Bylaw Amendments contained in Appendix A be approved as presented (Singh/Hume)

Daman asks if anyone has any questions regarding the Bylaw Amendments. Natalie Petra asks for clarification as to what the review committee does, i.e. whether they just review language and whether it's fit to be voted on, or whether they decide on the policies themselves. Daman responds that it is the latter, where they do the policies themselves and also review whether a proposal is appropriate as a policy in itself. He adds that this committee has been existence for a long time.

MOTION CARRIES.

9. Other Business

Ramsey gives a shout out to the Spirit and Communications Commissioner for doing a great job, especially with regards to the new and sleek UC Lit website.

Daman delivers a brief report on the attendance of Council meetings. He states that there were 22 total members for summer council, but unlike previous years, the vast majority of Council was around during the summer.

Summer Council Statistics:

- Average of 2 people absent every meeting
- Average of 1.5 people away with a valid reason for absence as reported to Council
- Average of 8 people late each meeting

For the Fall/Winter terms, there are 27 total members, with the exception fo one meeting where there were only 26 total members due to the first year revote and one of the first-year representatives joining Council late.

Year Council Statistics:

- Average of 2 people absent each meeting
- Average of 2 people away with a valid reason for absence
- Average of 3.5 people late each meeting

Ramsey asks if there are any further questions or items of discussion that folks would like to bring up, for example, if there are any Varsity Reporters that would like to have questions for clarification. Eric asks for the following to be on the record: "Let the minutes show that the Lit welcomes questions on the Varsity article and there are no questions at this moment."

Aidan asks how issues can be better communicated that's worth telling the community about. *Sara Mandia walks in at 5:50 PM.* Ramsey responds that if concerns are raised, updates can be given to the community once the full situation/picture has been discussed first with Council;

there can also be communication through the website. Mira suggests that since folks don't always check the website, conversations can be made more accessible through updates on Facebook; Ramsey agrees. Natalie, as an addendum to Aidan's question, asks what specific measures have been placed to make sure that what happened this year does not happen in future years. Ramsey responds that when it comes to ancillaries, more work will be given into providing a good transition on financial operations, checks and balances will be established from Core Exec. Finally, there will be a review on ancillary contracts to ensure that there's a clause regarding stipend release. There are no further questions.

Daman asks if anyone has not yet signed the attendance sheet. He also asks if the person who stole his pen could please return it.

10. BIRT the meeting be adjourned. Adjournment (Singh/Beyn).

MOTION CARRIES.

Meeting adjourns at 5:58 PM.

Bylaw Amendments (Appendix A)

Amendments to Bylaw on Elections

Whereas the current council bylaws make no reference to an elections code; and

Whereas the election code ought to be a governing document of the Society; therefore:

Be it resolved that bylaw Article 9.5 – Elections Code be created to read:

Article 9.5 — Elections Code

Council shall keep and maintain an Elections Code which serves as a governing document of the Society and governs the operations of all Society elections.

Amendment to Bylaw on Amendments to Policy

Whereas the current process for amending council policies is unduly burdensome and clunky and;

Whereas the process for amending council bylaws was modernized last year and;

Whereas the process for amending council policies should likewise be modernized; therefore:

Be it resolved that bylaw Article 6.7 – Authority of Council and Council Policies be amended to read:

Article 6.7 — Authority of Council and Council Policies

1. Council shall manage the affairs of the Society and fulfill the function of directors under the Act.
2. Council may from time to time adopt Council Policies that govern the day-to-day operations of the Society. These policies will serve alongside the bylaws as a governing document of the Society.

Be it further resolved that bylaw Article 6.8 – Amendments to Council Policies be created to read:

Article 6.8 — Amendments to Council Policies

The Constitutional Review Committee shall regularly review the Society Policies.

Any Society member may submit a motion to amend the Policies to the chair of the Constitutional Review Committee. Upon receipt of a member motion, the Committee will meet within a reasonable time to discuss the proposed amendments.

Any amendments to the Society Policies must undergo the following process:

1. The Constitutional Review Committee must vote a majority (50% + 1) in favour to forward the motion to Council
2. Council must approve the change with a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote.

Amendments to the Policy will take effect immediately after the conclusion of the Council meeting in which it was approved.