# UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LITERARY AND ATHLETIC SOCIETY AGENDA OF THE NINTH MEETING OF COUNCIL 11:00AM ON OCT 30TH, 2016 AT CROFT CHAPTER HOUSE

### 1. Call to Order

Call to Order at 11:11AM

## 2. Land Acknowledgement Statement

Discussion Item

Chim reads the Land Acknowledgement Statement

## 3. Adoption of Agenda

Motion

Moved: SINGH Seconded:

Be it resolved that the agenda be approved as presented

Aidan amends Motion 6 to read "fifth and final"

Adoption of Agenda

## 4. Previous Meeting Minutes

Discussion Item

Daman states that the previous meeting minutes are not yet formatted as the secretary missed the meeting, they will be formatted and approved for the next meeting.

## 5. Reports

Discussion Item

Council reads their reports. See Appendix A.

Ramsey motions to amend the Agenda to include item 9

Motion:

Moved: ANDARY SECONDED: SINGH

Be it resolved that the First Year Reps be ratified to the following commissions Martha:

Thomas: Minli: Danielle:

Anushka:

Motion to Amend Agenda passes

## 6. Ratification of First Year Representatives

Motion

Moved: SINGH Seconded: Swirsky

Be it resolved that Minli Chen be ratified as the sixth and final First Year Representative for the 2016-2017 term

**Motion Passes** 

## 7. Sustainability Guidelines

Motion

Moved: **ZHONG** Seconded: ANDARY

Be it resolved that the attached Sustainability Guidelines be adopted as guidelines for the UC Lit council

Michelle states that the guidelines are attached to the agenda email. We need to focus more on encouraging reusable materials in various capacities, namely commission meetings and events. She also states that we need to ensure that we are sorting waste into their correct bins when they are being thrown away.

Abby asks whether this applies just to commission meetings to events (in relation to the reusable plates)

Michelle says that the reusable plates are just for commission meetings, for event you should use compostable paper plates

**Motion Passes** 

## 8. Budget Process

Motion

Moved: MEI Seconded: ANDARY

#### a. Be it resolved that Council hear a first reading of the proposed Summer 2016 Budget

Snow does a preliminary reading of the budget created by the Executives.

## b. Be it resolved that council hear a second reading of the proposed budget, with amendments pending

#### i. Be it resolved that council propose any increases to the budget

Ryan proposes increase on Line 604 from \$2395 to \$2620, increase of \$225. Abby proposes new line item on Line 917 from \$0 to \$150. Chim proposes new line item number 508 from \$0 to \$150

Discussion on Line 604 from \$2395 to \$2620, increase of \$225.

Ryan: At the exec meeting I proposed a decrease of \$225, but that was a mistake. I actually need the full amount of \$2620, this mistake came as a result of miscalculating the raffle prizes.

#### **Motion Passes**

Discussion on new line item on Line 917 from \$0 to \$150.

Abby: This is for a US election party in the CSC to screen the election results.

Sara: This is on a day where there isn't school because of the reading break

Felipe: Not having class that day might impact turnout

#### **Motion Passes**

**Discussion on** new line item on Line 508 from \$0 to \$150.

Chim: This is for Existence is Resistance. We're partnering with VUSAC so we'll be able to get free room bookings but I just want to budget a little bit extra so that we can have food to try and help bring people out.

#### **Motion Passes**

Snow: Our new budgeted deficit is \$5,260.54

## ii. Be it resolved that council propose any decreases to the budget

Michelle proposes decrease on Line 1502 from \$10000 to \$8500 Victoria proposes moving \$450 from Line 705 to Capital Chim proposes decrease on line 1309 from \$750 to \$500

Sylvia proposes decrease from Line 1102 from \$5250 to \$5000 Felipe proposes a decrease from Line 108 from \$1000 to \$800 Ramsey proposes a decrease in Line 705 from \$450 to \$50 Ramsey proposes a decrease in Line Item 703 from \$1710 to \$1410 Felipe proposes a decrease in 208 from \$1600 to \$0

#### General Discussion on Budget

Meng asks whether Line Item 1306 is plants just for residence students

Michelle: Yes, it is for residence common rooms

Meng: if this is just for residence students we should consider asking UCRC for funding

## Presentations from Ancillary Groups

## **Dragon Boat**

Kyle: Hi I'm Kyle, I'm the captain of the UC Dragonboat Teams

Christian: I'm Christian, I'm the External Director

Steven: Hi I'm Steven

Kyle: Hi, we represent UC at all Dragonboat Related events, the budget that we sent you guys covers 4 different competitions for 4 of our boats, and the Canadian Nationals we'll be sending one boat to. As a UC club, we embody all the UC values, we have a diverse group of students as our member base, we train people from all backgrounds, we show fairness with our policies and selections.

Christian: We're also a healthy living lifestyle club, we encourage healthy training even outside of Dragonboating. Some of us are certified trainers and a large part of our club helping people lead a healthy lifestyle. We also have nutritional sessions and we even have a dietian on board.

Steven: Just to add on, because we have so many events we really encourage a strong social presence and we have formed a really large family of UC students

Kyle: So the last thing is the most important thing, it's only October and we've already collaborated with UC on a lot of events, we brought 100 people to the Club Night and we've had even more events with the Lit that have all went really well. The \$13,000 will go to entrance fees into the competition for the 4 regattas and the Canadian national Championships, it'll also go to Jerseys for 60 paddles, transportation costs and practices.

Mira: How many of your paddlers are UC?

Kyle: We're currently at 30% UC members which is a 10% increase from last year. We've been running a lot of campaigns catered towards UC students that and we're actively trying to encourage UC specific involvement.

Michelle: Theres a \$3000 increase from last year's request, what will this be spent on?

Kyle: We actually requested \$13,000 last year too but only got \$10,000, we're still hoping to expand on how many regattas we go to.

Ramsey: Would it be possible to save money by reusing Jerseys?

Kyle: We can only reuse Jerseys for people who are in the same role as last year, which we will be doing but new recruits need new jerseys

Meng: Can you clarify what the Hart House Farm line item is?

Kyle: It's a retreat for our members, it isn't subsidized in past years but might be for this year or future years.

Ramsey: Have you looked into sponsorships from corporations?

Kyle: That's a large 3<sup>rd</sup> party pressure that we don't want to introduce to our club, but we have talked to some companies but haven't gotten any funding offers.

#### Students for Wishes

Abby: Hi I'm Abby, I'm the president of students for wishes

Eileen: Hi, I'm Eileen. We're the student representation for the Students for Wishes branch at UofT. This year we're requesting \$1246 to initiate our fundraising events. We're trying to reach \$4000 fundraised, a full dream for a child costs \$10,000 so that would be the dream goal. Our expenses on our budget does not include reimbursements for our members.

Abby: This year we've been working closely with Danyal to be integrated with the UC Lit. We host almost all our events in the JCR and promote largely specific to UC, we promote online to the UC facebook pages, over the last 2 years we've collaborated on UC events with the Lit. We currently have 53% UC members and during frost week we'll be doing another large push.

Eric: The floor is open to questions

Chim: This isn't a question but if you ever want to work with the Equity commission let me know and we can collaborate

Eric: Okay, that seems to be everything

#### **UC Follies**

Snow: So the Follies is a levy group but is also asking for External funding.

Marie: Hi, we have the honour and privilege of being the oldest drama company for any University in the Country, operating since 1910. We work actively in the UofT theater community and the Toronto theater community. We provide opportunities for students across the school, we do 4 productions each year plus two 1 act plays. We provide leadership opportunities and volunteer opportunities for many students. Our main production is Dogfight which is a mainstage musical, which is a professional scale production, we're paying the costs of running a professional production but we don't want to have to charge students professional prices as we want to remain accessible. This event run outside the UC community would be priced at \$60-\$100 but we're selling for \$10. Personally, the company has helped me grow as a leader and has helped me integrate into the UC community and any member of the follies will tell you that it's been a transformative presence on campus.

Felipe: So in the past there has been issues with the portion of UC students that are involved in the company, any thoughts on this?

Marie: While we cater to UC students and working closely with the UC community we don't want to close our doors to UC students, but I don't have specific numbers right now

Albert: When you say you favour UC students could you give an example?

Marie: When we're casting for a production, in choosing an actor for a particular character, if have 3 candidates we look more favorably at candidates from UC, we obviously still look at the merit of the candidate but we do factor in whether they are from UC

## Gargoyle

Penelope: I'm Editor in Chief of the Gargoyle, we're the UC student newspaper. If you have picked up a copy of the Gargoyle you'll know that there's few other college newspapers without production or reach. We work hard to prioritize UC voices

Snow explains the breakdown of how restricted levies work.

#### Health Studies Student Union

Aseel: We're the health studies student union and we're requesting money largely for our symposium at the end of the year, the rest of the breakdown is in the budget.

Danielle: There is a lot of money budgeted for food, how many people do you expect to come out?

Aseel: We usually get 60-100 people, and it is an all-day catered event so it does cost a lot for food

#### **WUSC**

Sakshi: Hi, I'm Sakshi from the WUSC commission. My partner Natalie couldn't make it. The largest issue we had this year which is represented in the budget was the way reimbursements work, we were hoping to keep money in the account at the end of the year so we can eat costs straight from the account.

Snow explains how the reimbursement system works and why that isn't a valid solution.

Eric: This seems like something that can be discussed outside of this meeting.

#### **UC Review**

Albert introduces the UC review and discusses the past troubles the review has had with continuity and how this can be solved moving forward.

Felipe: In the past few issues of the review there have been a lot of surplus copies printed, are you doing anything to address this?

Albert: We've talked about this before internally and one of the largest issues is that we need to work on exposure so that the copies we do print are actually getting picked up and read. I've created a new position and restructured operation to try and tackle this issue. We will be printing less copies this year because we're decreasing to 250.

#### General Discussion

Felipe asks why UC Yoga's funding got moved to capital.

Danyal states that the entire funding was being used for Yoga Wheels and we decided that the Lit can just purchase this and own it for themselves and lend them to UC Yoga.

Danyal: Hi, I'm Danyal, I'm the clubs deputy for this, I know that this year the Clubs are asking for more money but I just wanted to let you know that the clubs are really working with me to work with the UC Lit this year. They have all been taking a really

active effort to work with us and have shown good faith, I really do expect more UC students to get involved with ALL clubs this year.

Eric: To recap, I'll repeat all the proposed amendments.

Michelle proposes decrease on Line 1502 from \$10000 to \$8500 Victoria proposes moving \$450 from Line 705 to Capital Chim proposes decrease on line 1309 from \$750 to \$500 Sylvia proposes decrease from Line1102 from \$5250 to \$5000 Felipe proposes a decrease from Line 108 from \$1000 to \$800 Ramsey proposes a decrease in Line Item 1103 from \$1710 to \$1410 Felipe proposes a decrease in Line 208 from \$1600 to \$0

Eric: We'll open the floor again to decreases

Ryan proposes a decrease in Line 601 from \$1650 to \$1500 Felipe proposes a decrease in Line 109 from \$1500 to \$1250 Abbey proposes a decrease on Line 1004 from \$240 to \$200 Abbey proposes a decrease on Line 903 from \$100 to \$67 Abbey proposes a decrease on Line 908 from \$100 to \$67 Abbey proposes a decrease on Line 911 from \$100 to \$67 Abbey proposes decrease on Line 602 from \$250 to \$200 Ramsey proposes a decrease in Line 106 from \$3000 to \$2500 Aidan proposes a decrease in Line 707 from \$250 to \$40 Aidan proposes a decrease in Line 407 from \$155 to \$0 Chim proposes a decrease in Line 408 from \$155 to \$0 Sylvia proposes a move in Line 1201 of \$350 to Capital Chim proposes a decrease in Line 1306 from \$350 to \$175

#### Michelle proposes decrease on Line 1502 from \$10000 to \$8500

Michelle states that dragon boat is important to the community but there are some issues in their budget, the first issue is the Hart House Farm, I don't think we should be paying for all of this, they're asking us to subsidize the entire registration fee for their competitions, other clubs have their members pay to subsidize costs, they also ask for car rentals and what we did for the exec hart house farm is to have people drive and reimburse the cost of gas

Danielle: I think even with Jerseys they should have their members subsidize costs of jerseys

Mira: I think its unsustainable for us to keep covering the costs of jerseys esp. given the percentage of UC students they have.

Abby: I think the 30% thing is an important to note, this is a lot of money to give them for the amount of gain UC students get from this.

Paul: I know a lot of the members of this club do it exclusively for the fitness opportunities that

Daman: not recorded

Meng: I'd just like to note that although they're asking for the same amount of money they are running two boats so have twice the amount of work to do this year and its something to note.

Ramsey: Would people that want to get involved with the team have bursaries available to them from the Registrar?

Meng: Bursaries from the Registrar are typically given based on Academic

Felipe: We also have to note that only 30% of the members are UC students so we should budget according to that

Snow: When they first submitted a budget to me they requested \$15,000

Abbey: I agree with Daman and I think that if we were to tarnish this relationship, the membership would go down from the 30%

Aidan: I wanted to echo a few things said. I totally agree that theres a big step up from last year states that it is disingenuous to cut money just because they don't have a certain amount of UC students, but there are very clear issues with their budget

Chim: I was just going to say that we need to make sure that half of their programming stuff for UC student, which is important to note and I think it's important to give autonomy to our clubs within a reasonable limit

Michelle: One of my biggest problems with the management is the jerseys they want to buy for individual members

Fran: Motion to call to question

Motion Fails

Sylvia: I want to echo what Daman says, Dragonboat has been working incredibly hard this year. They have a lot of events that are focused entirely on UC students, this is almost a vote of confidence to show that we value them as a club, and this would send the wrong message.

Ramsey: motion to limit speaking time to 1 minute, seconded by Snow

Motion passes

Martha: I had no idea this club existed, I think this wasn't advertised enough to UC students

Aidan: This sort of new outreach initiative is only a year old so we don't really know

Felipe: If we want to give more than 30% of their budget, anything over 30% is a gift from us to them

Motion fails

Victoria proposes moving \$450 from Line 705 to Capital

#### Motion passes

Chim proposes decrease on line 1309 from \$750 to \$500

Chim asks where this \$750 comes from

Michelle Z: Sylvia would be better equipped to answer this

Sylvia: This is the total cost of water bottles; I do see the validity in ordering less but the problem is that there is often bulk purchasing discounts

Chim: If you decreased it, would it hinder you from ordering?

Sylvia: I could probably pull from my promotional items budget

#### Motion passes

Sylvia proposes decrease from Line 1102 from \$5250 to \$5000

Motion passes

Felipe proposes a decrease from Line 108 from \$1000 to \$800

Felipe: This is for the rep initative fund, this money is often untouched, so there isn't much of a reason to keep it around, everytime we do it isn't touched

Mira: I completely agree, there are a lot of other ways to get funding from council so this money often goes unused.

Paul: To Mira's point, I did a rep event last year and got a lot of funding from other sources.

Ramsey: It wouldn't be the end of the world but I'm personally against it. This is something made specifically for reps and I'd disagree with the idea that most of the funds not getting used. Last year only \$130 wasn't used

Mira: I agree with Felipe. States that this cuts down on bureaucracy and it's a lot easier for people to talk to Chim than it is to go through this formal process

Anushka: What's the different between rep initiatives fund and student initatives fund?

Snow: Rep Initiative is for reps elected to council, student initiative is for anyone at UC.

**Motion Passes** 

Ramsey proposes a decrease in Line Item 703 from \$1710 to \$1410

Ramsey states that we should look at how much is budgeted total vs. what to expect in terms of cost and where money can be prioritized. States that he thinks a cut of \$300 is fair. I think theres little cuts here and there that can be a way to save money.

Michelle Z: With donuts and bubble tea its really easy to get sponserships so that money could be saved

Sylvia: Can we amend to a decrease of \$250?

Ramsey: I'll accept that as friendly.

Motion passes

Eric: new motion is Ramsey proposes a decrease in Line Item 703 from \$1710 to \$1460

Felipe proposes a decrease in Line 208 from \$1600 to \$0

Felipe: This is obviously a bit of a tradition at UC, it's a very expensive tradition and it only benefits the Lit, if we compare ourselves to other college councils we should be charging ourselves to go, it'd come to roughly \$55 per person

Aidan: I agree with Felipe. The SMC retreat costs as much as ours does and they all pay out of pocket. We can do something in the city and do leadership activities here on campus.

Albert: Is this a team building retreat?

Ramsey: Its predominantly a leadership retreat, not a team building retreat

Abby: I think there is a huge value going to HHF for a retreat, regardless of the leadership focus of the retreat there was huge benefits in the team building aspects and it has a huge benefit on the functioning of the team as a whole

Mira: This retreat had huge benefits for me as a first year rep and I think it completely changed the way I engaged with council

Ramsey: We really don't do a lot for our council members compared to a lot of the other councils so we should keep that in mind

Ryan: Can we have a strawpoll to see who would be willing to pay out of pocket for this?

Felipe: I'd be open to amendments on this

Victoria: We can also look at other options that are cheaper than HHF

Sameer: It's a silly thing to say that we should indulge ourselves with the retreat because we don't do anything else out of the Lit budget. Everyone sees the value in the retreat but the idea that we should be paying \$55 makes in entirely inaccessible. If we budget conservatively and cover half of the retreat, we'll only be charging \$25 per person.

Meng: Think of this as a mandatory training session, I appreciate the people asking us to make sure we spend our money equitably and in a responsible way, but we also need to make sure that people are adequately prepared for their roles. I also just want people to be very cautious about saying that people who can't afford it will be somehow covered.

Ramsey: This is a mandatory workshop, just like all the other workshops, like at SLC, we did pay for all members of council to go to that and some of the issues with the spring retreat was that it was in the city so people were always going in and out and being away from the city really benefits people,

Abby: If we're talking about making morally correct decisions with the budget, we should not be charging people

Michelle: Hart House Farm is the only overnight place that this can feasibly happen at

Mira exits at 2:47

Aidan: Obviously having mandatory leadership training is something that is important to have, if HHF is something that can't be done we should look into, I think we should

Felipe: Motion to have this vote as a blind vote, seconded by Ryan

Motion for blind vote Carries

Motion Fails

Ryan proposes a decrease in Line 601 from \$1650 to \$1500

Ryan: I think the decorations I budgeted for isn't necessary or sustainable

**Motion Passes** 

Felipe proposes a decrease in Line 109 from \$1500 to \$1250

Felipe: This is along the same lines as the Rep Initiatives fund cut, this is more of a redirecting funds to allow funds to be redistributed, it's a smaller cut percentage wise

Ramsey: I don't think we should decrease it, commissions don't have funds for new ideas to be created, our goal is to be using all of the \$1500 allocated for this fund

#### Felipe rescinds motion

Abbey proposes a decrease on Line 1004 from \$240 to \$200

Abbey: These three commissions have budgeted a lot for food at meetings, this is an excess amount spent on food and my motion would equalize these commissions to be spending \$200 total for the year

Daman: motion to omnibus 903, 908 and 911, seconded by Ryan

Omnibus Motion passes

Discussion on Abbey proposes a decrease on Line 903 from \$100 to \$67 & Abbey proposes a decrease on Line 908 from \$100 to \$67 & Abbey proposes a decrease on Line 911 from \$100 to \$67

Ryan: I think we should view food less as a frivolous expense and more as a necessity of the commission.

Paul: UCOC has huge commission meetings and food is an important part of this, there are people who are in the orange room who wouldn't otherwise come

Abby: the amount of money that UCOC spends on the Lit budget is extremely small and the food is a critical part of getting involvement within our commission. We want to make sure we continue to direct our commission in a way that is healthy for engagement

Albert: Getting a lower budget for food would make it extremely difficult to even maintain the turnout we get right now which is already low. Lowering it would be irresponsible.

Victoria: I'm torn with this because you can buy an incredible amount of food for less than \$100. I'm not trying to diminish the impact that food as on commission turnout. For UCOC specifically you already have a community in the CSC so this shouldn't be a problem.

Michelle: food isn't just an incentive but its also a reward for commission members doing a lot of hard work, giving food is a nice way to reward commission memers for getting engaged in the commission, people in the orange room will NOT come out if theres no food

Jon: We should talk about food at the last part of this meeting, it's a very spefific cost and should be discussed at the end of the meeting

Sameer: I think eventually this boils down to how commissioners budget, if anyone points to a specific commission and says you shouldn't budget this much on this item, we should trust the exec to understand that.

Ramsey calls to question, seconded by Sameer, call to question passes

**Motion Fails** 

Abbey proposes a decrease on Line 1004 from \$240 to \$200

**Motion Fails** 

Abbey proposes decrease on Line 602 from \$250 to \$200

Motion Fails

Daman motions to limit on speaking time to 1 minute for the remainder of the meeting, seconded by Paul

Michelle: 1 minute might not be enough later in the meeting so we should be careful

Speaking limit Motion passes

Ramsey proposes a decrease in Line 106 from \$3000 to \$2500

Ramsey: From my understanding this number has roughly been arbitrary in the past years, we likely will not spend this much although there are a few issues with all night Fung. We've been working with UCRC a lot in the past and I think \$2000 is fine.

Ramsey amends from \$2500 to \$2000, seconded by Snow, Amendment passes

Main motion: proposes a decrease in Line 106 from \$3000 to \$2000

#### Main Motion Passes

Aidan proposes a decrease in Line 707 from \$250 to \$40

Aidan: This is for Services commission socials; the correct amount should be \$90 not \$250

Snow: This was an error in the budget, it has been fixed.

Aidan proposes a decrease in Line 707 from \$90 to \$40

Sameer: I think we should trust Victoria's budgeting for this

Abby: Just a question, why are we spending \$70 for 24 donuts?

Vic: For Fireball we're trying these new deserts, and we wanted someone to be able to test them, these are donuts from different places to test out to see what we'll get for Fireball

Aidan rescinds his motion

Aidan proposes a decrease in Line 407 from \$155 to \$0

Aidan: Motion to Omnibus Lines 407 and 408, seconded by Sara

Motion to Omnibus Fails

Aidan: I tried to reach out to the athletic commission to work together with UAA and Athletics, and I think everyone agrees we should merge these events, it'll be cheaper and we can work together

Abbey: As we discussed, more food is better, and I wasn't planning on having this at the same time as the UAA events, its already collabed with Mental Wellness

Aidan: The reason I touched the food is because UAA already has it covered, and even though I know you're not trying to take away from UAA, having both of these events would be bad for both of these events

Tisha: I just don't want to take away the mental health aspect of this, we are already catering to different people

Paul: One of you should move your event to midterms

Sameer: I think theres merit in having the events run together, it'll be easier to market and it'll make more sense to run the events together and share an audience but having two different events near each other would compete with each other

Motion Fails

Aidan proposes a decrease in Line 408 from \$155 to \$0

Aidan rescinds motion

Chim proposes a decrease in Line 1201 from \$1750 to \$1650

Chim: This is for the Zen Zone, Tisha and I found a way to work together

Albert: I think that some of the books can be donated, and we can have a collection from different kinds of books from different students.

Tisha: That's a great idea.

**Motion Passes** 

Sylvia proposes a move in Line 1201 of \$350 to Capital

Sylvia: I think this is something that should be moved into capital. I was also wondering if we had to buy stress balls since I already had some.

Eric: Okay, this is off topic, Sylvia and Tisha please connect to see how much stuff you have that you don't need to buy.

**Motion Passes** 

Chim proposes a decrease in Line 1306 from \$350 to \$175

Chim: I'm doing this on behalf of Michelle.

Michelle: UCRC agreed to pay some of the costs.

Motion Passes

Victoria proposes decrease from 707 from \$90 to \$0

Victoria: This is a sacrifice to make the budget balance

Ramsey: I think this should be changed to \$30 not \$0, the roomheads still deserve to be recognized.

Amendment is friendly

Main Motion Passes

#### Michelle Z proposes decrease from 1310 \$80 to \$30

Michelle: I budgeted for vegan cupcakes but that can be cut, we don't need that much food

**Motion Passes** 

#### Abbey proposes decrease line item 401 from \$2505 to \$2405

Abbey: Just that realistically I know that we probably won't have that much tournaments, it's a bond so if we default we get it back, I don't need that much

Motion Passes

Aidan proposes decrease Line item 917 from \$150 to \$0

Aidan: I was talking to my friends at the center for American studies and they're going to be doing an event for this and we can probably collaborate with them

Daman: I would advise against this because it's against the entire spirit of what the event was for, Ainslie was extremely interested in running this event and it'd be a shame to send UC students to a generic cookie cutter UofT event and not a UC focused one

Abby: If this is a student faculty event I'd want it to be a decent event with decent food so anything less than \$150 would not be worth hosting this

Motion Fails

Ryan Hume proposes decrease line item 606 from \$600 to \$50

Ryan: I'm decreasing the amount I'm spending on food for the poetry slam because Fran is okay with collabing with LCA for this event and the money for food would be coming from the Social budget.

Albert: I'd just like to support this; I think it's a good replacement social instead of having a trivia night.

Ramsey: Trivia Night attracts a different kind of crowd than Poetry Slam and this would be excluding a large amount of people that would get involved with the former but not the latter.

Jon: I also want to speak against this because I've been to Trivia Nights and they're lots of fun, it's a staple event of the year and we shouldn't be cutting it JUST to save costs.

**Motion Carries** 

Aidan proposes a decrease in Line 1006 from \$500 to \$400

Aidan: I think \$100 per event would be reasonable for us to sponsor from this

**Motion Carries** 

Victoria proposes a decrease in Line 703 from \$8502.60 to \$8430.60

Victoria: This is for mocktail makers and I don't mind getting rid of mocktails

Ramsey: Its only \$72, I don't think you'd have to make this sacrifice for that

**Motion Carries** 

Fran proposes a decrease in Line 109 from \$1500 to \$1300

Ramsey: I would really rather we didn't touch this, we've spoken about it before but this is an important aspect of engaging with students and giving them the opportunities students need

Albert: How much does the student initiative fund actually get used?

Snow: Last year we used \$615 out of \$1500

Sameer: Why not just take out of student initiative fund, but if we end up going over we can just go into the contingency.

Ramsey: Two things I forgot to mention, historically the Lit doesn't always use the amount it budgeted, that money that we're tapping into contingency will be replenished, we also cut ideas fund from 4 different commissions because we redirected to the initiatives fund and it would be an issue to now remove the funds from student initiatives fund

Motion Failed

Martha proposes a decrease from 1502 from \$10,000 to \$9662.71

Meng: Again, I would again be hesitant to cut other people's budgets just for the sake of balancing a budget. There are two items in the zen zone that I suggest by moved to capital, if the only reason for this cut is to make the budget balance I would advise against it.

**Motion Fails** 

Abbey proposes a decrease in line line 404 from \$1266 to \$1228.71

Motion Fails

Ramsey proposes to reduce Contingency by \$37.29 from \$11,791.69 to \$11,754.40

**Motion Passes** 

## iii. Be it resolved that council propose any final changes to the budget

#### c. Be it resolved that council hear a reading of the amended budget

Snow reads the amended budget

#### 9. First Year Commission Ratifications

Motion

Moved: ANDARY SECONDED: SINGH

Be it resolved that the First Year Reps be ratified to the following commissions

- Martha:
- Thomas:
- Minli:
- Anushka:

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## 10. Quote of the Meeting

Discussion Item

Ramsey and Daman being late after Daman said he'd be furious if anyone is late

#### 11. Other Business

Discussion Item

Abby: I just wanted to bring up something that made me uncomfortable in the meeting, when the ice sculpture discussion was brought up, it was very rudely shut down and this is not okay. When this discussion was raised, it had an obligation to be discussed and it is not okay for us to shut down a discussion just because you disagree with it personally. If people in this room are asking this question, it is likely that there are tons and tons of people outside of this room are bringing up the same concern and I'm ashamed that the discussion was shut down in this way.

Sameer: I'm going to bring up a similar point in a different tone, whenever someone says something emotional on campus, people always react really abruptly and forget about Robert's Rules.

## 12. Adjournment

Motion

Moved: SINGH Seconded: RAI

Be it resolved that the meeting be adjourned

#### Reports (Appendix A)

#### **President:**

Hey Team!

It's been a very busy month on my end! Nothing much to report on though! Will likely remember a couple of things at the meeting. Couple of notes:

- SGRT: We had a meeting with You Decide to search for ways for us to support each other better in the months to
- Elections: Congrats to Minli for the Run-off election! Again, if anyone on council has any concerns with how the elections process could be improved for next time, please shoot me an email!
- · Vandalism has occurred in the JCR. We'll talk about our next steps to preventing it at the meeting briefly.

#### **Vice-President:**

Hey friends,

There has been a lot going on but I feel like most of it is going to be summed up either within other motions (budgeting stuff) or other reports. I'll speak more at the actual meeting but heres a few important things that have happened

- DJ is amazing and has gotten us access to a the Student Life listserv so we'll be able to send out actual newsletters (formatted and everything), we'll be working with student life office to see if this can later transition into getting commissioners their own listservs for their own commissions
- · Congrats to Minli on her election!
- The UTSU is hiring a VP External. If you're interested, keep an eye out on the UTSU job postings page.
- UC sent a fairly large delegation to the UTSU agm, it was a success and was the most civil AGM I've seen in my undergrad
- · Please help me make a list of items that need to be ordered for the Lit office, I'll be placing a large order very soon
- Please make sure you respond to messages to the Lit page that are directed at you
- Ramsey and I have applied for a student fund from the Canada 150 project to host a Lit reunion, more details later

Thanks luv u all im drowning in essays

#### Finance:

- -Lots of meetings w/ clubs & levies this month!
- -Balancing budget will be tougher this year due to
- a) Two new commissions
- b) Last year I was able to deposit excess cash that accumulated in the safe from previous years.
- c) We had more unused funds from the summer budget last year.
- -Had an exec budget meeting on Friday, we were able to cut down 15K of the budgeted deficit! Let's efficiently make it balanced today.

#### **Athletics:**

Greetings,

- We had our first athletics commission meeting, ten people (not including myself, Tisha and Sameer) came out. It was good! Everyone signed up for a position they were interested in pursuing
- Basketball jerseys finally came in

- We had a very last minute viewing party for the last Jays playoff game with the CoCo's. The snacks were devoured and so were the Jays.
- If you looked at the athletics budget, you'll see that we are replacing the ski trip with Skyzone, which allows a lot less planning, a lot less money to be spent, and more people to attend
- Increased the budget for raptors tickets because we lost our supplier so it'll probably be a bit more this year
- Collectively, Vic and I have decided to increase the budget for "Ball" this year from last year, as it is very important to recognize the hard work and dedication of our students. On the athletics end, we have increased the budget for awards as there are more sports teams than last year therefore more MVP's and MSP's, and we are also looking to change the awards from the medals they have been for the last three years
- It's my brother's 13<sup>th</sup> birthday today and I want to eat cake so please let's get on with the show

#### **Equity and Outreach:**

Hello Pals!

As you can imagine given recent events, it's been a very busy month for the commission. As you may already know, the commission has started an initiative called "Existence is Resistance". It is a week long event focused on healing and discussing the issues on campus and how to move forward as a community. We're partnering officially with VUSAC and also have involvement from a number of other different individuals on campus. The event is happening the week of November 14th.

As well, Rocky Horror is just around the corner and things are shaping up. Due to licensing conflicts with the movie, FOX wouldn't sell us the rights to screen it on our original date of October 26th, meaning we had to move the date to November 2nd. Please help spread the word by sharing the event and inviting your friends! There will be free food (really good food too, that's what I'm most excited for), as well as a cash bar all to accompany a fantastic show. Tickets are \$7 and can be bought at universe.com/rockyhorroruc or at the door with cash. Come on by and bring yo friends!

In other news, the first Winterfest Committee meeting happened on the 24th (big thanks to Aidan on attending on my behalf) and we were able to make the Amateur Drag Show apart of the programming! The event is going to occur on Friday January 13th, and chances are we're going to make that our theme. While it's still a while before the event, please start talking about it to people to try and get people interested in performing!

That's all for now folks!!

#### Literary and Creative Arts: None Submitted

#### Mental Health:

Wow this is my first ever "report" for the UC Lit I feel super cool right now. Hope you guys are having an amazing month so far, although I know it is a stressful one. It has been an awesome couple of months for the Mental Health Commission. Our first and second meeting had a marvelous turnout, which I am so thankful for  $\odot$  We have amazing things planned for the year and I cannot wait to make things happen!

In our first meeting we talked about our goals, which are to increase awareness of Mental Health and wellness around University College and around University of Toronto.

and to ultimately reduce stigma. We also had a brainstorming session about what we wanted to see happen at UC to meet our goals. Our second meeting we went into a little bit more depth about the events/workshops that we will be having ©

We have an event coming up really soon that with be in collaboration with some amazing Mental Health initiatives/clubs/groups on campus. This event will be held inside Sidney Smith on Thursday November 17<sup>th</sup> from 11am-5:00pm. Get this, the event is called "Take a break have a cupcake". I mean who wouldn't want to go to this????? UC will be making DIY stress balls!!!! So please, please come and make a stress ball, I would love all of your love and support. It will be, loads of fun (there will be free food, smoothies, yoga, give a ways, a place where you can write down your feelings and thoughts and stick it on a board) and so much more.

One big thing that we will be working towards is transforming the balcony into a zen zone. If you have any questions about that please let me know.

PS: Thank you guys for being so welcoming and wonderful! <3

#### Off-Campus:

Not a super lot has happened since the last meeting. We had our second commission meeting, which was really well attended. We had some really good discussions on our plans for the school year, and had some great feedback from students on our proposed budget.

We finally got the WiiU for the CSC! We will be discussing the implementation of video game hours within the space with the CoCo's in the upcoming weeks, so stay tuned for that!

We had our first smash tournament, Smash n' Mash! It went relatively well, although Paul and I have identified a couple of areas for improvement. The biggest being implementing a system to ensure that the majority of the tournament spots are reserved for UC students, as many were taken by non-UC students which took away from the event for our students. Huge shoutout to our amazing commission for cooking the potatoes, we couldn't have done the event without them and Paul and I were so so appreciative of all the time and effort our commission put into helping us.

Tomorrow we have our halloween party in the CSC from 5-7, so be sure to drop by for food, games, costumes, and some spooky fun

#### Services:

Good morning lovely beings!!

Update with Services:

- Obviously the budget is due or I would be crying in a corner because that's why we're here. With the budget, we're changing things up a bit. I tried on my own to cut things from the previous budget and manged to cut almost \$1,000 already so be gentle. Another thing, the Awards Gala needed to be revamped. In the past it has mainly been boring for anyone who is not receiving an award and both Athletics and I wanted to make it more enjoyable for everyone so that has been changed a little bit.
- the Room Heads for Fireball have been hired and I'm very excited to have them start working on their rooms and have each show come to life!
- Last meeting I mentioned that Fireball will be on February 11th and then there was confusion after but that IS THE DATE :) so vay!

That's pretty much it.... lots of Services love <3

#### Social:

happy Halloween weekend everyone! Budget meetings are the scariest part about this weekend, obviously.

So Halloween Club Night: pre-sales were really low. Everyone needs to help out with promoting big events especially when it's ticketed bc it's hard to do it alone! (Thanks for the few who promoted) We didn't have to put down a deposit so we didn't lose money unlike if we made it a private event.

Aidan went to the Winterfest meeting for social (thank u!!). it's happening January 9-13th so keep an eye out for that!

What's happening November: fall clubs fair w St Mike's + UCPC!

#### **Spirit and Communications:**

Hello council! Here's some quick updates from SCC.

- Our caps officially sold out, and the second order has arrived, so they're now back in stock!
- The new T-Shirts have been ordered and paid for, so those will be arriving in the coming week
- Daman and I met with DJ to gain access to the list serv, so I'll be able to send out emails periodically. It currently works so that we can draft the emails with MailChimp, but they need to approve it to send it out

That's all from me! Let me know if you've got any questions.

#### Sustainability:

Sustainability Commission Report - October

- Thanksgiving food drive did not happen because we did not have enough time to plan, but UCRC is interested in collaborating in the future.
- Pumpkin Spice BYOC Coffee event on Friday! The report was written before the event happened, but I will update on this during the meeting.
- Planning to buy plants for each common room to take care of in November.
- Proposing a sustainability guideline for UCLit commissions.

Thank you! See you on Friday :)

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

Hey everyone! Not much to report since the first meeting; we've just spent the month budgeting, meeting with admin and figuring out the rest of the year to revolutionize the events UAA will be doing! Can't say at the time of this writing what will have survived the first round of budget cuts, so just take a look at the budget to see what we hope we will be able to put on for y'all this year. On a more immediate basis, we are working with the Equity & Outreach commission to do a special Coffee With the Profs for the "Existence Is Resistance" week in mid-November, in response to anti-trans and/or anti-black discrimination perpetuated by some campus structures and faculty (read: Jordan Peterson). The event will hopefully see profs and attendees try to grapple with what happens when research and theory collide with lived experience, in academia, and the role of the university structures in perpetuating and alleviating all of this.

Happy budgeting! don't cut UAA stuff pls <3

Orientation: Will be provided at next meeting.

#### **UC Review:**

Hey everyone, I hope your week's been well.

Lots of stuff that the Review has been working on since last month:

- Met with both the Outreach and Advertising Coordinator (OAC) and the Archivist to discuss positions for the
  year and how we would interpret them this year: OAC will focus on social media presence. Please follow our
  Instagram and tell people to follow it @ucreview and our Twitter: @UC\_Review\_UofT for updates and also to
  support us
- The Archivist will be working on making older versions of the Review into online PDFs that will be accessible on our website, as well as creating a history of the review tracing back from our earliest edition.
- We are also creating a separate website with the review!! Wow!!! We're using squarespace so it'll look all beautifully minimalist, stay tuned
- Our submission period for artwork closes November 9 (soft deadline) and closes November 12 (hard deadline).
   Please help spread the word about submissions. Also, if you know of any cool events where student artists will perform or display their work, please let me know so I can arrange for some members of the masthead to attend. Send me a message after!
- In the midst of creating a kind of contract for the design editor to sign as they are getting paid an honorarium this year.
- Encourage people to submit to the Review this year.

Thanks party people, remember to get rest during these stressful times!

#### **UC Follies:**

- 1. The Follies' next upcoming production will be the Rocky Horror Picture Show Shadow-cast, a collaboration with Equity and Outreach. It'll be held in the Great Hall at Hart House on Wednesday, November 2nd at 9 pm. Tickets are currently on sale online at <a href="mailto:universe.com/rockyhorroruc">universe.com/rockyhorroruc</a>, tickets are \$7 each and all the proceeds are being donated to Covenant House.
- 2. Upcoming in November/December is the Follies' musical production of Dogfight at Hart House Theatre. Tickets are currently on sale online and at the U of T Tix Box Office, located in the basement of Hart House. Show dates are November 24th-26th and December 1st 3rd. Anyone interested in helping with set, props, or costume design and construction can email ucfollies.exec@gmail.com

**UCRC: None submitted.** 

Gargoyle: None submitted.

**UTSU: None submitted.** 

#### SLC:

Time is flying and we're already half-way through the first semester! I hope your midterms and papers were successfully completed, and that you're remembering to take care of yourselves as well. Our office has hired three work-study students for the year, and this past month I also managed to check-in with all the commissioners – thank you for your time and it was so great to chat one-on-one with each of you! Last weekend we also had a successful Fall Campus Day, and a big thanks to those of you on council were volunteers. Nominations are currently being accepted for the 2017 Gordan Cressy Leadership Award – if you know of any graduating students who deserve to be recognized, be sure to nominate them before the deadline on November 4th. Lastly, we'll be getting started on planning UConnect, our leadership conference, this week, so if you have any ideas, please make sure to share them! Happy Halloween!