



UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LITERARY AND ATHLETIC SOCIETY
AGENDA OF THE NOVEMBER MEETING OF COUNCIL
11:00AM ON FEBRUARY 4TH, 2018 AT JUNIOR COMMON ROOM

Attendance

Core Exec

PRESIDENT: Albert Hoang
VICE-PRESIDENT: Victoria Kourtis

Executive

ATHLETICS COMMISSIONER: Benjamin Wang
LITERARY AND CREATIVE ARTS COMMISSIONER: Kaitlyn Ferreira
SPIRIT AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSIONER: Dan Proctor
OFF-CAMPUS COMMISSIONER: Sara Mandia
UNIVERSITY AND ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMISSIONER: Danielle Stella
SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSIONER: Michelle Zhong (*late*)
MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSIONER: Thomas Pender (*late*)

Representatives

UPPER YEAR: Sameer Rai
Mahzeb Ashraf (*late*)

MIDDLE YEAR: Paul Schweitzer
Olivia Jordan
Sarita Bhukal
Aster Gerard
Miranda Desbiens

FIRST YEAR: Brie Augustine
Brandon Lee
Sabrina Weinstein

UCRC PRESIDENT: Artur Khasanov (*late*)

UTSU Reps

UTSU VOTING DIRECTOR: Kshemani Constantinescu (*late*)

Staff

SPEAKER: Ryan Gomes
SECRETARY: Snow Mei

Guests

STUDENT LIFE COORDINATOR: Meng Lim

Not in Attendance

FINANCE COMMISSIONER:
SERVICES COMMISSIONER:
SOCIAL COMMISSIONER:
EQUITY AND OUTREACH COMMISSIONER:
UTSU VOTING DIRECTOR:
FIRST YEAR:

MIDDLE YEAR:
UPPER YEAR:

Raye Negatu
Martha Beach Bartel
Tua Hytonen
Ziigwen Mixemong
Anushka Kurian
Soli Yared
Tony Liang
Priya Gupta
Michelle Beyn

1. Call to Order

The meeting is called to order at 11:08AM.

2. Land Acknowledgement Statement

Ryan Gomes reads the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

3. BIRT the January council meeting minutes be approved as presented (Kourtis/Augustine)

MOTION CARRIES.

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

MOTION CARRIES.

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

MOTION CARRIES.

6. Reports

a. President

Albert reads his report.

Albert: I want to apologize on behalf of core exec for what happened at the AGM. We will make sure future core execs provide more information and that it won't happen again.

b. Vice-President

Victoria reads her report.

Victoria: We have 48 days left in our term! That's very exciting. I edited the meetings days in our Facebook group.

c. **Finance**

None submitted.

d. **Athletics**

Ben reads his report.

e. **Equity and Outreach**

None submitted.

f. **Literary and Creative Arts**

Kaitlyn reads her report.

g. **Mental Health**

Thomas reads his report.

Thomas: We had our movie night Wednesday. Turnout wasn't too great with all the midterms going on. But it was good overall. Also this is a callout to the ratified reps: none of you came out to help out. Only Miranda, Paul and Danielle came to help out. Please message me to tell me if you can make it to event planning if you're ratified to my commission.

Victoria: When is the yoga night?

Thomas: Tuesday after the reading week.

h. **Off-Campus**

Sara reads her report.

i. **Services**

(see report)

j. **Social**

Tua reads her report.

k. **SCC**

Dan reads his report.

Dan: We had Foodback this week. It went well but unfortunately only 5 of you guys were there. The next one's in March. It's in the UC Lit calendar. Please try to make it next time. I know we all have midterms, but we all have them so please try. The newsletter this month is coming out Monday because of the issue with Google Calendar. Some of you accidentally did not add a time and location for your events. If there's no time or location I can't make the newsletter.

l. **Sustainability**

(None Submitted)

Michelle: We had another coffee event. It went well according to my deputy. We're also hoping to run a clothing swap sometime soon. More details will be provided.

m. **University and Academic Affairs**

Danielle reads her report.

Brie: What time is your event on Tuesday?

Danielle: 5:30pm to 7:30pm but if you want to help out come at 5:15pm!

n. **First-Year Rep**

Sabrina reads the report.

o. **Middle Year Representatives**

Sarita reads the report.

p. **Upper-Year Representatives**

Never Submitted.

Mahzeb: I have something to report. I had my RiRi meeting last week – my president brought up that residence events are only first years typically, so if you have ideas on how to make first years come out to events let us know.

q. **Orientation**

Nothing to Report.

r. **UC Review**

See report.

s. **UC Follies**

None submitted.

t. **Diabolos'**

None submitted.

u. **UCRC**

Artur: Just nothing.

v. **Gargoyle**

See Report.

w. **UTSU**

See Report.

x. **SLC**

Meng reads her report.

7. **Ratification of Equity Commissioner (Kourtis/Schweitzer)**

Albert: The hiring committee interviewed 3 applicants. We had a long discussion of who to choose with how they'll fit with the shorter term as well as their experience. So hiring committee chose the past deputy. She has the outreach principal required for commission. We thought she'd be a solid candidate.

BIRT Ziigwen Mixemong is ratified as the Equity Commissioner for the rest of the 2017-2018 term. (Hoang/Schweitzer)

Mahzeb: Can I know who the other candidates were?

Albert: The other two candidates were Rebecca Levin and AJ Ubhi.

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8. **Ratification of Orientation Co-Chairs (Kourtis/Augustine)**

Albert: The hiring committee included the past co-chairs for this. We had 6 applicants. We had a long discussion about it and we decided to select Kaitlyn Ferreira and Danila Alferov. We thought these two would be the best.

Dan: Have these two have been informed yet?

Albert: No we're sending the final emails out.

Dan: I personally feel like we should table this until they are notified.

Albert: In the past council hasn't followed the rules. Council should ratify the recommendation first.

Sameer: What if someone ratified doesn't want the position?

Albert: If they don't accept then we go back to candidates, and we have a list ranking the other candidates.

Meng: I want to reiterate what Albert has said. There are some successful and unsuccessful candidates. You shouldn't really discuss the decision and inform them before the information/email is sent. So as council members you are privy to information before others, but you should keep the info confidential before it is public.

Dan: Because co-chairs are a collaborative role, just because someone wants the position they may turn down a position depending on whom they would work with.

Albert: The application was all on an individual basis. You should be applying for this position independently, not with expectation of whom you're working with.

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9. **Approval of UC Lit CPI Increase (Hoang/Stella)**

BIRT the UC Lit approve a CPI percentage increase of 1.5% to the Society's General Fees. (Hoang/Gerard).

Albert: Has anyone heard of this increase? This is a way for corporations to adjust to keep up with inflation rates. We got approval to vote on CPI Increases back in the 2006 referendum. As far back as 2012 or 2011, we haven't ever approved this. The prices of goods have been increasing every year. It's not increasing the fee but matching the economy. Raye did some math and said if we were to approve it every year it would have been a \$26 increase. With the new commissions from last year and our limited budget, this is important for our operations. We'd recommend this increase to happen to the upcoming years also. We'll always be playing catch up if we don't keep up with inflation rates. Core exec thought it'd be good to start working towards making sure all the commissions and clubs have the funds they need to run events.

Aster: How much would our fees be going up?

Albert: I think it is \$11.01 for full time and \$9.61 for part time. We're still the lowest or second lowest society fees of all the colleges.

MOTION CARRIES.

10. **Semester in Review (Hoang/Desbiens)**

Albert: Show of hands, how many people have talked to other commissioners? This was meant to be a second day. It's a way for us to address feedback from UC students, spreading ourselves too thin (too many vs. quality). It's also a way for council to look at how we've been doing.

Dan: There's an 11-page document in the UC drive made by Aidan before he left us. It's really thorough; It's not just a list of things.

BIRT council moves to a recess to go over the semester and think of ways to improve on the rest of the year.

MOTION CARRIES.

11. **Other Business**

Dan: Please give your thoughts to the Patriots today. Please let my beautiful baby boy Tom Brady win today. He has three beautiful dogs.

Sabrina: Cody and Bratty don't have a RiRi.

Danielle: Would it be possible to first years to be a rep for RiRi?

Albert: The rationale is that we wanted mid year and upper year reps to tackle it, but if first years are comfortable sure.

12. **Quote of the Meeting (Kourtis/Rai)**

Sarita: Rep Ports!

MOTION CARRIES.

13. **BIRT the meeting be adjourned. (Kourtis/Jordan)**

Meeting Adjourns at 11:59AM.

President:

February's going to be busy!

- AGM happened
- Election season is coming up
- Feb 12-16 will be Lit info-week! We'll be tabling inside Fung and on the Thursday, we're going to be holding an Elections Forum for people to come learn about running, ask questions to past candidates/Lit members who will not be running again, and get a better sense of what the Lit is about
- Working on a student review of the Campus Walk Smart/Travel Safer service and presenting reforms
- This round of Hiring is finished
- Presenting a CPI increase

Vice-President:

Good morning sunshines!

There are not too many things to report on:

- Delrina is working on sorting out the Ancillaries office and organizing it so that all of the Ancillaries have a space to co-mingle as well as do work and have a place for storage!
- fireball is next weekend, and I know that Martha will give the full lay down but a note on attendance, all of you will be expected to be there and i will be checking in while doing work to make sure that everyone is present. if you're present but standing around and distracting everyone, that doesn't entitle you to your \$15 back...

Other than that, I hope you all are having a wonderful midterm season and know that if you ever have any questions, concerns, or complaints on any matter that you can come to me! whether they are Lit related or not!

-Vic

Finance:

Nothing Submitted.

Athletics:

Hey everybody!

There hasn't been too much time since the last meeting, but here's what's going on with Athletics. We organized a trip to the varsity men's basketball game against Carleton last week, in which Carleton kicked our butts, but it was a fun event. More people came for snacks than went to the game but what can you do? I think the people who did go had a lot of fun, so that counts as

a win in my books.

Thanks again for helping with jersey signouts. We will have closed the signouts by now, so if anybody comes asking for a jersey, please let them know that they are no longer available. I'll need your help one more time at the end of the year, when we get the jerseys back!

We have two events coming up this month – Danyal's Profs vs Students Ping Pong will have to change, unfortunately, as the potential strike is preventing many of the professors and TAs from participating. We're rejigging the event to be a collaborative event with UC Dragonboat, more details to come! Additionally, we'll be having a viewing party for the Raptors vs Pistons game on the 26 th of February. It should be a chill time.

That's all from me. Good luck with midterms!

From Athletics with love,

Benjamin Wang

Equity and Outreach:

Literary and Creative Arts:

Hey squad, LCA back at it again with the ten million things going on at once. This week we held our Lost at (U) Sea Coffeehouse. I'm sure it was super lit (seeing as I'm writing this at midnight on Wednesday). As I've mentioned before, we'll be hosting TWO March Coffeehouses so get excited! Melanie is also in the preliminary process of planning the Record Exchange. That's about it from my camp!

Sound check sloth.

Mental Health:

Hey Everyone!

So at the time that I'm writing this movie night has yet to happen, so updates on that will be at the meeting! As well in February we will be having our yoga night after reading week, so we will be planning the details of that!

Off-Campus:

Hello friends, hope everyone's first month back was great! We've had a few events this month. we started off with a skating collar with athletics. despite our outreach being good and many people saying they would be coming, our turnout wasn't as good as we had hoped. While the event went

well and we had a fun trip to tim to warm up after skating. We also held a joint town hall and commission meeting with the cocos a couple weeks ago and got some great feedback and event ideas we'd like to implement. the final event we had was a roman smash tournament which had a great turnout and was a lot of fun! we are currently planning for a pancake event this month and i am currently in the process of planning our trip to second city so expect those events soon! thanks everyone! - Sara <3

Services:

Hi people,

Fireball is in less than a week! I'll be sending y'all an email with info about set up, i will be giving you either a room to help out in or a thing to do. Please don't switch rooms or leave unless the room heads, olivia, or i tell you to, and please don't sit around doing nothing. If you don't have anything to do, ask the room heads, me, or olivia. I will be paying attention, i have eyes everywhere and you will not get your deposit back if you are not actually doing work. On a happier note, FIREBALL IS IN



LESS THAN A WEEK!!!!

I'm excited, i hope y'all are excited,
Martha

Social:

Hey guys! Nothing much happening with Social right now. The rest of my events will be in March so I'm slowly working on organizing those. So far we've booked O'Grady's for the Trivia Night which will be March 1st, and Danielle and I are figuring out the logistics for the event. If anyone wants to have a say for the last Pub Crawl of the year, please come out to my commission meeting this month or be on the lookout for polls on the Facebook group! Hope to see you all there.

Spirit and Communications:

Hey all, Happy February! Jasmine, our web maestro, is working hard on the spiritwear cart system and should have it done soon. AJ and I met with the blog team to set up the plan for the rest of the year. The design team has been assigned and the new process is to go through Mahreen (but please CC me when you email her)

Also just a friendly reminder that if you would like me to help with publicizing your events please ask me to help directly, this isn't a call out or anything just a reminder of my process (because bureaucracy is my lifeblood). Our new chair sale went pretty well but our spiritwear sales are still a little slow, so if you can talk them up a bit in your office hours that'd be great.

Sustainability:

Not Submitted.

University and Academic Affairs:

Hey Everyone!

On Monday, we had our Essay Writing Workshop with the UC Writing Centre. Simon and Andrea were fantastic and very helpful. Our next big event is our UC Lit Talks: Feminism in an Oppressive Culture. We have 8 amazing speakers coming in from Women's College Hospital, Silence is Violence UofT, The Redwood Shelter, People for Menstrual Solidarity, and Barbra Schlifer Commemorative Clinic. If you are able to come out, please do as we will need volunteers! Trivia Night with the Profs is also in the works with Social! Give us professor names!! Have a great February everyone!
Danielle and Mahzeb

First-Year Reps:

Hello! We haven't sent in a report yet this year but we have an event we want to run as first year reps! We were planning on running a UC family feud game, in conjunction with the UCOC, using some of the rep initiative fund, sometime in March! Brie and Sabrina are going to be spearheading the family feud if you want to ask us questions regarding the event as we approach the date. If you read the first year rep report please send brie a gif on Facebook messenger!

Mid-Year Reps:

Cheesy Reps will be on Monday, February 26th from 12 pm - 3 pm. This event is all about getting to know the reps while eating some good cheese. Execs! Remember as reps we are here for you - feel free to always let us know how we can help!

As for the Harry Potter Escape Room, it is happening on February 16th from 4 pm - 9 pm. The signup sheet will be up by the time this report is being read and sharing the event/link will be appreciated. Actors are working hard, we need some help with props so if anyone is interested in that and/or helping set up the event the day of please let Sarita or Kiana know.

Our final update is that we are no longer bullying Paul and Aster would like to state that "We are the best reps"

Upper-Year Reps:

Never submitted.

Orientation:

Nothing to report.

UC Review:

As of January 30, the UC Review has launched its Winter 2017 edition. I hope you've had a chance to check it out, and I would welcome any feedback you have.

We are in the midst of our second call for submissions, which includes alumni submissions,

ending February 9.

Two of our editors hosted a writing workshop and pitch meeting on Friday.

We are on track to produce a Spring 2018 edition to be released in April.

UC Follies:

Diabolos:

None submitted.

UCRC:

None submitted.

Gargoyle:

The Gargoyle is officially out of their dungeon and in the Junior Common Room. It is an adjustment but hopefully things will go more smoothly as time passes. Otherwise, we are awaiting the move into the ancillary office in the back of the JCR. Our next production night is February 8, 8pm in the JCR and the theme is sex. Hope to see you there!

UTSU:

Hey everyone! We have a pretty quick report this month.

- 1 XAO- Chim did an excellent job with XAO events, hopefully you caught one!
- 2 We are very VERY sad to have seen Aidan resign, but he is still involved and you will see him around and engaged plenty!! Give him a hug and say hi!

****This means that we will be appointing a new UC director for the rest of the term. If you know anyone who is qualified, encourage them to apply. We will send out more info as we get it.****

- 3 If you're interested in going to a UTSU event this month, here is a link to the February calendar: <https://www.utsu.ca/events/>
- 4 Montreal Reading week trip is a thing, check it out if you're interested in travelling over the break!

Much love, xoxo Anushka and Kshemani

SLC:

Happy Fireball-month council! Looking forward to the big event in a week and hope everyone is getting excited - a reminder that as we all know, it's a *pretty* big event and we'll need all hands on deck, so make sure to support each other and let me know if there's anything I can do to help out as well! Updates-wise, we had a really successful UConnect conference as well as an exciting hiring carousel for residence dons and CoCos for next year - thanks to everyone who came out to both events, and we're excited to continue with some of the next steps to set up another great year for 2018-19 (which still sounds so far away!). Upcoming-wise, we're introducing a new resiliency

workshop series through the Success Centre for late February, and would appreciate council's support in promoting this to students. It's a good opportunity for students to build skills that will help them bounce back from challenges from either the first semester or first round of midterms, as well as learn some good strategies in channeling positivity and self-affirmation. Other than that, hope everyone's second semesters have settled in nicely and as always, never hesitate to reach out if there's anything I can do to support you!