



Attendance

Core Exec

PRESIDENT: Paul Schweitzer
FINANCE: Noah Petrie (*skype*)
VICE-PRESIDENT: Danielle Stella (*skype*)

Executive

LITERARY AND CREATIVE ARTS COMMISSIONER: Kaitlyn Ferreira
UNIVERSITY AND ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMISSIONER: Miranda Desbiens (*skype*)
EQUITY AND OUTREACH COMMISSIONER: Alisa Christian
SPIRIT AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSIONER: Aidan Swirsky
SOCIAL COMMISSIONER: Olivia Jordan
SERVICES COMMISSIONER: Parnian Tajbaksh
SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSIONER: Kirsten Stevens
MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSIONER: Kiana Habibagahi
OFF-CAMPUS COMMISSIONER: Felipe Santos

Representatives

UPPER YEAR: Aster Gerard
Albert Hoang
Willa Ratz

MIDDLE YEAR: Hiba Taha
Nicole Toyama
Sabrina Weinstein
Maureen Huang
Thomas Pender

FIRST YEAR: TBD

UTSU Reps

UTSU VOTING DIRECTOR: Kirsten Stevens

Staff

SECRETARY: Snow Mei
SPEAKER: Daman Singh

Guests

N/A

Not In Attendance

ATHLETICS COMMISSIONER:

MIDDLE YEAR:

UCRC PRESIDENT:

UTSU VOTING DIRECTOR:

STUDENT LIFE COORDINATOR:

Aleksandra Aleksandrova

Priya Gupta

Artur Khasanov

Artur Khasanov

Sabrina Brathwaite

Naeem Ordóñez

1. Call to Order

The meeting is called to order at 11:18AM.

2. Land Acknowledgement Statement

Alisa reads the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

**3. BIRT the council meeting minutes be approved as presented.
(Schweitzer/Weinstein)**

MOTION CARRIES.

4. BIRT the agenda be approved as presented. (Huang/Schweitzer)

MOTION CARRIES.

**5. BIRT council reports be approved as presented.
(Schweitzer/Pender)**

MOTION CARRIES.

6. Reports

1. President

Paul reads his report.

2. Vice-President

(See report)

3. Finance

Noah reads his report.

4. Athletics

(See report)

5. Equity and Outreach

Alisa reads her report.

6. Literary and Creative Arts

Kaitlyn reads her report.

7. Mental Health

Kiana reads her report.

8. Off-Campus

Felipe reads his report.

9. Services

Parnian reads her report.

10. Social

Olivia reads her report.

11. SCC

Aidan reads his report.

12. Sustainability

None Submitted.

Kirsten: We'll be meeting sometime in the next couple weeks to brainstorm the schedule for the year. We'll probably do something in September. The first event we'll have is in October (coffeehouse).

13. University and Academic Affairs

Miranda reads her report.

14. Middle Year Representatives

Hiba reads the report.

15. Upper-Year Representatives

Aster reads the report.

Paul: To replace Willa we'll have an upper year rep election at the same time as the first year rep election.

16. Orientation

Kaitlyn reads the report.

17. UC Review

None Submitted.

18. UC Follies

None Submitted.

19. Diabolos'

None Submitted.

20. UCRC

None Submitted.

21. Gargoyle

None Submitted.

22. UTSU

None Submitted.

23. SLC

None Submitted.

7. BIRT council un-ratify Aqeel Assan-Lebbe as Clubs Deputy for the 2018-2019 term. (Schweitzer/Taha)

Paul: He turned down the position after he was ratified.

MOTION CARRIES.

8. BIRT council ratify Danyal Damroodi as Clubs Deputy for the 2018-2019 term. (Schweitzer/Toyama)

Albert: What was the process?

Paul: We asked around, and in the heat of the moment we asked him and he said yes. We also asked for a resume and cover letter.

MOTION CARRIES.

9. BIRT council ratifies Adina Samuels as UC Review Editor-in-Chief for the 2018-2019 term. (Schweitzer/Toyama)

Paul: Hiring committee thought she was best for the position and she had an outstanding interview.

MOTION CARRIES.

10. BIRT council ratifies Arif Hussain and Abdirahman Ahmed Hussein as WUSC Directors for the 2018-2019 term. (Schweitzer/Weinstein)

Paul: We're hoping to get some institutional memories started. In the past the feedback was that the transitions were not so good, so we're hoping it goes better this year.

MOTION CARRIES.

11. BIRT the following representatives be assigned to their specified residence house: (Swirsky/Stevens)

Aidan: We had a meeting few weeks ago to talk about what it'll look like; the next step is to get in contact with Dons, work with administration to have that two way dialogue. The dons have been selected to houses. The next step is to put you guys in houses. We can go house by house and take volunteers. For people online, if you guys are reps and want to be involved in a house, message me that house and we'll consider that.

Paul: Until first year reps are elected some of you will be doubling up. This will be just for September.

Aidan: Don't take more than two houses.

Paul: I like the misspelling of the Jeannerat House.

BIRT motion to amend to fill the blanks with the following: (Huang/Schweitzer)

- Albert Hoang to Bratty
- Sabrina Weinstein to Cody

- Thomas Pender to Falconer
- Sabrina Brathwaite to Ferguson
- Priya Gupta to Hutton
- Thomas Pender to Jeanneret
- Nicole Toyoma to Landsberg-Lewis
- Aster Gerard to Langley
- Maureen Huang to Loudon
- Maureen Huang to McCaul
- Sabrina Weinstein to Mulock
- Hiba Taha to Perron
- Aster Gerard to Taylor
- Albert Hoang to Wallace
- Hiba Taha to Wolfe

MOTION CARRIES.

12. Social Media and Event Promotion

Discussion Item

Aidan: This is for if there are any ideas on how SCC should communicate with commissioners and reps, what you want your relationship with social media to look like, timelines, where to post, how to post, rationale behind posting, and centralizing a lot of our social media on one page. If you have questions and concerns feel free to bring that up now.

Kaitlyn: How do things work with grandfathered accounts? Can we use those going forward?

Aidan: Does LCA and UCOC still have those accounts?

Kaitlyn: I do.

Aidan: Instagram for sure, I'd love to coordinate it with SCC and it'd be helpful to make sure we're not double posting. If you guys want to get info out that way, coordination is key.

13. UCADAN

Discussion Item

Kaitlyn: UCADAN is a big event that everyone appreciates. I was wondering, due to our budget restraints, how does everyone feel about cutting the clubs fair and allocating the funds to the other events that day (like UAA and quad party, which do very well)?

Paul: What funds are allocated to clubs fair?

Kaitlyn: \$500 to the BBQ. We could still have the clubs fair part but not the food part?

Paul: Worst comes to worst we should have the clubs fair, but if we need to take out the funds that's fine. Also recently there's been some money coming in to the account, some double written cheques are coming back in. The plan is to open up the budget at the next meeting. We could still have the potential to be in a better position to have the BBQ portion.

Aster: I'd be down to give money to UCADAN at the next meeting; it's a huge event.

Albert: With the allocation of funds from clubs fair, will it impact the schedule? How long will it last?

Kaitlyn: If we cut the money away from clubs fair, we'd be shortening that. We don't want to have people sitting there for so long. Also anyone involved in UCADAN, we'll be having a meeting on bookings for the event.

14. Other Business

Discussion Item

Kirsten: Aidan forwarded me an email from UofT Sustainability office. They have a self-assessment on our level of sustainability. Depending on how sustainable we are, we can receive a certificate to frame. I didn't know how many people are in the office space, if anyone knows?

Paul: 25 or 30 people.

Paul: A complaint was raised to me about something on the UC Lit retreat. The problem was that the UC Lit ended up going to the island as opposed to High Park. We did this because attendance was much lower than we thought it'd be. We shifted around stuff in the budget to allow those who went to go to the island. It made sense for us to provide the best service we can to council and students. The purpose is to provide training. Going to the island, we felt it was better to get out of the city for morale reasons. We thought we could provide this service better at the beach. Personally I've experienced retreats at both locations. The beach is better conducive to team environment rather than High Park. Naeem thought it was good we went to the island, and we managed to stay within our budget + \$8. I hope that explains the decision why that was made.

Thomas: Is this concern from council or student in student body?

Paul: Within the council

Felipe: I raised the complaint: I brought it up during the retreat. I don't think that if we have the allotted budget we should be spending it all. We should be saving the money if that's possible. I don't see the value difference between going to the island or the beach. I thought it was dishonest to have agreed to make these cuts to the budget on the basis that we agreed to not go to the island. I don't like that we treated ourselves to Nandos.

Paul: The amount of money saved by having 1/3 of council not showing up could have benefited students more by taking council out of the city. We felt this retreat provides tangible benefit to students. I think providing that service is important. It has been the cheapest retreat. I understand the complaint was due to principle. I know that when we shopped for snacks in 2nd year in UCOC. Let's say we'd have \$100 located towards snacks. We'd end up spending on snacks and Uber to get back. We would have been hard pressed to carry everything back. That's just an example of reordering within a scheduled budget. The service would've been hindered had we not spent that money. As for the cuts, we tried to stay within budget. The position we took is that we can provide this so why not do it. I think it worked out for the better at the end. It's hard to say when you can do both.

Aster: To the food point: we can reduce food costs at the next retreat. Danielle did put out a poll but nobody responded and everyone wanted Nandos. Maybe next time we can brainstorm cheaper food options.

Thomas: When we make cuts to budget, we're not cutting specific things. We're not making that cut on the principle that we're no longer going to High Park. When we make cuts we're not making it for specific items.

Felipe: You should understand that this money shouldn't be spent this way. It's unfair to spend \$380. It's not fair for us to be patting ourselves in the back. We don't deserve Nandos. We've barely done anything. It's ridiculous for us to spend money on Nandos or an island trip. I don't see that going to the island makes it a more positive experience than just going somewhere that doesn't require ferry. Also RE: food, I think that core exec should know that they're spending too much money on food.

Albert: When circumstances change, it's within reasonable rights to make changes to reallocate funds, especially with the retreat itself it's about team bonding and skills training. Team bonding is something that depends on the environment of the location. I think that with the retreat, there's a very beneficial side from it that isn't something that can be focused on the food. We should be having a solid dinner given that we're spending a whole day there. Those who were able to make it volunteered that time when they could be working and

making money. They took the time to engage in these activities. It's not the UC Lit lavishing themselves or self-servitude.

Daman: Please avoid personal pronouns.

Noah: From council policies, once the budget's allocated, we didn't motion it on the basis that the event be held at High Park.

Alisa: I'm not the fan of the idea of the retreat. I think there were concerns raised about the retreat at budget meeting. The concerns raised during it (High Park vs. island) are valid for those organizing to consider. Moving forward, for the next retreat (November) a good way to approach the next one is to, given council is split on the retreat, have a survey or some general input. I know it's core exec's event. I do appreciate the amount of effort that was put into that. People have different opinions on budgeting. We can learn from it. It's about getting everyone's opinion and trying to use the budget to its full advantage.

Paul: Points I wanted to touch on were summarized well already. One of the biggest problems is thinking of UC Lit retreat to think about it as any other retreat. When you start to think about it as training, the purpose isn't to get away, pamper us and spend money on ourselves. It helps us interact with one another on council and how we interact with students. We agreed that this amount of money could be spent on the retreat. The context was that this amount of people would show up which didn't happen. When we see opportunity within our means to provide experience and training as best as we can, core exec is of the opinion to take the opportunity. There really is a difference. The environment's changed. Programming is better suited for certain areas. I want to reiterate that this is a training thing. It's something for council that helps us to provide a service.

Felipe: I'm not against the idea of the retreat existing. It's superfluous, a lot of the spending. That's the main point I want to make. Let's ignore the budget meeting that happened, and focus on my complaints. Be mindful on future retreats and consider carefully what we spend money on in the future.

15. Quote of the Meeting

***BIRT Felipe's use of the word superfluous be the quote of the meeting.
(Stella/Huang)***

MOTION CARRIES.

16. BIRT the meeting be adjourned. (Stella/Ferreira)

Meeting Adjourns at 12:19PM.

President:

Hey y'all! It's good to be back home. It was a hard few weeks of work! Since last meeting we've had the lit retreat which went well, we did some good activities and training focusing on our priorities as a council.

Hiring committee has met and hired wusc codirectors and uc review editor in chief, next up is web coordinator and photographer. Message people you think would be interested, applications close tonight!

we'll also be starting one on ones with council members in the coming weeks, more to come on that

Im sure I'm missing something but that's it for now! Remember to be good to each other y'all, we're all on the same side!

Vice-President:

Good morning / Good evening!

I am currently writing my report from the Poblet Monastery in Catalonia-- apparently a church built in the 10th century has better wifi than the school!

June was a steady month. Core exec planned and held our summer retreat at the Toronto Island! We had workshops on event-planning, student feedback, internal and external council relations, and an Indigenous Competency Training. I appreciate all of your feedback from the weekend. Thank you for all of your help during the Welcome Days! Congratulations to Aidan and his SCC team for shilling all of the UC gear!

My clubs deputy, Danyal, and I are currently planning the clubs fair for frosh week! The timeslot for that will be during the Tuesday Lunch right after UC 101. All commissioners and their deputies are required to attend, even if you are an exec or leader. This is an excellent chance at introducing the first years to the UC Lit on a more personal level. For your table, you must have a large, coloured sign with your commission's name on it, a sign-up sheet that will take down the students' emails, and an activity of sorts to get them interested in your table. Reps will also have a table where half of you will sit talking to students, where the other half will act as guides by taking the first years to tables they may seem interested in.

On the topic of clubs, please consider collaborating with them for the Winter term! If you need any of their emails, you can find them on the UC Lit website. I also would like all commissioners and reps to have their events put into the Google Calendar by the end of the week. It will prevent overbooking and disorganization :)

Hiba and I are also planning a SafeTalk workshop for the end of September. This will go along with

the launch of our new and improved office space with all of the resources. We are having it at the end of September so the first year reps will get the training as well. If you are all willing, we can open it to the UC student public as well.

Please also help Parnian clean the Fireball locker after the meeting! Lots of Lit Love, Danielle :)

Finance:

Good morning everyone. With the closing of the *Summer 2018 Budget* at our last meeting, financially speaking it has been quite a quiet month, aside from issuing cheques.

We have cancelled our contract with TD Merchant Services for our payment terminal which will allow us to realize significant savings in rental fees over the 2018-2019 year and so on. With this cancellation, we have purchased our new POS system via Capital, which will allow us to forego the rental fees. I have also considered other areas of our past administrative expenditures to see where we might save additional money to increase non-admin services to students. I hope to bring these proposals to council later in the summer.

We have issued/spent a total of \$24,503.07 so far during the Summer 2018 Budget. This amount represents 62% of the budget. This number may seem large because it also includes the \$17,000.00 in funding for Orientation, which we've written earlier than in previous years.

We ran over budget on a few line items due to unforeseen costs, this includes: \$165.07 for Director Transition Fees (#113), \$7.78 for Retreat (#201), and \$89.90 for Cheques (#305).

Core Exec has become aware of at least one instance during the 2017-2018 year where a cheque was issued more than once to a payee. This affected the total amount available during the budget process as the cheque would have shown up as outstanding. I would recommend, once we are able to determine if there are any other instances of multiple issuances, that we briefly reopen the budget at our next meeting to distribute the balance.

We've made quite some progress on cleaning and organizing the ancillary office. We hope to order some metal shelving to better organize the space and better allow the ancillaries to do their work.

Finally, we have initiated the process of beginning the audit of our books for the 2017-2018 year. This is a long, tedious, and expensive process that I will provide updates on over the next few months.

Athletics:

Heyooo, I hope everybody's summer is going amazingly!!!

1)Athletics will be releasing Intramural captain sign-ups early this week and we hope we have the council's support to help spread the word. If you know anybody who is interested please send them

our way!! We would also really appreciate if commissioners shared the captain sign-ups on their commission facebook pages, as we will be sure to return the favor in the future for all the commissions as well!!

2)Athletics is officially collaborating with the All-Star Basketball Event which will be held most likely in the winter of 2019, however, the date is still yet to be confirmed. UC will be donating \$300 in order to help facilitate this event. If you or your commission is interested in helping out or have any ideas, please don't hesitate to contact me and I will refer you to the right contact.

3)I wanted to bring up what had occurred during the budget meeting in terms of the Instagram discussion item, I foremost wanted to apologize to anybody who felt offended or threatened by my actions or the decisions that the Athletics commission made, our intent was not to hurt anybody. The sole purpose of the page is to promote intramurals to the UC and UofT communities, not to take away from the UCLit page. I want to address some of the comments that were made during the budget meeting in regards to this, I felt that a lot of comments were made that were either false or did not aid the conversation in the right direction. I respect all other commissions, commissioners and representatives, however, do not require permission in order to make decisions for my own commission. I am open to having a discussion with anybody who still feels uncomfortable about this topic, yet I really do hope you understand where I am coming from.

CHEERS Aleksandra

Equity and Outreach:

Hello all! Hope everyone is having a great summer so far! Love 146 has reached out to us to help them out with a gala in November, so we're currently working on that. We're also working on our part of Myjourney which will be a walking tour from around Bay to Spadina!

Literary and Creative Arts:

Hey squad! Long time no see! Hope you've all been enjoying the lovely warm weather and wearing lots of sunscreen. LCA has been pretty quiet the last little bit - I'm planning on going to Long and McQuade with my deputy in the next two weeks so that we can order all of the lovely sound equipment we need. We're also super looking forward to My Journey since the Open Mic is LCA's first chance to attract first year students. Also if you've looked at the agenda you'll see there's something on UCADAN so stay tuned for that! Much love, Gossip Leech

Peace out, Gossip Leech

Mental Health:

Hiya everyone. We've unfortunately had quite an eventful month. As I'm sure most of you know, one of our peers took their life on June 24th, and only a few days after the university passed a policy that

may jeopardize the autonomy and academic freedom of many students who are struggling with mental illness. My commission released a statement about the incident and the policy. We are currently brainstorming ways of reaching out to media to raise public awareness about the policy. My deputy is also reaching out to people at OISE to hopefully start a walk-in counselling clinic at UC. We're trying to think of new ways to help support our students. Im sure we all know that mental illness can take you down a cruel path, and no one deserves to walk that path alone. I've also reached out to the CEO of project semicolon to ask permission to start a semicolon chapter at UC. Also, if council has time today, perhaps it might be nice to have a moment of silence to pay our respects to the peer we have just lost.

Off-Campus:

Beach day happened yesterday and it was a huge success! (This is very presumptuous of me to say since I'm writing this report before the event but I digress). MyJourney is happening this month which is a big deal I guess. Final preparations are being made at this point. Shirts will be ordered, rooms will be booked, things will be purchased. As of the time of writing we have 24 registrants which is much better than last year so hopefully mailouts and other advertising happening this month will help us double that number. The event is gonna be real goooooood.

Felipe Santos

Services:

Hey y'all! It's been a pretty crazy month for services and after a lot of ups and downs, we've finally settled on having Red & White in UC. Right now we're still waiting to see if we can book all the rooms we want, though a couple rooms have been confirmed. As a general layout, we will be following the same room format from Fireball this year; using rooms in the basement, first and second floors. We're hoping that using the rooms in the basement will help increase capacity. I also spent a couple days thoroughly cleaning the fireball locker (shout-out to Nicole and Hiba for their help), and am excited to clear out all of the trash bags we've filled. The big thing that I'm going to be focusing on this month is working on decorations with the frosh execs assigned to R&W. Hit me up if you want to come help, we can have a deco-party.

Social:

Hi everyone! There is not much going on with social over the summer. My deputy and I have slowly started planning for the UCADAN quad party, just brainstorming what we are going to need to buy. Let me know if you have any ideas!! I hope everyone is having a good summer so far :) XOXO, Olivia

Spirit and Communications:

Hey all, I'm writing this with a mild concussion I sustained from work, so it won't be too long this month. Thanks to all your help building up spirit wear during the Welcome Days, we unexpectedly

broke another sales record! We're at around \$2200 of the \$4500 sales target we set for until November. Many more grey crewnecks are now in production over at Artik. The first tour videos came out of Morrison, Whitney and the CSC, with MyJourney, and were well-received! We'll spend this month fleshing out RIRI with admin, working on more UC tour videos of Sir Dans and some of the common spaces (let us know if you have suggestions for improvements!), working on more resource-based graphics for the Instagram (and coordinating with Student Life for the year), hopefully meeting with ancillaries, updating the website and planning out our new resources section with the webmaster we hire, setting up weekly Fung tabling/spiritwear sales with DJ, and more. Paige, one of my deputies, is returning to Toronto this month, and she'll be running the blog in the new year, so I anticipate discussions and brainstorming on that front this month.

Sustainability:

None Submitted.

University and Academic Affairs:

Hello lovelies! June was a pretty calm month but I'm really hoping to kick planning into high gear in July. In the next couple of weeks I hope to have a meeting to lay out the groundwork for the resource map that will hopefully be put on to the UC lit web page, as well as commission meetings to reshape coffee with the profs and the student tips and tricks panel into one event.

Mid-Year Reps:

Hiya! The planning of our cotton candy event is coming along. we will focus on it more in the following weeks closer to the date. As of right now, We want to create a definition booklet for the first year reps. Our working title is "the lit 101". It would basically be a less intimidating version of Roberts rules with customization to lit specific things like what "quote of the meeting" is and a mini introduction for all of the members on council and their roles. If anyone wants to pitch in their ideas hit us up! We're still reppin'!

Upper-Year Reps:

"Nothing much to report, aside from the fact that Willa will be leaving us ☹. Here is her last haiku: 7

I am now a Don Sayonara uclit Good luck, it's been real"

Orientation:

Hey council! As I'm sure you can all imagine Orientation is getting pretty busy at this point. The majority of the planning stage is now complete - execs are done or are in the progress of booking buses, venues, security, etc. All merchandise (like shirts, exec hoodies and frosh kits) have been ordered as well. We're now shifting into the second half of the summer which involves a lot of training. Within the next few weeks our execs will be partaking in IAR, Risk Assessment, Equity and

First Aid trainings. We're really excited for them to do so because we think it definitely adds to the learning they've already done throughout the summer from one another and ourselves. As far as registration goes we're really pleased to be past the 200 marker now! If any of you folks are in the chat or on the Accepted 2022 page we would love it if you encouraged more students to sign up. That's it from us, stay sneaky friends <3

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