



1. Call to Order

2. Land Acknowledgement Statement

Discussion Item

3. Adoption of Agenda

Motion

Moved: Stella Seconded:

Be it resolved that the agenda be approved as presented

4. Approval of Minutes

Motion

Moved: Stella Seconded:

Be it resolved that the minutes be approved as presented

5. Approval of Reports

Motion

Moved: Stella Seconded:

Be it resolved that council reports be approved as presented (see appendix)

6. Reports

Discussion Item

7. Fireball Schedule & Information

Discussion Item

8. Ratification of Orientation Co-Chairs

Motion

Moved: Stella Seconded:

Be it resolved that council ratify Masa Stojanovic and Jessie Cipton as the Orientation Co-Chairs for the 2019/2020 term.

9. Third Floor Cafe MOU

Motion

Moved: Stella Seconded:

Be it resolved that council agree upon the Memorandum of Understanding decided by the Cafe Working Group.

10. Budget Process

Motion

Moved: Petrie Seconded:

- a) **Be it resolved that Council open the 2018-2019 UC Lit operating budget.**
- b) **Be it resolved that Council hear a second reading of the proposed budget with the following amendments pending.**
 - i) **Be it resolved that Council propose any increases to the budget.**
 - ii) **Be it resolved that Council propose any decreases to the budget.**
- c) **Be it resolved that Council close the 2018-2019 UC Lit operating budget.**

11. Represent Student Leadership Conference

Discussion Item

12. Feedback on the UTSU's Strategy Regarding Recent Government Announcements

Discussion Item

13. Motion on OSAP and Student Groups Cuts

Motion

Moved: Swirsky Seconded:

Whereas on January 17, 2019, the Government of Ontario announced the impending repeal of various changes to OSAP introduced by the previous government, the charging of interest during the six-month grace period for OSAP loans, and the ability for students to opt out of "non-essential non-tuition fees" starting in the 2019-20 school year; and

Whereas on that same day, at an informal emergency meeting, a majority of members of the University College Literary & Athletic Society reached consensus to write a statement condemning these changes, dated January 18, 2019, therefore:

Be it resolved that the University College Literary & Athletic Society formally endorses the terms of its statement dated January 18, 2019, condemns the new tuition framework announced by the Ontario Government on January 17, 2019, and stands in solidarity with all other organizations which express the same; and

Be it further resolved that, pending the announcement of a provincial definition for “essential non-tuition fee”, the Society, in conjunction with other student unions, societies and publications, lobby the University of Toronto administration to consider these organizations as “essential non-tuition fees”; and

Be it further resolved that the Society lobby the University College administration and the University College Alumni Association for support in lobbying the University of Toronto administration to the aforementioned end; and

Be it further resolved that the Society undertakes initiatives, and takes part in campus-wide initiatives, to make our constituents aware of financial aid resources and courses of action to lobby against the cuts to OSAP, the end of the six-month grace period, and the potential changes to student unions, societies and publications.

14. ASSU Referendum

Motion

Moved: Maragha Seconded:

Be it resolved that the UC Lit endorse the Arts & Science Students' Union's fee increase referendum, to be held February 13 & 14.

15. Other Business

Discussion Item

16. Quote of the Meeting

Motion

Moved: Stella Seconded:

Be it resolved that _____ be the quote of the meeting

17. Adjournment

Motion

Moved: Stella Seconded:

Be it resolved that the meeting be adjourned

President:

Hey y'all, ill try to keep my report brief. Sorry I couldn't be there today.

Hiring committee has selected cochairs, please ratify them today!

We're working on the approaches we discussed at the emergency meeting. Emails shouldve gone out to the relevant people! A few of us have been in and out of meetings with various groups, I've met with other student leaders on campus, and danielle and I have met with alumni, to name a few.

AGM is so soon! remember to go!

Message me if you have any questions. See y'all soon,

Paul

Vice-President:

Good morning peeps,

- I would like to first say that I am very proud of the hard work and effort that all of you have been putting in the last two weeks. I know it is a very stressful time with the proposed cuts still hanging over us, but I am glad to see everyone working efficiently for our constituents.
- Core exec has been preparing for the AGM is coming up this Thursday! Please try and have a proxy by Wednesday.
- The Third Floor Cafe Working Group had their final meeting on Tuesday where we finalized the MOU we present to you all today.
- Paul, Noah, and I had an executive committee meeting with Principal Ainslie and the other heads of the departments. We brought forward our concerns with the cuts and the college was very supporting.
- I went to the last two protests against the proposed changes brought forward by the Ontario Government. There is another one on Monday Feb. 4th that I would recommend going to.
- Paul and I had a meeting with some UCAA members to discuss the changes.
- I met with Yvonne to ensure that the elevator and heating are fixed for the AGM. We had someone come in on Friday to work on it. We also discussed finances which Noah will discuss in more detail.
- I've been helping out the Shrek room heads for Fireball and it's been a lot of fun! I painted a tree.
- Today, we have Jonah coming in to talk to us about the Represent Student Leadership Conference yay!
- Core exec has also received a request for the Student Initiatives Fund for a UC Hack-A-Thon which I think is pretty cool! If you are a commissioner and want to collaborate with them, speak to me after the event and I will get you in touch with the coordinator. They are looking for activities to run during the de-stressor times.
- Finally, I will be making an office supply trip soon! Yay staples.

Love you all

DJ Danni Dee

Finance:

Hi council. As you know, it has been quite the eventful week or so on campus. The proposed changes from the provincial government threaten to disrupt the ways in which we have historically operated. While the changes have not been officially implemented yet, we are currently looking at options to ensure the financial sustainability of our operating budget during the uncertainty.

I plan to work closely with Core Exec, my deputies, the Financial Sustainability Committee, and other groups to develop go forward strategies. Here is a summary of some of the other items I've been working on:

- I've been working on ensuring a consistent work stream for my deputies that allows them to learn more about how the Lit's finance operates.
- I've been researching the possibility of creating a business plan for Diabolos' to ensure the future success and sustainability of the cafe. I hope to have more details about this at the next meeting.
- Completing the migration to Quickbooks. As you can see attached, I've included a Profit-Loss statement for this budgetary period. I was able to easily pull this report by leveraging Quickbooks.

Athletics:

none submitted

Equity and Outreach:

We are still working on two events for this semester. First the coffee with the profs event with UAA and Suitability will be on Feb 26 and we have most of our guests confirmed which is very exciting. I think it'll be less formal than a traditional coffee with the profs and we'll be encouraging a lot of dialogue between the students and the guests. Kiana and I are also still working with the ESSU to create the equity coalition meeting and event! more updates as that progresses!

Literary and Creative Arts:

Hey council! Not much to report since last meeting – LCA had a commission meeting on Friday that went swimmingly. Just wanted to thank everyone who helped with the sound locker clean up last meeting. You all

put lots of Lit love in my heart  . Up next is coffeehouse, hope to see you all there! Xoxo Gossip Leech

Mental Health:

Hey council!

I hope you're all well! Before my official report, I just wanted to give a BIG thank you to Tyler, folks at the UTSU and all of you on the Lit who were so proactive regarding the Ford government's attack on OSAP, funding for student groups, student newspapers, and democracy as a whole.

My commission had its poetry event with the LCA this week! I wanted to thank Vaish, Kaitlyn and our poet, Kristen Zimmer for all of their hard work. I also met with Paul, Naeem and health and wellness to discuss new protocols that we can implement here at UC through my commission to hopefully improve how we support our students. Health and wellness and I will also be finalising the details for an upcoming IAR+ training session that we have planned for council.

Off-Campus:

none submitted

Services:

Hi y'all,

Fireball is 2 weeks away!!!! Thank you so much for everyone who helped push ticket sales. We've sold out of tickets, but since people can still request refunds until February 1 st , we may have a couple of extra tickets we'll put back on sale on February 4 th . Please put your name down on a couple of slots for the setup deliveries; it'll make my job easier on the day of if we have an organized system in place. There's a lot more to discuss about setup, but I won't say much now since there's a Fireball discussion item in the agenda. Thanks

Social:

Hello council, I hope you all had a prosperous holiday season. It feels good to be back doesn't it? Social hasn't been up to too much lately. We are in the process of deciding where to host our next pub crawl. Right now College and Bathurst area is a top contender, but please share your ideas with me. Additionally, Miranda and I have been planning trivia night with the profs which is scheduled to occur on March 4th. If any of you know any profs that would consider attending, please let us know so we can get in contact with them.
XOXO, Olivia

Spirit and Communications:

Hey everyone! Not much else new has happened since 2 weeks ago, though we did have a commission meeting where a lot of new social media and promotional ideas were discussed, including reviving the "Humans of UC" motif to showcase UC students beyond the Lit; videos pertaining to the upcoming election positions (such as a Billy Eichner style one); item-specific flash sales at Fung; and even a time capsule (thanks Danyal). The Instagram takeovers will start soon, and JCR video just needs a few more shots before editing and release! Hiba has also taken over the long-dormant Lit Twitter account; give her a follow @uclit_uoft! The election videos will begin filming next week, as the election's a lot closer than you think!

As of this writing, 2 new blog posts have come out: an interview of Fireball room head Eisha, written by UC student Alex McCubbin, and an argument in favour of the impending Residence Representative position, authored by Josh. Again, if you want to write or know someone who might want to write, let me or my deputy Paige know!

For the marketing subcommittee relating to the Ford cuts, we're still waiting on more info as to what the student society cuts will look like, but please let myself, Josh, Vaish or Ruth know if you have any ideas about points we should make or formats we should use once the time comes.

Reminder to please sign up for help shifts for Tuesday Tabling if you can - it will be a big help not just for election position awareness, but for making people aware of services and events they might not have known about (let's preliminarily prevent opt outs!) As well, please remember to invite UC students to your own events soon after they come out - this goes for deputies and ratified reps too!

On a more somber note, on the same day the Ford cuts were announced, my other deputy, Kristen de los Reyes, stepped down due to health issues. I'm appreciative of the hard work and sensible ideas she put in (the socks would have been more expensive had she not found a better model), the numerous times she came through for sales and other backups, her creative promotional ideas in networking with her assigned commissions, and her accurate awareness of what UC students wanted to see from us.

As such, I'll be looking for a second deputy to fill the position for the last 2 months of the year. Please let myself or Paige know if you know anyone who may be interested - they'll just need to fill out the deputy questionnaire from before, plus a few questions leftover from my interviews in the summer."

Thanks and have a good night,

Aidan

Sustainability:

- Hey friends, hope you've all been well! Not much has happened since the last meeting, we're just still working on the Coffee with the Profs event with the Equity and UAA Commission.

Kirsten Stevens

University and Academic Affairs:

none submitted

All Reps:

Hello- שלום- Ciao- Hola- Bonjour- Kon'nichiwa

Are you lucky charms, because you look magically delicious ;)

Yo yo wassup, it's been a whole two weeks wowowowow so many things happening

Ummm so.....we're gonna use some of our mulla mulla to give the children some candiez on Valentines.

weRe haVIng thE tImE oF oUR liVEs getting ready for our cupcake eleganza extravaganza on ze 27th of feveryeyey (as long as dougie doesn't stomp on dat too).

Getting psyched for the AGUM where we'll be more reppy rep rep so we can vote to see if we'll be gettin a new fweeeend in the form of rwrezidewence wep.

MOREOVER HENCEFORTH IN SUMMATION WE PROCLAIM:

There is gonna be a Toronto queen on drag race season 11 so even though we cut our viewing party we still stannnnnn Brooklyn Lynn.

We're out here
Reppin xoxo

Orientation:
none submitted

UC Review:
The first edition will be finished printing this or next week.

Our launch party is on February 1st from 1-3 pm in UC240. Spread the word!

The call for submissions for our second edition is open from now until February 7. The theme for the second edition is "Awakening". Spread the word to submit!

Adina Samuels

Editor-in-Chief | *UC Review*

UC Follies:
None Submitted.

Diabolos:

Welcome back from the break! Diabolos reopened the first day classes resumed and will continue running per usual until reading week in February, where we will again be closed for the week. We had a few issues with our deliveries and suppliers which causes backlogs in our inventory (I'm sure the lack of lids has been noted) but we thankfully sorted everything out and have stock to last us until the end of the year. We are also looking at introducing a 1 page monthly newsletter to let those who are interested learn more about Diabolos history, community and the coffee we serve. Keep an eye out for that in the JCR in February!

Best,
Emily

UCRC:
None Submitted.

Gargoyle:
None Submitted.

UTSU:
Hello Council,

Tyler and I are excited to be learning the ropes of our new positions with the

UTSU as we go into our second month as Directors alongside Artur. Needless to say, a lot has happened and we are sure you have been anticipating the UTSU's response to the recent announcement from the provincial government regarding the newly proposed tuition framework, OSAP changes, and the proposed Student Choice Initiative. For the sake of formality, here is a quick run down of what the provincial government announced on Thursday, January 17, 2019:

Minister Merrilee Fullerton took to the stage to announce that the Ontario government would be amending the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) to reflect the 2016-2017 model. In addition to replacing the free tuition program with the previous grant-and-loan system, the provincial government announced that the six month interest-free grace period would be eliminated, meaning that immediately following graduation, interest will begin accruing on a student's outstanding loans. Standing confidently behind a podium which read 'For The Students', the Minister announced that tuition fees were being cut by 10%, while framing the aforementioned policy changes as geared to support students with the greatest need.

Below, we've outlined the official UTSU strategy as was shared with us at the emergency meeting of the UTSU Board of Directors on Thursday, January 24, 2019. Within each strategy point, we've written an explanation of what that point would entail, and in some cases we've given our analysis of this strategy point or outlined what we will continue to work the the UTSU Executives on.

1. WORKING AGAINST THESE CHANGES

- Lobby strategy
- The UTSU is one of very few student unions who the government is willing to meet with. The UTSU is in a unique position to negotiate with the provincial government and make demands. The UTSU understands the political realities that the government is not going to completely undo everything it announced, however it's the goal of the UTSU to at least meet with them halfway on different aspects of the announcement.
- If you're interested in learning more about what demands the UTSU will be making to the provincial government, please feel free to reach out to us or contact Anne Boucher, UTSU President, at president@utsu.ca.

2. SUPPORTING OUR MEMBERSHIP

- Disseminating information via newsletters, videos, and social media
- The UTSU understands the importance of being transparent with students about what we're doing; we as directors were sure to stress the importance of this at

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Thursday's Board meeting. We are told that updates will be regularly posted, and additionally, the Executive will be emailing Directors with updates every Monday. We can share this information with you as we get it.

- Sharing student testimonials: online campaign featuring photos of students on campus expressing their thoughts, concerns, and experiences. Aimed to increase campaign visibility and engage as many students as possible.
- The UTSU is running a campaign called #UTSUwithU, to raise awareness of those students, clubs, and student societies who will be impacted by these announcements. While preliminary posts have been made, we are told this campaign will ramp up this week.
- Channels for consultation
- The feedback that the UTSU collects from students, including stories, thoughts, and testimonies, are going to be extremely valuable in the talks with the provincial government. Currently, students can reach out and share their stories using the

hashtag #UTSUwithU and by emailing feedback@utsu.ca. The Executive has assured us that more channels will be opening up, and we've encouraged them to look into a digital town hall with students.

- Attending UofT student group town halls/meetings
- Unfortunately, a consequence of having a seat at the negotiating table with the provincial government is that the UTSU is hesitant to openly protest these changes for fear of losing our spot. The UTSU does still wholeheartedly support the students and groups who are on the ground organizing, especially since the pressure that this puts on the provincial government works in tandem with the UTSU's work in making demands inside Queen's Park. For now, the UTSU is sending at least a couple Executives to meetings of student groups on campus and working behind the scenes to try to support these efforts. We as Directors have been trying to encourage the Executive to take on a bigger role in working alongside these groups and mobilizing our membership more openly, and we will continue to work with the Executive to hopefully see the UTSU take on more of a dual role, serving both a negotiator and an activist role.

3. WORKING TO MINIMIZE IMPACT

- University lobbying
- For now, the UTSU is focused on working with the provincial government. However, part two will see the UTSU begin lobbying the university administration. The provincial government is currently working on the ancillary fee opt-out framework, and will most likely finalize that in the coming weeks. The next step would be the university implementing this framework, so the UTSU will work on lobbying the university to deem student union and student society fees as mandatory.
- One demand that Anne Boucher, UTSU President, has stated that the UTSU will take to the provincial government is not allowing the cuts to affect the cohort of students at risk of losing their grants as a result of their parents' joint income.
- UTAPS

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- The university has stated that they would not reduce current alternative financial supports offered by the university in any way; this includes UTAPS. However currently, only students who qualify for OSAP will qualify for UTAPS. The UTSU would then lobby the administration to ensure the program is accessible to those who might not be getting provincial funding, despite receiving less government funding themselves.

4. SCENARIO PLANNING

- Contingency planning
- The UTSU has to plan for the probable reality that our budget will see major changes next year. As of right now, we don't have any particular plans, since everything's still very new, however the Executive is working to determine how best to approach this scenario planning.
- Determining UTSU priorities
- This is likely to take place over the course of the new year, both with the current Board of Directors and those who will be elected for next year, and will include discussing how the UTSU will operate financially, and what services should be given priority. The Strategic Plan that the UTSU is currently working on will come to incorporate a lot of this. The university hasn't signalled any risks to our current financial obligations with the Student Commons, however the UTSU's being cautious and working with the assumption that everything's at risk.

Although as UC Directors we applaud the UTSU for the action it has undertaken

in ensuring a seat at the negotiating table with the provincial government, we have agreed that the UTSU is lacking in providing a stronger stance on this issue. We brought this up during the emergency Board of Directors meeting last Thursday, by suggesting that the UTSU is currently prioritizing diplomatic responses over vocalizing student concerns. The response that UTSU Executives provided was that it is important to not risk the union's seat at the negotiating table. Students may not see the UTSU actively advocating for change since negotiations are less visible than protests, but the union must ultimately weigh whether we want to make change or seem supportive to students. While we believe that the UTSU's approach can incorporate both — negotiating with the government while supporting student-led activist movements on campus, — we stressed that at the very least, the work that the UTSU is undertaking should be made more public, to let our membership know that the UTSU is advocating for them. We were reassured that the #UTSUwithU campaign, once it ramps up in the coming weeks, will help serve this purpose. We will continue stressing to the UTSU Executives that this works stays visible.

We as UC Directors are aware of the political realities of the UTSU's situation, however we are concerned that the executives aren't taking a firm enough stance in negotiating with the provincial government, and are neglecting the importance of standing in solidarity with other student unions, societies, clubs, and grassroots movements on campus and across Ontario.

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The reason for our concern is that in the event that the provincial government does not satisfy the UTSU's demands on this, and the UTSU continues to only marginally support these groups on campus in resisting the government's changes, the union as a whole would look bad in the eyes of our membership, while simultaneously failing in our negotiation efforts. This would likely result in more students choosing to opt out of the UTSU's fees and levies. We as Directors urged the UTSU to approach the conversations with the provincial government with a more firm approach and more openly supporting these student movements on campus and across Ontario, particularly if the government doesn't appear receptive to the UTSU's demands.

We have also suggested various solutions to these issues, such as visibility to our membership. In addition to the #UTSUwithU campaign, we have suggested an informal presence at protests, continued presence at student group strategy and planning

meetings on campus, a drop-in coffee event with the UTSU Executives, or a virtual town-hall for students to voice their thoughts and concerns. We are happy to say that much if

not all of these suggestions are likely to be implemented in the UTSU's strategy moving forward.

To wrap things up, we can confidently say that we will continue to advocate our stance to the UTSU Executives. We are expecting that they continue to take our feedback seriously and continue to consider amends to their stance. We are hopeful that the UTSU's official strategy is successful in shifting the provincial government's policies and leads to real change. We urge you all to continue to use your platforms to voice your thoughts on the position of the UTSU and your responses to the government's announcements. Continue to share your thoughts, feedback, and stories through the UTSU's official channels, and please don't hesitate to reach out to us (tyler.riches@utsu.ca, lina.maragha@utsu.ca, artur.khasanov@utsu.ca). We are here to amplify the voices of UC students; your input fuels our stances and actions, now and

onward.

Thank you, and yours in solidarity.

Your UTSU Representatives,

Tyler Riches, Lina Maragha, and Artur Khasanov

SLC:

none submitted

UC LIT STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE PROPOSED GOVERNMENT CHANGES (APPENDIX B)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 18th, 2019

STATEMENT TO OUR CONSTITUENTS

(For immediate release)

Like many of you, we were alarmed to wake up to the scenario many Ontario students were dreading. It was quickly revealed that there was more promised to the 10% tuition cut from the Progressive Conservative Government of Ontario than what was apparent. Under the announced plan, the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) will be restructured to reflect the 2016 grant-and-loan system. In addition to this, the six month interest-free grace period previously granted on loans to students post-graduation is set to be eliminated. Rather than facilitate a positive university experience, these decisions threaten the academic future of many students on campus. This includes but is not limited to:

1. Students with parents unable or unwilling to financially support their education.
2. International students whose astronomically high tuition fees are not being touched and may face further deregulation.
3. A population of students who graduate and will immediately be met with worries pertaining to the accumulating interest on their loans.

These policies will further wedge out low and middle-class students from acquiring a post-secondary education and will polarize our student body. **With this in mind We, The University College Literary & Athletic Society, strongly condemn these changes.**

Premier Ford's course of action will foster a precarious situation for the students he purports to be supporting through this tuition 'cut'. The alleged monetary difference is balanced by making previously mandatory non-tuition fees optional.

This is a facetious move as the tuition reduction will not be funded by the university nor the government, but rather by the removal of services which profoundly contribute to what creates the university experience. While health and safety services will continue to be guaranteed funding, the same cannot be said for independent, autonomous student unions and groups, such as the UC Lit.

We are currently at risk of losing what historically the UC Lit is elected to provide. These include eclectic resources and opportunities for our student body such as our peer support, equity and university-related activism, student jobs (especially provided through Diabolos' Coffee bar), events within the Commuter Student Centre and community spaces including our beloved Junior Common Room. The funds we collect also support University College clubs and ancillaries, such as the UC Gargoyle, UC Review, UC Follies, and Orientation, a

diverse collection of events, team-building and professional development experiences (such as our Intramural sports teams, and our commissions). Ultimately, the opportunities we provide for students often cannot be replicated in a classroom.

Countless student unions, course unions, equity-seeking groups and clubs on campus are also at risk of losing much of their guaranteed funding, which ultimately narrows what encompasses an enriching, affordable university experience.

The UC Lit is firmly committed to working our hardest with the help of other student groups in putting up our best fight against these OSAP and student service reductions. Nonetheless, we are not blind to the political realities these decisions contain. Therefore, we urge you to bear and work with us as we begin to explore strategies to help us restructure our organization to, as always, resemble the best interest for UC students. As we navigate a new possible financial circumstance, we promise to do so while working to retain, broaden and improve the level of services, events, community hubs and general experiences that the UC Lit provides to students, whilst simultaneously supporting other student organizations, especially our own clubs and ancillaries, who need to do the same.

We vow to be with you every step of the way. We pledge to work even harder in collaboration with other clubs, student unions and departments on campus, in support of students who want or need support adjusting to the new OSAP reality, to create and share resources (especially financial ones) and sympathetic, understanding environments. We promise to not let up in the fight to prevent these changes from taking place by vigorously lobbying our administration, UofT departments, central administration, and Members of Provincial Parliament.

As a starting point, one aforementioned coalition is bringing a UofT delegation to a protest at Queen's Park Friday afternoon (<https://tinyurl.com/uoftprotest>), which we wholeheartedly encourage students to attend if they are able. We also encourage you to call or email your MPP's to protest this – another coalition, Students for Ontario, has prepared a helpful contact list and message templates for anyone to use (<https://tinyurl.com/mppcontacts>).

If you are ever in need of someone to talk to or a platform to raise your concerns to a higher administrative body, our office is open weekdays 10:00 am - 4:00 pm in the UC Junior Common Room (uclit.ca/contact) and our email inboxes are always open.

Yours,
2018-2019 UC Lit Council