



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. Motion to Call on the University of Toronto to Divest from Fossil Fuels

Moved: Petrie Seconded:

WHEREAS all 197 signatories of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change have agreed on a achievable target of limiting global emissions to a level that would prevent global temperature increases beyond 2°C above pre-industrial levels, based on research from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), in order to "prevent dangerous anthropogenic interference with the climate system";

WHEREAS the proven coal, oil, and gas reserves of the top 200 fossil-fuel companies are approximately 2,795

gigatons of carbon dioxide (CO₂), five times the amount that could be released to stay below 2 degrees Celsius (3.6°F);

WHEREAS hundreds of higher education institutions around the world have committed to various forms of divestment from fossil fuel companies;

BE IT RESOLVED that the University College Literary and Athletic Society (UC Lit), supports the absolute financial divestment from fossil fuel companies by the University of Toronto Asset Management (UTAM) Corporation;

BE IT RESOLVED that the University College Literary and Athletic Society (UC Lit), through its Core Executive, call upon the University of Toronto and University of Toronto Asset Management (UTAM) Corporation, to divest from all companies whose primary business is the extraction, distribution, and/or sale of fossil fuels; and from all mutual funds that invest in such companies;

BE IT RESOLVED that the University College Literary and Athletic Society (UC Lit) shall forward this resolution to:

Richard B. Nunn, Chair of the Board, Independent Director (UTAM)
Sheila Brown, Chief Financial Officer, University of Toronto
Meric S. Gertler, President, University of Toronto
Professor Alan D. White, Rotman School of Management
Daren M. Smith, President and Chief Investment Officer (UTAM)

8. Motion to Support the Victoria College Reconciliation Initiative

Moved: Petrie Seconded:

WHEREAS Egerton Ryerson is known for playing a key role in the design of the Canadian residential school system; and

WHEREAS the Victoria University Students' Administrative Council (VUSAC) is pursuing an initiative to rename a Victoria College residence building house and Vic One stream, currently named after Egerton Ryerson;

BE IT RESOLVED that the University College Literary and Athletic Society (UC Lit) support this and any future initiative to rename buildings, institutions, and programs named after Egerton Ryerson;

BE IT RESOLVED that the University College Literary and Athletic Society (UC Lit), through the Core Executive, issue a letter of support for the Victoria University Students' Administrative Council (VUSAC) reconciliation initiative.

9. Motion to endorse Students for Reproductive Justice

Moved: Swirsky Seconded:

Be it resolved that the UC Lit endorse and disseminate Students for Reproductive Justice–Toronto's (SFRJ–TO) petition, "Opposition to Use of Graphic Anti-Choice Images At the University."

10. Motion to increase cost of living

Motion: Petrie Seconded:

BIRT that Council approve a 2.4% cost-of-living increase to the Society's General Fees.

11. Agenda Item: Student of the year discussion

12. Orientation Audit

Moved: Stella

Be it resolved that council approve the Orientation audit for the 2018-2019 year.

13. Other Business

Discussion Item

14. Quote of the Meeting

Motion

Moved: Stella Seconded:

Be it resolved that _____ be the quote of the meeting

15. Adjournment

Motion

Moved: Stella Seconded:

Be it resolved that the meeting be adjourned

President:

Hey y'all, a few things to report:

- Fireball was great! Big thanks to Parnian and her team for the job well done!
- The AGM happened and logistically went well, we're working with UCRC to come up with different communications strategies that council can follow next year.
- Elections are soon! Nomination forms are due wednesday so make sure you message anyone you think would be interested!
- Hiring coming up for everyone on hiring committee, we'll be hiring a few positions for next year's council (speaker, secretary, mental health commissioner, and Diablos)
- The JCM is coming up soon! March 31 will be our last meeting as a council after which the new council will have its first meeting. Make sure you prepare redbooks and your transition tradition/item before the JCM! You should also finish your warm fuzzies if you haven't yet.
- We've got a few events coming up, keep up the energy y'all! Will add to the report if I miss anything.

Vice-President:

Good morning!

- We had the AGM! It was great and we had a great turn out!
- Fireball happened!!! Shout out to our girls PARNIAN and MARIA!
- Con review will be meeting one more time in March.
- I made the t-shirt for pub crawl!

Danielle

Finance:

Hi everyone and welcome back from reading week! :)

A lot has happened since our last council meeting, so here is a quick summary:

- The external audit has been completed and was approved at the AGM and by the University. We should receive our remaining funding with the next two weeks.
- We had a Coffee Bar Board meeting and discussed a number of potential improvements to service and operational standards. We also discussed a desire for new, affordable products and as a result, we should be having bagels on sale in the next few weeks.
- I've finished the transition over to Quickbooks. Not going to lie, this process took A LONG time, but will be extremely worth the effort for the remainder of the year and future years. This software has already made tracking our expenses and revenue that much easier and transparent. Future finance commissioners should have a much easier time during audit season.
 - I've been working with Ronak, the Diablos finance manager, to get them transitioned over to Quickbooks as well.
- In a cost savings effort, we have stopped using Expensify in favour of a glamorous Google Form. This will save us over \$1,000 a year going forward. When completing the form, please submit one form for each individual who is receiving money. (i.e. Don't input expenses from two people on one form.)
- Working with Orientation to ensure all their financial documentation is completed and compiled. I will also begin working with the new co-chairs to get signing authority for them and assist them in getting their documents organized for next year.

Finally, I'd like to congratulate Aidan, who has already surpassed last year's SCC sales record by \$200, even before taking into account 2019 cash sales and the large purchase by the UC admin.

Athletics:

Hello there,

Athletics has been working on the bowling event, as well as planning ball. We are looking into hiring a drag queen to facilitate the night in order to make it a bit more interesting for the audience. If you have any ideas for a theme for this event, please let us know. I have sent out an email to all commissioners so please make sure you let me know by Tuesday.

Equity and Outreach:

Hey council, hope everyone has had a restful reading week!

The semester is winding down so not much going on. We're looking forward to our Coffee and Conversation event this Tuesday! if y'all are able to make it i encourage you to come, the fb event is up and i hope to see you there!

Literary and Creative Arts:

N/A

Mental Health:

Hiya council! Sorry I couldn't be here. I needed to spend time with my family this weekend. February was fantastic! My commission's Sidney Smith event went super well. Thank you again to our friends Haseeb and Josh at ASSU, Max Xi from WW and all of my enthusiastic commission members that made the event happen. Our next collab will be with New on March 1st. I will be facilitating one of their panels for their "working in the mental health field" conference. Our commission will also hold a table there. Finally, I just wanted to say that helping out and being a part of fireball was such a delight! Thank you again to Parnian, our amazing Services Commissioner!

Off-Campus:

N/A

Services:

"Hi y'all!!

Wanted to give the biggest thank you to all of council for their help during fireball setup and clean up. Thanks to you all the weekend went off without a hitch (including the annual UTMUN takeover which we can never get away from). The rest of the semester should be smooth sailing as we just have the athletics banquet left to plan. Olivia, Aleks and I are just finalizing the details for the night.

Thanks again, I love you all as much as I love butter chicken "

Social:

Hi everyone! I hope you all had a great reading week. I can't wait to go back to school! I'm sure you all feel the same. Social is busy busy busy this month as we have trivia night with UAA on the 4th, bowling with athletics on the 6th and UCPC on the 14th! Please help by promoting these events, and encouraging your friends to

attend! Also, pub crawl has changed locations as I was having trouble contacting many bars in the college/Bathurst area. So, we are officially going to Einsteins, Red Room, and Supermarket! Yay.
Love you all,
Olivia

Spirit and Communications:

Nothing too drastic to report from my end. The past two weeks have really been spent getting things together for elections, both logistically as part of Elections Committee, and especially promotionally – which we can always use more help with! We're chugging along as usual, posting different resources and aspects of UC on the social media and making sure all the upcoming March events roll out early enough and are staggered enough on the social media. Hopefully soon we'll be able to do some more profiles of UC students and staff doing important things, to take people's minds off thinking about who to vote for, as well as maybe some video "check-ins" with outgoing council members and the new incoming executives to entice people to join commissions with getting-involved stories.

The Instagram story takeovers have been a big success, with the viewing data showing that the drop off over the course of the day hasn't been all that big, which means you all have been engaging! (Kudos to Aleks for going first and setting the standard.) During the election campaigns, if folks who aren't running for election want to do takeovers, we can arrange that! If anyone who is running hasn't done a takeover, we can arrange that after exec elections are over, just for fairness' sake! Election video has hit some snags, but it's almost ready at the time of writing, and it's been augmented by graphics from Ruth (thanks!). The long-awaited JCR video is now out! I've been liaising with the new co-chairs about some communications ideas and put together a newsletter for them, and over the next few weeks I hope to talk to them some more about potential communications improvements, including in transitioning my eventual successor. After all, Orientation is the ancillary that most affects how the Lit and all the other ancillaries work during the year!

Paige has uploaded some new blog posts, so give them a read! We sent a strongly worded letter to UofT admin imploring them to do better during snowstorms, and it got posted and went viral (by UC standards). When *if* admin ever follows up on those concerns with Core Exec, we'll communicate updates – and this serves as a reminder to next year's Lit that between this and the Ford cuts, it reflects well on us to take public stances on issues students are rallying around, as it shows that we're someone they can talk to, give input to and be stood up for! And I think I forgot to report this last meeting, but Edgar has not only instituted the vision we articulated for the council page (now including full profiles of deputies, staff & ancillaries), but the resources page is now live! If you have any resources you think we should add relating to Equity, Mental Wellness, Sustainability or UAA, contact the relevant commissioners or myself, and please spread the word about this! Our logo design contest got extended to mid-March to give people more time, so please spread the word about this too! As March rolls on and the transition to next year continues, I anticipate liaising with Core Exec and other members throughout the month to continue crafting a strategy to recruit first years to the Lit (or to not opt out) in the VITAL, VITAL early summer months, and a strategy to implore admin to fight harder for student groups, clubs and publications to the Ford government.

My thoughts on the Residence Representative, which unfortunately failed at our AGM by a mere 2 votes. Big kudos to Josh and Tyler, who finally addressed a problem that has plagued the Lit's communications for as long as I've been here. It was the next logical step in the progression of RIRI, seeing as it was nearly impossible to expect a bunch of mostly commuter reps (including one who started as a res student but then became the furthest commuter of all of us) to spend ample amounts of time in residence spaces, on residence's usually late schedule – and from being a RIRI myself, without that personal aspect to make people relate, social media communications in house groups can't really make up for it. With us trying but failing with admin to achieve an official direct line of communication to dons, coming up with an idea that still maintained control of our own residence communications, and direct accountability to residence students, was ideal. Maybe the removal of the UCRC president vote wasn't necessary (and definitely awoke a sleeping bear), and maybe more direct consultation with residence students *as students, not as a member of any organization* was needed, as valid points were raised – but with regard to UCRC communications, the council did all it needed to do (or even could do, because to go beyond President and VP would be overstepping – or even more than it needed to do, because aside from the President, this motion did not concern the operations of UCRC as an organization that serves its purpose to residence students). Kudos to Core Exec for doing all they could do to advocate for this position in the necessary channels, and standing up vigorously for this organization and its members when it was being lied about to hide certain people's dereliction of duty, and naïvely slandered based on the spread of these mistruths. The well thought out arguments in favour made by most UC Lit council members at the AGM should be commended, as well as the near unanimity of votes for the position from the council when all was said and done – it shows there is value to such a position for the Lit to effectively communicate (and hopefully next year's Lit and UCRC, if they really

want to play a role in the solution, will work together to pass a version of this at the next AGM), and it demonstrates togetherness and a strength of conviction in the face of falsehoods, **both of which we will need in spades Sunday at this very important meeting.**

Sustainability:

N/A

University and Academic Affairs:

Hey loves, two exciting events are coming up within the next two weeks, our coffee and coexistence collab with sustainability and equity, and trivia night with social! Please shill these and invite all your friends! Ticket sales start tomorrow for trivia but no need to card as this is an all ages event. Still trying to figure out some alumni event details with mike, hopefully I can have a clear idea of what's going to happen by the end of the week. Otherwise, my deputy and I are locking down details for the end of term destressor

Reps:

So some of you may recall at the beginning of the year , Ruth the Truth and Liah with the Tortillas made their debut as rap artists but in the month of love, we wanted to take things slow with some spoken word. Ya heard.

Ruth:

So the reps
Gotta lot of stuff
Going on
And we are working for the Lit
From Dusk Until dawn
Come hear the reps' hot takes
On cupcakes
Where there will be no heartbreak
No need for violins
Or to play some drake
And our excitement
Is tuned up all the way
For our Alumni Event
With UAA
Because Miranda slays

Liah:

If that's not enough
Grab your surfboards
To Cowafunga
So we can tap into those
T-Bucks that usually go unexplored

Now since is the month of love
And our hearts fly high like the doves
From the reps to you all you're our valentines
And like a sharpie marker you're extra fine
Thank you for such a great year
And when we say farewell it'll be nothing but tears

University College Orientation Report: 2018

Kaitlyn Ferreira and Danila Alferov

We, the co-chairs of University College Orientation 2018, present this report in its entirety to the University College Literary and Athletic Society as a means to provide review and recommendations in a transparent manner. This report will also be shared with the incoming co-chairs so that they may make changes to their own programming as they see fit. The report will be divided into two sections: the first half will highlight the positives of the event as it stands or changes made by Orientation 2018 that were beneficial in nature; the second half will cover some pitfalls we encountered or issues that should be noted by both Council and the members of Orientation 2019. Any questions regarding the content of this report can be sent via email to orientation@uclit.ca or addressed directly to the co-chairs at the upcoming Council meeting.

The Positives:

Relationship with Administration

We found UC Student Life to be incredibly supportive this year. Naeem (ADSL) was instrumental in the success of Orientation and helped facilitate everything from room bookings to accessibility suggestions and everything in between. Melinda (Dean) communicated with Academic and Campus Events (ACE) regarding Midnight Madness when it was on the brink of being cancelled. We really couldn't have produced a better event without the help and support of the whole team. Overall, we both felt comfortable in our relationship with the Admin team and hope Orientation 2019 can continue to build on it.

Recommendations: maintaining the transparency and honesty with Student Life that began with Orientation 2017. If possible, make the administration even more involved with the goings-on of Orientation throughout the year, especially during the last two months of summer planning and hiring proceedings.

New Adaptations of the Orientation Schedule

The introduction of two class days during Orientation 2017 made effective program scheduling very difficult. A common critique we received prior to scheduling our own Orientation was that the week tended to be top-heavy with high energy events and multiple "fan favourite" events had been scheduled for class days so they didn't receive the attendance they deserved. We took this into account when scheduling Orientation 2018 by introducing more drop-in activities on Thursday and Friday and tried our best to alternate between high and low energy events Monday through Wednesday.

Recommendations: some attendees still found the week a little bit top-heavy, especially with the incredibly hot weather we had that first week of September. We recommend that the co-chairs tweak the schedule as they see fit, with the recommendation of adding more break times throughout the week.

Sponsorship Opportunities

This was the first year that Orientation has received financial sponsorship since 2015. In the current political climate, events like Orientation are being threatened with funding cuts, so we strongly encourage the use of financial sponsorship for future Orientations. This could alleviate some of the financial pressure the Council incurs from Orientation, as well as open some doors for future sponsorship opportunities. However, we feel that Orientation should not have to “sell out” to companies and suggest that the co-chairs look into the mission statements and beliefs of the companies they plan on taking sponsorship from.

Recommendations: as co-chairs, we cut the team from 3 sponsorship executives to 2 but feel this was a misstep and should be reconsidered. As well, active sponsor searches should begin much earlier than prior years, possibly as early as May.

Co-Chair Honorarium

We feel that the current honorarium for each co-chair, including the occupancy of a residence room for the summer, is adequate for the job done. For most of the summer we had enough free time to pursue extra employment if necessary. The honorarium has been the same amount since Orientation 2015, so the co-chairs of Orientation 2019 may suggest a hike in pay for the co-chairs of 2020.

Recommendations: this year the co-chair honorarium was included in the line item for Orientation sponsorship from the Council. Since this is an agreed-upon amount between the College and the Council, it cannot be increased or decreased at that time and thus should not have been part of a debated line item. We suggest moving the honorarium to the president’s budget.

Areas for Further Consideration:

Memorandum of Understanding

The current MOU is sufficient in its explanation of the co-chair role. However, there is some terminology that blurs the lines of the Core Executive role during Orientation. We found it very confusing when trying to decide who needed to be included in decisions and conversations based on the wording of said document. Since the MOU must be changed by the Council (under suggestions by the Orientation Board) during a set period of time, this suggestion will be more useful for the incoming Council.

Recommendations: striking the word of “supervisor” from the MOU. We found that it carried the same weight as boss or higher-up and could be murky for future co-chairs and Core Executives. While the Core Executive does act in an advisory role, the co-chairs are employed by the College. As well, it would be helpful for the MOU to choose between the terminology of Core Executive or Orientation Board member, since they are not mutually exclusive (the Board as it stands includes the two co-chairs, the ADSL, the President and the Finance Commissioner). It was quite confusing when the document flip-flopped between the two words.

Orientation Board Proceedings

The Orientation Board has not been an active part of Orientation for the last few years. However, it is an instrumental tool for ensuring the success of the event. We became aware of its existence in late June and had our first meeting in July. While it was helpful to have these meetings, they started too late and happened too infrequently to keep up with the amount of information that needs to pass between all five members.

Recommendations: the Board should begin meeting regularly in May, with meetings increasing in frequency for July and August. As well, it currently stands that only the President can call meetings but we suggest opening this ability to all board members.

Space Availability

The current Revitalization Project has made space a recurring issue for both Orientation and the Council. We found that possible spaces for meetings or events were either already booked, too costly or inaccessible. This made planning extremely difficult. As well, we found it hard to share an office with the other ancillaries, especially in the later months when the Gargoyle was producing their Orientation issue and we were receiving shipments of all our merchandise. This was also an issue because the ancillaries often left the office door unlocked or ajar, so there were a couple of instances of things going missing.

Recommendations: the Council should look into other available office spaces for Orientation, like the unused porter office at Sir Daniel Wilson Residence. This would provide a great space not only for the co-chairs to work but also a central address to have all merchandise delivered to. The keys to this office should be held by Student Life and Orientation executives exclusively. As well, we feel that if a member of Student Life or the Core Executive needs to access the space, it should be their job to notify the co-chairs 24 hours in advance. This is the current relationship regarding the Lit office between the Council and Student Life so we think it would work well with this space too. We also recommend that the incoming Council researches possible venues for a number of events, including Red and White. Accessibility will continue to be a problem until the construction is done, so we advise moving multiple events to more appropriate locations.

Financial Guidance

The financial standing of Orientation has been difficult to follow through the years. We inherited a mess of documents, double written cheques and confusing receipts. Dan worked extremely hard to develop a clean, easy to follow system that was used effectively by our Finance executives. However, we felt that once Orientation was done, the Finance executives forgot about the audit that needed to be done and all the receipts that needed to be processed. As well, we found a lack of initiative or misunderstanding of roles by the Council finance team caused a backlog in cheques that needed to be written for Orientation expenses, co-chair honorariums and the like.

Recommendations: we feel that more active communication between finance teams could alleviate some of these issues. As well, the incoming co-chairs should look into writing a separate contract for the Finance executives to move their date of role completion to after the audit has been submitted. The Finance Commissioner should take a more active role in Orientation's finances at the discretion of the incoming co-chairs. This would help the commissioner have a better understanding of Orientation's financial state and prevent any surprises throughout the summer. Finally, we ask that any and all requirements for the audit be set in advance so that there is no confusion when collecting relevant documents throughout the planning process.

Orientation Pricing

The cost of food for events as large as Orientation has skyrocketed over the last few years. We found that almost half of our budget was taken up just by catered meals alone, and didn't include meals covered by the College (for example, the Clubs Fair lunch). We also found a lot of last minute costs due to the loss of the University College Quadrangle. While prices of goods and services have gone up, the cost of Orientation has remained the same since at least 2015.

Recommendations: We suggest reviewing the price of Orientation for participants. Even an increase of \$5 per person could make a difference in covering surprise costs and food. We are aware that financial barriers exist for many University College students so with the increase in price we would suggest better advertisement of the Orientation bursary provided by the Registrar. Students with financial constraints might be more inclined to join Orientation if they know that the cost will be covered.

Council Responsibilities during Orientation

Orientation is a fantastic opportunity for University College clubs and teams to garner attention from incoming students. Unfortunately, the Executive team and co-chairs do not have enough of an opportunity to advertise these clubs with all of their other responsibilities. It would be beneficial for the incoming Council to make themselves known to as many students as possible so that first years can get excited about the Council and start preparing for the upcoming Representative elections. We also feel that as a Council ancillary, Orientation could benefit from a more active Council role, especially on the Saturday and Sunday of the week. Adventure Valley is a huge undertaking and needs as many hands on deck as possible. As well, the clean up job done on Sunday is no easy feat.

Recommendations: it would be helpful if Council members played as much of a role in Orientation during the week as they do during Council meetings. We would advise the incoming co-chairs to allow Council members, whether they be leaders or not, to partake in Orientation and advertise the Lit outside of the Clubs Fair. As well, we think it would be immensely helpful if Council members were required to help clean up on Sunday morning. We are aware that Council cleans up the mess from Red and White on Sunday; we suggest splitting the Council and Executive teams between the main UC building and the JCR so that clean up can end much faster for both groups.

Hiring of Co-Chairs

The hiring of co-chairs has happened later and later every year. While we understand that November and December are quite busy for the Hiring Committee, hiring the co-chairs in January gives them very little time to assemble their Executive and Leader teams. We also find that this 'crunch time' prevents fundamental meetings from taking place, like the first Orientation Board meeting, meetings with Student Life and adequate discussions with the outgoing co-chairs.

Recommendations: we suggest hiring the co-chairs no later than December 31st. Applications for hiring should go out in late October to early November to ensure that this timeline is followed. This would ease some of the pressure on the Hiring Committee to pick the co-chairs quickly in January and let the incoming co-chairs take time to read essential documents prior to signing their contracts.

Division of Roles

One of the more complicated critiques we have is in regards to understanding the different roles held by any one member of Council or Orientation at any time. Even the most professional people can have difficulty wearing their multiple 'hats' and switching between roles effectively. It can also create unnecessary drama and friction between team members, especially if one person holds two roles, with one being 'above' the other person and one being 'below' the other person in terms of responsibility. We don't think that this is done with any malicious intent. However, we do suggest that the recommendations to follow, which are supported by the Orientation Board, are strongly considered by both Council and the incoming co-chairs.

Recommendations: we believe that certain positions on Council should not play a leadership role in Orientation, namely that of Vice President and Services Commissioner. Both roles are quite active during the summer, so they don't have the time to attend necessary training or bonding opportunities with their houses. Services is especially busy planning Red and White so they should not have to give up valuable time during the week of the event. It would be beneficial for both the commissioner and leader team to have someone else fill the role of leader, head leader or executive.

The Vice President holds a very delicate role in the grand scheme of Orientation. While they are not an Orientation Board member, they are privy to a lot of sensitive, behind-the-scenes discussions and decisions made by said Board. As well, they do act in an advisory role to the co-chairs. It seems inappropriate for this position to also hold a leadership role during Orientation. We found it difficult to manage this relationship when on one hand we were the boss of a leader while on the other, we sought advice from a Vice President. As well, it was uncomfortable to have difficult discussions regarding houses with either position as their head leader because we always felt like we were overstepping our bounds in some way.

Finally, we suggest that the Orientation Board takes a united stance in regards to the relationship council members have with the co-chairs and Executive Team. We understand that tensions can arise when planning an event as complex as Orientation; everyone wants to have a say because we're all passionate about the College and the incoming class of students. However, animosity between both parties made our jobs incredibly difficult. We felt that we were not welcome in some spaces and made to feel extremely uncomfortable in others. It's incredibly hard to discuss those feelings, especially if the people involved are also leaders or head leaders for Orientation. We believe that the Board, specifically the President, should speak candidly with members of the Council if they seem to be unhappy or conflicted during Orientation Week. It would be more effective to have open conversations between co-chairs and Council member leaders with a mediator as opposed to sweeping problems under the rug. In terms of the Council, members should act on the leader level to squash and not partake in inappropriate gossip throughout the week. While we understand some situations may be frustrating, it's important to remember that decisions will be made without explanation or consultation of the leader team. It might feel good in the moment to be negative or gossip about these decisions but at the end of the day, that does affect the Frosh and casts a negative light on what should be a positive experience.

We thank the Literary and Athletic Society for giving us a platform to review our time as co-chairs and want to applaud everyone for a job well done. Orientation 2018 was an incredible success thanks to all of your help. We hope some of you stick around for Orientation 2019 and advise the incoming co-chairs throughout their journey.

UC Review:

None Submitted.

UC Follies:

None Submitted.

Diabolas:

None submitted

UCRC:

None Submitted.

Gargoyle:

None Submitted.

UTSU:

Hey everyone!

The UTSU has called for one emergency board meeting since we last met as a council. The meeting was held on February 15th and essentially sought to officiate the dates for the March 2019 spring election period. Throughout the meeting, directors vocalized a concern with the newly shortened nomination period. The argument was that a 5 day nomination period hindered accessibility and did not accommodate the new abolishment of slates. Nonetheless, the dates have been approved and the Spring 2019 election dates are presently as follows:

- ❖ Nomination period: 9:00AM March 11, 2019 - 17:00 March 15, 2019.
- ❖ Silent period: 17:00 March 15, 2019 - 9:00 AM March 18, 2019.
- ❖ All Candidates meeting: March 17, 2019
- ❖ In- person campaign period: 9:00 AM March 18, 2019 - 11:59 PM March 22, 2019
- ❖ Online campaign period: 9:00 AM March 18, 2019 - 17:00 on March 25, 2019
- ❖ Voting period: 00:00 March 23, 2019 - 17:00 March 25, 2019

Additionally, we are excited that the UTSU has taken our advice into consideration and has implemented both virtual town-halls and drop in hours! The idea behind these initiatives is to increase transparency and help bridge the students with the union. If you are interested in dropping in there are still a few office hours left (dates below) and the live streams have been uploaded on facebook! We would encourage you to check them out if you still have major concerns with the way the UTSU is responding to the Ford cuts or would like some clarification on the direction they are pursuing in negotiations. The #UTSUwithU campaign is also well underway and is updated weekly (<https://www.utsu.ca/utsuwithu/start/>) check it out!

Remaining drop in hours:

- ❖ Wednesday February 20th: 10:30 - 12:00 PM
- ❖ Thursday February 21st: 4:30 - 6:00 PM
- ❖ Tuesday February 26th: 1:00 - 2:30 PM
- ❖ Wednesday February 27th: 10:30 - 12:00 PM
- ❖ Thursday February 28th: 4:30 - 6:00 PM.

That's all! We have a board meeting on the 25th that y'all are welcome to come to if you're interested.

Truly,

Lina, Tyler and Artur

SLC:

N/A