



UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LITERARY AND ATHLETIC SOCIETY
AGENDA OF THE NOVEMBER MEETING OF COUNCIL
11:00AM ON MARCH 25TH, 2018 AT JUNIOR COMMON ROOM

Attendance

Core Exec

PRESIDENT: Albert Hoang
VICE-PRESIDENT: Victoria Kourtis

Executive

LITERARY AND CREATIVE ARTS COMMISSIONER: Kaitlyn Ferreira
SPIRIT AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSIONER: Dan Proctor
SOCIAL COMMISSIONER: Tua Hytonen
SERVICES COMMISSIONER: Martha Beach Bartel (*late*)
OFF-CAMPUS COMMISSIONER: Sara Mandia
UNIVERSITY AND ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMISSIONER: Danielle Stella
SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSIONER: Michelle Zhong (*late*)
MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSIONER: Thomas Pender (*late*)

Representatives

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

MIDDLE YEAR: Paul Schweitzer
Priya Gupta (*late*)
Olivia Jordan (*late*)
Sarita Bhukal (*late*)
Aster Gerard
Miranda Desbiens

FIRST YEAR: Brie Augustine (*late*)
Tony Liang (*late*)
Sabrina Weinstein
Soli Yared

UCRC PRESIDENT: Artur Khasanov

UTSU Reps

UTSU VOTING DIRECTOR: Anushka Kurian (*late*)
Kshemani Constantinescu

Staff

SECRETARY: Snow Mei
SPEAKER: Ryan Gomes

Guests

STUDENT LIFE COORDINATOR:

Meng Lim

Not in Attendance

FINANCE COMMISSIONER:

Raye Negatu

ATHLETICS COMMISSIONER:

Benjamin Wang

EQUITY AND OUTREACH COMMISSIONER:

Ziigwen Mixemong

FIRST YEAR:

Brandon Lee

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting is called to order at 11:09AM.

2. **Land Acknowledgement Statement**

Ryan Gomes reads the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

3. **BIRT the March 4th council meeting minutes be approved as presented. (Kourtis/Ferreira)**

MOTION CARRIES.

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

MOTION CARRIES.

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

MOTION CARRIES.

6. **Reports**

a. **President**

Albert reads his report.

BIRT everyone in the room gets speaking rights (Hoang/Constantinescu)

Aidan: What's going on with office hours for the last week?

Albert: It's still the old council, going until April 4th.

b. **Vice-President**

Victoria reads her report.

Victoria: Mahzeb did send an upper-year reps report but I forgot because it was sent through messenger. My bad!

c. **Finance**

None Submitted.

d. **Athletics**

(See Report)

e. **Equity and Outreach**

None submitted.

f. **Literary and Creative Arts**

Kaitlyn reads her report.

g. **Mental Health**

None submitted.

h. **Off-Campus**

Sara reads her report.

i. **Services**

(See Report)

j. **Social**

Tua reads her report.

k. **SCC**

Dan reads his report.

Dan: You probably got my email about sales report. Only look at the newest one. The second email is the right one. Our final total revenue for the year was \$8203, which was increased from last year, which was \$4890. It was because of all the stuff we had in the warehouse, so I don't expect revenue to be that high next year. The net profit for the year was \$5764. That's all.

l. **Sustainability**

Michelle reads her report.

m. **University and Academic Affairs**

Danielle reads her report.

n. **First-Year Representatives**

Sabrina reads the report.

Dan: What was the emoji that didn't transfer?

Sabrina: It was hearts.

o. **Middle Year Representatives**

Sarita reads the report.

p. **Upper-Year Representatives**

Never Submitted.

Mahzeb: No we actually did submit a report. So I wanted to thank you all for supporting us; you're all amazing. We're helping out with the last events (Year-End Ball, Exam Destressor). I want to congratulate all the UC students winning the UC Merit Award, and those winning awards at Year-End Ball. If anyone wants tickets to the Bonham Gala please contact me. And if anyone would like study guides and advice, please contact any of us too.

q. **Orientation**

Kaitlyn reads the report.

r. **UC Review**

None Submitted.

s. **UC Follies**

None Submitted.

t. **Diabolos'**

None Submitted.

u. **UCRC**

None Submitted.

v. **Gargoyle**

None Submitted.

w. **UTSU**

None Submitted.

Anushka: Vote in the UTSU elections, and the referendum. We'll miss you guys.

x. **SLC**

Meng reads her report.

Meng: Congrats to the new Co-Cos (Michelle Beyn, Kshemani Constantinescu).

7. **BIRT Council Close the Fall 2017-2018 Budget (Negatu/Desbiens)**

Dan: What does this entail for events happening after this meeting. Do we still get reimbursed?

Albert: Yes. We're basically going through expenses to make sure its accurate, to send to next year's council.

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8. **Constitution Review Discussion Item**

Albert: We've made changes to the positions on Equity and Outreach and the Mental Health Commissioner – one being hired and one being elected respectively. Read through that. If you're on council next year, and constitution review next year, it's good to have that knowledge. Elected commissioners get votes; the idea is that hired commissioners are based on merit and expertise. It was a discussion. We had and good discourse around it, so we included it for everyone to be involved.

Dan: I think my role SCC requires expertise and it should be considered whether it should be hired. I'm not saying it should be hired or elected, but that the conversation should include SCC.

Aster: The Lit doesn't want to make the entire council hired.

Dan: But if I didn't have the past experience on SCC duties, I wouldn't have succeeded as much.

Albert: I think you went above and beyond the role this year, but echoing Aster, making all positions hired wouldn't be against the idea of student elections.

Danielle: For the Equity Commissioner, if part of that were hired, would hiring committee decide that?

Albert: No that would be on constitution review.

Dan: People have been talking about this question of hiring SCC for many years. If you're having a conversation of what commissioner is being hired or elected, SCC should be included.

Danielle: Could we have workshops for SCC every year to improve the role and provide skills required?

Dan: That's a reasonable idea.

Sameer: The more the council is hired these roles could be called into question. I think like Services Commissioner for example needs a lot of event planning experience but we still elect them. The point is to keep training them and improving their skills.

Dan: I completely agree with that. I'm just saying it should be considered.

Victoria: The other discussion point that was mentioned was having deputies more involved in student life affairs because currently all of you as members of the council were supposed to go to the SLC weekend in April last year. But deputies, not being members of the council, don't get the opportunity; some deputies want to be more engaged, they want have more leadership roles. Danyal, the Athletics deputy put forward that deputies should be able to go to these conferences to get the leadership background.

Sameer: Deputies should be invited to the retreats for the purpose of training and leadership activities. I was speaking to deputies last year and they were saying that things that we do in this room, for example the budget meeting, should include them coming to the meetings and helping with the bigger decisions made here.

Danielle: Would it be possible to get CCR recognition for deputies next year?

Meng: As with anything that gets CCR validation, you just need to make sure that you built enough structure. Some of the deputy roles vary depending how the commissioner provides tasks. It's definitely a possibility, but it depends on if people put in the work to make the role more formalized.

9. **Other Business**

[no other business]

10. **Last Words, Traditions, and Transitions**

Victoria and Albert lead the discussion.

BIRT the council takes a ten-minute recess. (Hoang/Kurian)

11. **Quote of the Meeting**

BIRT "Take that Mathias," and "Everyone just out here doing the work" are the Quotes of the Meeting. (Kourtis/Hoang)

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12. **Council Recommendations**

Raye: Submit receipts on time and give Noah time to make cash boxes.

Tua: Don't get too turnt, but also get turnt.

Sameer: Have fewer events that are better and market them for longer.

Sarita: Listen to students because you are their voices.

Michelle Z: Reduce, reuse, and recycle. Always bug the Sustainability Commissioner because she'll hook you up.

Anushka: Show up, send regrets, and donut let your spirit be crushed.

Soli: Get to know the people you're working w/ because moment you start to get comfortable it feels like the end of the year.

Mahzeb: Bring snacks always especially for the budget meeting, and submit your reports.

Kshemani: Learn from people and don't lose faith.

Michelle B: Support each other a lot but also try the key and let me know how it goes.

Sara: Don't forget about commuters; some of the live far.

Dan: Give support, and ask for support.

Tony: Don't drink too much wine before coming to a UC Lit meeting because all you'll want to do is just nap.

Martha: Focus on the Lit and yourself; you are a person and you need to be okay.

Meng: The UC Lit has always been a family.

Victoria: You are a family so support each other but also remember that these spaces (CSC, and JCR) are not the only spaces for UC students so make sure that you expand your outreach to outside as well.

13. **BIRT Council approves the elections results from the Executive and Representative Elections. (Hoang/Khasanov)**

Dan: We had 1 part time student let us know he wasn't able to vote; we know for a fact it wasn't our fault. If it happened it was the fault of UofT giving us the wrong list, but just to pass along this information since ¾ of the Elections Committee people are gone: make sure the list you're getting is FT and PT students because PT students pay fees to UC Lit as well – they should be able to vote.

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14. **BIRT Council ratifies the following as the UC Lit Council for the 2018-2019 year. (Kourtis/Bhukal)**

- **PRESIDENT: PAUL SCHWEITZER**
- **VICE PRESIDENT: DANIELLE STELLA**
- **FINANCE COMMISSIONER: NOAH PETRIE**
- **ATHLETICS COMMISSIONER: ALEKSANDRA ALEKSANDROVA**
- **EQUITY AND OUTREACH COMMISSIONER: ALISA CHRISTIAN**
- **LITERARY AND CREATIVE ARTS COMMISSIONER: KAITLYN FERREIRA**
- **OFF-CAMPUS COMMISSIONER: FELIPE SANTOS**
- **SERVICES COMMISSIONER: PARNIAN TAJBAKHSH**
- **SOCIAL COMMISSIONER: OLIVIA JORDAN**
- **SPIRIT AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSIONER: AIDAN SWIRSKY**
- **UNIVERSITY AND ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMISSIONER: MIRANDA DESBIENS**
- **SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSIONER: KIRSTEN STEVENS**

- **UPPER YEAR REPRESENTATIVES: ASTER GERARD, ALBERT HOANG AND WILLA RATZ**
- **MIDDLE YEAR REPRESENTATIVES: PRIYA GUPTA, MAUREEN HUANG, HIBA TAHA, NICOLE TAZ, THOMAS PENDER, AND SABRINA WEINSTEIN.**
- **MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSIONER: KIANA HABIBAGAH (AMENDMENT: SCHWEITER/HOANG)**

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15. **BIRT the UC Lit 2017-2018 Council be dissolved (Kourtis/ Beach Bartel)**

Dan: For anyone not returning for council next year, we are going to Steins for a toast; you don't have to drink but you do have to come as a symbolic gesture drink tap water!

Albert: We're taking a photo after this.

MOTION CARRIES.

16. **BIRT the meeting be adjourned. (Kourtis/ Hytonen)**

Meeting Adjourns at 2:33PM.

President:

We've stuck it out and it's been incredible working with you all this year. I'm wrapping up my bout of hiring of Diabolos' Co-Managers. Please make sure your redbooks are all finished and your expenses all sent in for Raye. Lots of Lit love,

Vice-President:

Good morning sunshines!

Few things: execs please ensure that you are communicating with the incoming execs as they are probably incredibly excited to start their new position! Tell them when they're getting their Red Books and having an informal conversation about how the year went over with you is always good.

Just a reminder that the H door on the weekend is to stay locked at all times. With the offices through the Advancement wing it creates a very vulnerable space if it is unlocked. Please just leave it locked and have some one stand and prop it open. Way safer!

Reps, thank you for sending a report... I'm just going to assume the mid-year and first-year rep report was basically what the upper-years would have said...

Congrats on a very successful year! Your events were exceptional! I am so very thankful to have been part of this Council in my last year with you all! Honestly, you're all the best kids!

Lots of VP love- for the last time,

Vic <3

Finance:

Nothing to report.

Athletics:

Hey everybody!

I wish I could be there at the JCM, but at the moment I'm probably in London (Ontario, not England!) right now and won't be back until the evening at the earliest. Here's what's happened with Athletics in the interim.

We had our chess and board games event, and it was a good night, with a bunch of people turning up and having fun! This past week, we also ran the all-star basketball game and helped with year-end ball. Hopefully both events went well (neither has happened by the time of writing), and I hope the awards were to everybody's satisfaction!

That's all from me! It's been a great pleasure and privilege working alongside you all this past

year, and I'd like to think we all did a pretty good job as commissioners and reps. I wish the next council good luck in all their endeavours, and in particular hope Aleks enjoys leading athletics as much as I did this year!

From Athletics with love for the last time,

Benjamin Wang

Equity and Outreach:

Not submitted.

Literary and Creative Arts:

WOAH. We're done! We did it! Go team! Record Exchange happened and was so amazing (or at least I assume so because I'm writing this on a Wednesday). Please please please come to the Coffeehouse on Wednesday to support WUSC and LCA! We'd also love to have a few of you perform. Signing off for the last time with this council, Gossip Leech.

Mental Health:

None submitted.

Off-Campus:

Hey everyone, I know this is a very bittersweet meeting and it is time to say goodbye for many of us, but, here on the Off-Campus Commission, we are still keeping busy - right to the very end! So we recently had our trip to Ripley's Aquarium and it was a great success. Other than a few students missing the ticket pickup deadline (which has since been sorted out) we had a ton of fun at the aquarium and I will definitely be recommending this and events like this to Felipe for next year. Next week, we have another city event and that is our trip to Second city! UCOC did a Second City trip in my first year and it was a ton of fun so we decided to bring it back this year! it ended up being really cheap (like half the price I expected it to be) so tickets are only \$5 and you should come on thursday! After that, we will be ending the year with our closing ceremonies on Thursday the 5th and then we will officially be done! it has been a fantastic year with you all on council. I have absolutely adored serving as your Off-Campus commissioner, and i want to thank everyone for all the help you have given Paul and I this year, we really appreciate everything you've done for us. And while i am sad to be handing over the keys, I know they will be in good hands and am excited to see where UCOC goes in the next year. I really hope everyone stays involved in the commission, it is a huge piece of my heart, as is the lit itself. Thats all I have for my last report, thank you all. - Sara <3

Services:

Heyo,

Ball happened. I don't know how it went cause this report was written before it happened, but i will talk about it. Thanks to everyone who came out to Ball, a big thank you to Ben and his deputies, and everyone else who helped out.

Goodbye y'all.

Social:

Hi everyone! I can't believe this will be my last report ever, this year flew by so fast. I just wanted to thank everyone who helped out with the last pub crawl, everything went great and I hope everyone had a good and safe time. I hope you all enjoyed the Social events you came out to this year, I know I had a great time organizing them!

Spirit and Communications:

Nothing to report. No more blurbs. No more GIFs. Over and out.

Sustainability:

Hello everyone! Hope you've all had an amazing semester serving the UC Lit, I definitely had a blast :) Sustainability Commission is just working with LCA and UAA to wrap up the semester with some hype events.

University and Academic Affairs:

The University and Academic Affairs commission has their very last event of the term on Tuesday...OUR EXAM DESTRESSOR! It will run from 12pm - 4pm, 7pm - 9pm in the JCR. We are going to have bunnies, bubble tea, slime, planting, yoga, and finally Krispy Kreme Donuts (getting emotional knowing that this will be my last Krispy Kreme event) Please come and take a break from the stress that is U of T. I would also like to congratulate Miranda on becoming the next UAA commissioner! I wish you the best of luck throughout the year!

Please take care of yourselves emotionally, physically, and mentally during exam season :)

Best,

Danielle and Mahzeb <3

First-Year Reps:

Hi guys!!

This year has been a whirlwind and we just want to thank you all for making our university transition so special and welcoming us to this crazy UC community. We love you all, to returning and leaving members, best of luck in everything you do babes ☺

Love, the first year reps

Mid-Year Reps:

Repping? After all this time? Always.

#foreverrepping

Upper-Year Reps:

Never submitted.

Orientation:

Hey everyone! We have a second report for the second half of the meeting but we just wanted to thank everyone who has been part of the 2017-2018 Lit. You've all been super supportive of us and Orientation as a whole. We hope to see you all in September!

UC Review:

None submitted.

UC Follies:

None submitted.

Diabolos:

None submitted.

UCRC:

None submitted.

Gargoyle:

None submitted.

UTSU:

None submitted.

SLC:

How time has flown – welcome to our last meeting of the year folks! I want to start by saying a huge thank you for all the amazing work that has been done by everyone this year. It was certainly one of change and challenges, but I'm so impressed by the creativity, passion and dedication that each of you have shown throughout your terms. I hope you take some time now to reflect on your experience and think about what next steps lay ahead of you, and to remember that no matter what your goals are, the College is always here to support you in your growth and success, so please do make sure to reach out if you ever have questions or ideas. Update wise, we've moved into the final stages of the academic term – we just recently recognized a number of graduating leaders at a very successful UC Merit Awards, and are currently closing and beginning evaluations on some of our year-long programs such as FLC, Career Mentorship and embedded Success Centre advising. As always we're looking to improve, so if you participated in any of these initiatives and have feedback or thoughts, please let us know! Other than that, Orientation planning is now well underway and we're looking forward to putting on a great week with the new team. That's it from me – a huge thank you again, and know that you'll always have a home here at UC!