



University College Literary & Athletic Society
Fifth Meeting
Sunday August 7th 2016– 11:00 AM
Croft Chapter House

Minutes

Attendance

Core Executive

PRESIDENT	Ramsey Andary
VICE-PRESIDENT	Daman Singh

Executive

ATHLETICS	Abbey Kachmar
EQUITY AND OUTREACH	Chimwemwe Alao
LITERARY AND CREATIVE ARTS	Ryan Hume
UNIVERSITY AND ACADEMIC AFFAIRS	Aidan Swirsky
SERVICES	Victoria Kourtis
OFF-CAMPUS	Abby Godden

Representatives

UPPER YEAR	Felipe Vicencio-Heap
MIDDLE YEAR	Catherine Zhou
	Michelle Beyn

UTSU Directors

EX-OFFICIO NON-VOTING	Ryan Hume
	Chimwemwe Alao

Staff

SPEAKER	ERIC SCHWENGER
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Not in Attendance

SECRETARY	Nicole Gumapac
FINANCE	Snow Mei
SOCIAL	Francesca Campos
SPIRIT AND COMMUNICATIONS	Sylvia Urbanik
UPPER YEAR	Jonathan Liang
	Albert Hoang
MIDDLE YEAR	Sara Mandia
	Paul Schweitzer
UTSU DIRECTOR VOTING	Mira El Hussein

1. Call to order

The meeting is called to order at 11:34 AM

2. Land Acknowledgement Statement

Chim reads the prepared land acknowledgement statement. Eric thanks him.

Ryan Hume walks in.

3. **BIRT the agenda be approved as presented (Singh/ANDARY)**

MOTION CARRIES.

4. **BIRT the minutes of the previous council meeting be approved as presented (Singh/Beyn).**

Abbey states that the minutes included in Daman's email were from the wrong meeting. Daman apologizes for the mistake. Eric suggests a motion to table the approval of the minutes to the next meeting.

BIRT the main motion to approve the previous council meeting minutes be tabled (Kachmar/Beyn)

MOTION CARRIES

MAIN MOTION TABLED

5. **Approval of Reports**

Eric asks if this was intentionally changed to a discussion item. Daman says that the change is intentional and was requested at the retreat.

a. President

Ramsey reads his report.

b. Vice-President

Daman reads his report.

Daman states that the meeting today is very messy both on his own end and on the end of council. He asks that people show up for meetings at the time that they were requested to show up, and asks that people take all meetings seriously regardless of the fact that this meeting doesn't have substantial motions on the agenda.

c. Finance

Eric states that Snow is absent.

d. Athletics

Abbey reads her report.

e. Equity and Outreach

Chimwemwe reads his report.

f. Literary and Creative Arts

Ryan thanks everyone for coming out to the MyJourney open mic night. He apologizes that some people were not able to perform.

Ryan reads his report.

g. Off-Campus

Daman reads Abby's report on her behalf.

h. Services

Victoria reads her report.

Victoria emphasizes the importance of showing up for the setup and clean-up of Red and White.

i. Social

Daman reads Fran's report on her behalf.

j. Spirit and Communications

Eric says that Sylvia is absent and no report was submitted.

k. University and Academic Affairs

Aidan reads his report.

l. Orientation

Daman says that Abby will be coming to the meeting later on to read this report. He asks that we make room later in the meeting for the report. Eric says we'll make time later.

Ramsey asks council to read the report regardless of whether or not Abby shows up.

Eric reminds council that they should be reading every report before the meeting anyways.

m. UC Follies

Eric states that there is nobody here for the Follies.

n. UTSU

Eric states that there is no report for the UTSU.

o. Student Life Coordinator

Daman states that Meng is busy at MyJourney and asks council to read the report.

p. UC Review

Eric states that there is nobody here for UC Review. Daman says that Albert is at MyJourney.

6. BIRT Council ratify Sakshi Shetty and Natalie Petra as the WUSC Co-directors for the 2016-2017 term (Andary/Singh)

Ramsey says that the hiring process took a long time but they are confident in their final decision.

Nicole and Bear walk in.

MOTION CARRIES.

7. Mini Workshop on effective advocacy and campaign planning from UTSU's Lucinda Qu

Aidan says that Lucinda is not here and did not reply when he asked her where she was and when she was arriving. Daman says that Aidan asked to use this time to give Lucinda an opportunity to talk to the Lit about how we can work with the UTSU to effectively advocate on behalf of students and how the two organizations can work together to create strong, equitable and effective campaigns. Aidan says that we don't know when or if she is showing up. Ramsey says that with the attendance at this meeting it might be better to do this at the next meeting. Eric says that he is closing the speaking list for this motion as Lucinda is not here.

8. Other Business

Daman asks that we wait for Abby so that she can read her orientation report. Michelle says that she contacted Abby and Abby is on her way. Daman repeats what he says about the importance of attending the meeting on time.

Ramsey says that the JCR will be done renovations and reopened by August 22nd. He says that it is vital that people make themselves free for the days that Core Exec ask them to help set up the JCR and the Office.

Felipe gives an informal report on his participation on Alumni of Influence Selection Committee. He says that the committee overall went well but he can't speak on specifics because of a confidentiality agreement. He says that one thing that came up multiple times through the process was that he found the process was reinforcing people who had already come from privileged backgrounds. He found that the board was over-rewarding those people while other people, from more marginalized backgrounds, we're having their accomplishments reduced. He asks that Council look into talks to the Board about changing this process to be more equitable and fair to these marginalized groups. Ramsey asks how this would be best done. Felipe says that it would be up to the council to decide, he says that he would be happy to address the Board with his opinion and experiences.

Abby walks in.

Abby reads the orientation report.

Sameer emphasizes the importance of the Lit helping out with Red and White clean up.

Daman asks that any council member who is not formally involved with MyJourney not stop by the events.

Eric asks if there's an update from Lucinda. Aidan says there isn't. Eric says we aren't going to wait any longer.

Jon asks that everyone head to the Quad to shoot some final footage for the video.

9. BIRT council adopt a quote of the meeting (Singh/Beyn)

Ramsey suggests "bear eating bug" as QOTM. Daman suggests "a ghost slamming the door behind Abby".

"Bear eating bug" wins the selection process.

10. BIRT the meeting be adjourned (Singh/Rai)

MOTION CARRIES.

The meeting is adjourned at 12:08 PM.

Appendix A: Reports

President:

Hey team! Things to report on:

-SGRT: We had a meeting recently, just started a website and will have a Facebook page soon. We hope to expand our meetings to everyone soon so I'll let you all know about our next meeting closer to the date, come out if you'd like!

-Hiring: We finally hired and have started transitioning the WUSC Co-Directors! We are currently in the process of interviewing and hiring the Mental Health Commissioner and Sustainability Commissioner positions and should have them selected by the end of next week. We will be aiding Diabolos in hiring their baristas at the end of the month as applications have now opened. Furthermore, WUSC will be posting applications for their executive positions for their committee soon and the UC Follies have posted apps for their Treasurer position; please share widely as usual!

-Coffee Bar Board: We recently had a meeting to set the timeline for certain objectives for the rest of summer including financial reporting from last year, budgeting, the purchase/lease of new equipment, implementing something for Diabolos during move-in day/Orientation week, and more. We will be touching base again soon to check progress on all these things! Also, some of us have been meeting with the revitalization project manager and the principal to discuss the design of the 3rd floor cafe recently!

-Elections: We recently had an elections committee meeting to discuss a timeline for elections this year as well as any changes we want to look to have in the coming year. Very productive meeting with lots of things discussed (will talk about some of them at the meeting)! Big thing we're looking into: setting a bursary/financial aid system up at the registrar for students who wish to participate in elections but need financial support in the \$40 campaigning amount. Will update council as things progress.

-If you haven't paid your \$10 for staying on residence during the council retreat in July, please make sure to do so at Meng's office sometime during the week!

-Working groups have now been created and will take initiative (with some of our help) in progressing on implementing their goal for the coming year. If you changed your mind and would like to take part in a working group, please let Daman or I know!

-Jon has been recording clips from council members for the Lit intro video (huge thanks again to him and Dianya). If you haven't been recorded and would still like to be part of this video, please make sure you contact Jon asap! He will be wrapping up things soon!!

-Finally, we'll be needing council members to be ratified onto the Sustainability and Mental Health commissions. This is important as you will be the main connection between council and the commission and will be able to provide a critical perspective in the resources and options the Lit has available. If interested, please let me know in the coming week!

Vice-President:

Hey friends,

Some things to report on:

- If you haven't paid your fees for the residence yet, we have set up a system with Meng to pay. You can visit her office in the D Wing to pay.
- I recently made group chats for the three different working groups that Ramsey sent an email about earlier last month. For anyone who hasn't signed up yet, we can still add you to the groups. If you're interested in working on Feedback Outlets for the Lit, online Feedback surveys for Events or on UC Points, let me know and I'll add you to the groups.
- Thanks to everyone who put work into MyJourney (and everyone who is currently putting work into MyJourney), y'all are the best.
- I'm going to be calling a Con Review meeting soon to approve the new formatting of the bylaws/policies. I won't be accepting motions for substantial changes yet because the committee isn't full until September.

Finance:

- Retreat was fun!
- CBB met and got Diabolos financial assistant to start analyzing data
- Initial draft of audited statements were provided late July

Athletics:

We are done captain applications! Overall it was a huge success that made becoming a captain for an intramural team more accessible as well as more legitimate. However, we still need captains for women's basketball and field hockey so hmu if you know people who'd be interested please. Emails should be sent out notifying applicants by next week. We are also ordering jerseys super soon which is exciting! They'll be used for future years as well and we will be creating a sign out system that we will tell you more about later. People doing their office hours will need to know how to sign the jerseys out to players.

Equity and Outreach:

Hello all!!!

It's been a pretty busy month for equity. My deputies and I have finished our Equity 101 Workshop and we're really excited to present it to the MyDeffies (My Journeys??). Also, we have decided to participate in Queer Orientation and we're doing our event in collaboration with the Cocos and Scott. The event we're planning on running is a discussion on LGBTQ inclusive and equitable spaces on campus and how we can create them. We don't have a firm date picked out yet (at least at the time of writing this) but the overall Queer Orientation is from September 22-30.

Also, equity joined in with our first WUSC committee meeting with Meng, Ramsay, and our new WUSC directors: Natalie Petra and Sakshi Shetty. The meeting was mainly introductory and we just went through the things we need to get done for the upcoming school year.

Most importantly, I'm sure you all have heard of the situation regarding Tahmid Khan. I've been in contact with Josh Grondin, one of Tahmid's friends, and he's requesting the UCLit's help with this. By this time, I would've already made a post regarding Tahmid Khan and calling for UC for support. He simply asked us if we can share the Free Tahmid Khan Facebook page and

encourage people to like it and show their support in anyway they can. While the official UC account will be doing this, I encourage all of you to do this from you personal accounts, if you haven't done it already, as well to help out a fellow UC student in this scary and trying time. I will also be updating you on anything else we as a body can do. I think this is probably one of the most important issues we can undertake as an organization and I, as well as Josh, would really appreciate all your help.

That's all folks

Literary and Creative Arts:

I met with Gloria and representatives from LGBTQOUT to discuss a possible collaboration for an Open-Mic event during Queer Orientation.

As well, LCA has been in contact with bands to play at UCADAN. I'm hoping to get two U of T-based bands to play in the afternoon/evening in the Quad.

Have a great rest of the summer ya'll,
Ryan

Off-Campus:

Hi!

You've reached UCOC. If you're reading this UCOC report, it means that we're at MyJourney, which has dominated the past month with its planning. As of this recording, everything is pretty much set up and training begins tomorrow (Friday) with the retreat starting the next morning. We would tell you how it's going, but the meeting was moved and we can't make it. Events on the rise for next month include a CSC cleanup (yay) and a Wii U Opening Party (YAY), so look forward to those.

Your call is important to us. Please leave a message at the tone and we'll get back to you as soon as possible. Should you have any immediate concerns, please visit the following website: http://www.wdcs.org/wdcskids/en/story_details.php?select=916

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Services:

Good morning sunshines! Sorry I'm not there but this is what is happening with the Services commission:

- Kirsten and I have finalized our floor plans for every room for Red and White and we will begin making/buying the decorations that we need this coming week so that we can have the decorations all done before prep week!
- With decorations in mind, we will also be hanging out in the locker next Wednesday August 10th and possibly Thursday August 11th, making decorations and if any of you would like to get a little "glittery"/crafty you are more than welcome to join us! (There will most likely not be any use of glitter this weekend so have no fear you will not be covered in them). We aren't 100% sure on timing but I will post in the Services group a couple days before to keep you all updated on all things decorations!
- As for Fireball, there isn't really anything to talk about. Still looking for a tent company that won't totally drain the budget and figure out other rooms to use!
- I would also like to remind you all that Red & White is an amazing time and that, although it is part of Orientation, it is a Lit event and it is our job to help the execs out and make their long week easier. By doing so, we have a job to do in helping set up and clean up before and after the event. I promise it won't be boring and not overly exhausting. This is also my first event and the first thing that the frosh get to see of Services so it would be really cool and amazing if you all were there to make sure that we made this an amazing event for, not only me but, the frosh who are finishing their last event of orientation.

Other than that, if you have any questions about what we're doing you can 10000% ask me via anything since i am not here to answer them. Have a wonderful rest of your weekend!

Lots of Services love <3

Social:

UCADAN quad party planning is ongoing. Met with Meng and Mira to discuss logistics. Working with Tua on getting budget estimates for CBS. Will let you know when there's more updates. I'm gone on vacation from August 5th-20th, I'll probably still have wifi so let me know if you have any questions/ideas/etc.

Spirit and Communications: Did not submit

University and Academic Affairs:

Hey everyone! The main UAA development over the past while has been the fleshing out of the alumni networking series with Meng and Mike Henry of Advancement. Thank you to Meng for being the mediator between all of us on this issue! The aim right now is to do four of them (two per term) with contributions from the Lit, Advancement and other student organizations who decide to participate in relevant sessions. The four areas we want to address are more practical-based upward mobility oriented sessions for social science and life science students (i.e. law and medicine); a more humanities- and social justice-based session (likely tied to one or more of UC's in house academic departments); and a session on alumni who turned their degree in any given field into an entrepreneurial venture.

Now that we assumedly have a wider contingent of interested and eager students due to MyJourney happening, it is my hope that UAA will have its first commission meeting before the end of the month. Hopefully Kshemani and I will have sparked interest in enough of the delegates yesterday to make it worthwhile :)

Over this coming month, my goal is to be in correspondence with more members of the UC academic community, including program coordinators and course unions of UC's in house departments, to try and see how the Lit can contribute to UC's diverse, progressive and unique academic atmosphere.

As well, UCADAN trivia details will obviously be finalized, and dates will be set (and dogs hopefully booked!) for this year's events.

Oh, and finally, I've been in attendance at a number of UTSU commission meetings over the summer with the goal of incorporating the Lit into, and building a prominent role for colleges in, the UTSU's advocacy goals for the upcoming year. In accordance with the advocacy-based direction I've mentioned many times I want UAA to take this year, I was ecstatic to hear that Lucinda Qu, the UTSU's VP External and the chair of the Community Action Commission (CAC), wanted to come to today's meeting and not only introduce the Lit to the CAC, but engage us with the ways in which it is attempting to reframe issue-based advocacy on campus to better serve those with less access to resources. I really hope you all will learn something new about advocacy for your fellow students from Lucinda's workshop, and I hope that if today's workshop is successful, it can happen again sometime soon for the broader UAA commission at one of our own meetings, and also serve as a blueprint for engaging U of T's many smaller communities with a broader fold and for bigger impact causes.

Thanks for your time, and "Who the hell is Harold Innis?"

Orientation:

Events - all events are due to be finalised (bookings/logistics) by today. Today's meeting will primarily be making sure that all events are on track. We've had training sessions on equity, inclusivity, & diversity and risk management (thank you meng!!) to ensure our execs are conscious of all elements of event planning and making sure that we have as inclusive and safe frosh as possible.

Sponsorship & finance- working on getting that cash flow from scotiabank & bmo, getting red bull for a few of our events, getting a bunch of coupons and free swag for our kits etc etc. shoutout to engy for working around the clock to make sure we have sponsors u da real mvp. we just finished inputting into our transition log & finance commission is being irl baes and helping with our finance stuff (have you ever wanted to see a real life angel her name is snow and shes sitting at the table look at her now ok now youve seen a real life angel)

Leader training - we're working on restructuring leader training so that it's more effective. Plans are far from finalised, but we want to have more small group sessions and discussions to make sure that all leaders are paying attention and getting valuable info from the training.

All Orientation Volunteer Day Trip - on August 13th at Center Island. It will be fun and great and you should come and so should all of the people you know who are volunteering for frosh (please help us promo this)

Leader Appreciation Pub Night - September 2nd. Come to this also. Keep your eye out for a fb event

Dates for things - prep week is from aug 29th → sep 2nd, leader training is on sep 2nd & 3rd, move in day is on the 4th, frosh week is from sep 5th → 10th, clean up day is on the 11th. We will be using the JCR during these times. Please refrain from using the JCR during these times.

Registration - as of now we have >450 registered frosh, and ~360 registered & paid. Please keep up the promo in the weeks leading up to frosh to boost those numbers!

Red & White - I'm sure Vic is going to talk about this more with you all, but please be here for red and white set up and clean up. The exec team is exhausted from running 6 full days of orientation programming, a move in day, 2 days of leader training, and 5 days of event prep. The BEST way the lit can support them is to come and help us set up and clean up for this event. We're relying on you to support not only us but also Victoria. No commission is an island - we're a team, and we need to rely on each

other. We need you to make this event happen. Please take this commitment as seriously as we do



I think that's all for now. This will be our last report before frosh. Wish us luck and see you on the other side.

UTSU: Did not submit

UCRC: Did not submit

SLC:

I can't believe it's already August! Shout-out to Abby and the MyJourney team for putting on an amazing retreat for our incoming commuter students. We're in the process of hiring a new Residence and Student Life Assistant, so hopefully we'll have a new member in our office shortly. PRE U of T is also still looking for student facilitators for the co-curricular panel, so if you are interested in volunteering, or if you have students to recommend, please do help to advertise this opportunity – application details can be found on our website and social media. Hope everyone has been well!

UC Follies: Did not submit

UC Review:

Hey everyone! Since being ratified, I have been in the process of receiving the previous year's masthead team redbooks from Melissa Vincent, the outgoing Editor-in-Chief. She's in New York right now, so it has been a little slow, but we plan meet for around next week to talk about the upcoming year and finish the transfer of the redbooks. I also hired part of the incoming masthead team: Jack Denton for Lower Year Editor, Rachel Chiong for Upper Year Editor, and Reanne Cayenne for Archivist. After consultation with Melissa, we both decided that creating a new masthead position dedicated to outreach and advertising would be great for the Review, especially because we plan on having 2 issues of the Review this year (yayayayayaya!!). I've emailed an applicant about the new Outreach and Advertising Co-ordinator position and am awaiting a response on their decision. We have a number of masthead positions that are still open for a couple of different reasons, and so we'll be hiring for Head Copyeditor, Design Editor, and the second Lower Year Editor position in September, where more students will be tuned back into U of T news. And finally, I'll be at MyJourney this weekend introducing the Review to the froshies so hopefully a generation of UC students will be already interested in the Review (woo!). That's all for now, cheers everyone!