



UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LITERARY AND ATHLETIC SOCIETY
AGENDA OF THE NOVEMBER MEETING OF COUNCIL
11:00AM ON JANUARY 14TH, 2018 AT JUNIOR COMMON ROOM

Attendance

Core Exec

PRESIDENT: Albert Hoang
VICE-PRESIDENT: Victoria Kourtis
FINANCE COMMISSIONER: Raye Negatu

Executive

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

Representatives

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

MIDDLE YEAR: Paul Schweitzer
Sarita Bhukal
Aster Gerard
Miranda Desbiens
Priya Gupta

FIRST YEAR: Soli Yared
Brandon Lee
Sabrina Weinstein
Tony Liang

UCRC PRESIDENT: Artur Khasanov (*late*)

UTSU Directors

UTSU VOTING DIRECTOR: Aidan Swirsky
Anushka Kurian

Staff

SPEAKER:
SECRETARY:

Ryan Gomes
Snow Mei

Guests

N/A

Not in Attendance

STUDENT LIFE COORDINATOR:
UTSU VOTING DIRECTOR:
MIDDLE YEAR:
FIRST YEAR:

Meng Lim
Kshemani Constantinescu
Olivia Jordan
Brie Augustine

1. **Call to Order**

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

2. **Land Acknowledgement Statement**

Ryan Gomes reads the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

3. **BIRT the December council meeting minutes be approved as presented (Kourtis/Proctor)**

MOTION CARRIES.

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

Albert: Add discussion item before Ancillary Office Box (new agenda item 8) "Diabolos' Practices." (*Hoang/Kourtis*)

MOTION CARRIES.

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

MOTION CARRIES.

6. **Reports**

a. **President**

Albert reads his report.

b. **Vice-President**

Victoria reads her report.

c. **Finance**

Raye reads her report.

Raye: When you're selling tickets to something and you're depositing the revenue into the safe, please make sure you put your name and the date on the envelope. I don't know where the money's gone if you don't do that. This is especially important since Fireball sales are coming up.

d. **Athletics**

Ben reads his report.

e. **Equity and Outreach**

(see report)

Mira: We had drag show, it was wonderful. JCR was not ideal location but it worked out really well. It was good times. Shout out to everyone who came to help. I just want to mention that Sabrina broke it down. She was wearing huge heels, it was good af.

f. **Literary and Creative Arts**

Kaitlyn reads her report.

g. **Mental Health**

Thomas reads his report.

Albert: Shout out to Thomas!!! Zen Zone has been really clean, and it's really amazing. Thanks for doing that!

h. **Off-Campus**

Sara reads her report.

Sara: Could anyone take Paul and my office hours since it's during the skating event? Think about it, thanks! Please take our office hours.

Paul: I'll give you a gift. You'll love it.

i. **Services**

Martha reads her report.

Ben: Point of information, for people doing ticket takers/coat check, do they need tickets?

Aidan: Is there an online application?

Martha: Pretty much just email me if you want a paid position.

Victoria: Are you going to post on the lit page about ticket selling today?

Martha: Yes.

j. **Social**

None Submitted.

Tua: Nothing's happening till February when I'm doing Trivia with the Profs with Danielle. There's not much to report right now.

k. **SCC**

Dan reads his report.

Dan: Fun story: Don't sell Gryphon hats yet. It makes me sad, really sad.

First, this is an academically hard semester for me so I won't be hounding you guys as much. Please be on top of your stuff for my sake. Also the sign over there, please put your name up in your office hour, and put the sign back in office when you lock up.

l. **Sustainability**

Michelle reads her report.

m. **University and Academic Affairs**

Danielle reads her report.

n. **Middle Year Representatives**

None Submitted

Paul: Our report is a call out. We're super-hostile and consistently bullying Paul but we're still repping.

Aster: We're looking to plan date for cheesy reps. We were going to do it first semester but too many events. We're looking at some time after reading week in an afternoon slot, like 3pm-6pm.

Sarita: We also are eventually doing Diabolos' pictures. We're hoping to talk to Snow about that.

o. **Upper-Year Representatives**

Never Submitted

Sameer: We had a fun break. Still repping.

p. **Orientation**

None Submitted.

q. **UC Review**

No Report.

r. **UC Follies**

No Report.

s. **Diabolos'**

No Report.

t. **UCRC**

Artur reads his report.

u. **Gargoyle**

No Report.

v. **UTSU**

They read the report.

w. **SLC**

(see report)

Albert: Just want to emphasize UConnect is happening next Saturday. If you haven't been before, or if you have, you should go! It's important to have that Lit presence there. Also it's important to talk about how to get involved.

7. **Extension of Office Hours**

Albert: Just want to go to council to see how we feel. Of all the student societies we have the shortest hours. I was thinking we extend hours by 2 hours everyday to 6pm, and shorter hours Fridays. This could be a new prototype for a month. It'll also mean people would have longer blocks, like maybe 1.5 hour office hours.

Paul: I'm personally down for it. I like office hours. But can we try not to split hours, because I've had times when I've had to leave and come back for my office hours.

Victoria: For the hours we got rid of on Friday, it would be added to the extended hours (maybe Mondays and Wednesdays). Whatever hours we take off on Fridays, we add to those days' end. So there are no extra hours unless you guys want them.

Aidan: When there were less council members where people would take on 2 hours it worked out, so I'm sure it wouldn't be a problem.

Sameer: If we're extending them we should extend them everyday, but I think it'll be more confusing if they have to check everyday to see if we're open till 5pm or 3pm. If we were adding hours, personally I wouldn't mind taking the extra end of day two-hour blocks. I think everyday same schedule would be better.

Kaitlyn: Echoing what Sameer said.

8. **Diabolos' Practices**

Albert: There are concerns that people are using it and it's unlocked when it shouldn't be. People are using it and not closing it. If you're using Diabolos' just respect the space. It is a business space. If you're using the fridge contact them first and have a time when you're moving your stuff out. They got their fridge fixed recently.

Kaitlyn: It's scary when the door's open when we open it for a morning shift. Now that we have the fridge in the UC Lit office don't store things in Diabolos'.

Victoria: You don't need Diabolos for the fridge. Coffee, yes!

Sara: The CSC has a fridge.

Paul: There's no fridge in the CSC, don't put your food in it. Never heard of it.

9. **Ancillary Office Lockbox**

Albert: We're cleaning things up. More importantly I'm thinking about buying lockboxes. It'll be on the ancillary door and the UC Lit door. That way we can keep track of keys better. There's a lot of potential for that room, not just for storage @Diabolos and Snapple storage.

10. **BIRT the budget be opened for amendments (Hoang/Ferreira)**

Albert: It's all capital.

Line 1406: Diabolos' Repairs. (\$2000)

Line 1407: Ancillary Office (\$400)

Line 1406: Diabolos' increase is a bunch of repairs.

Line 1407: Mailbox and Lockboxes. This is a way for them to have some preliminary budget.

MOTION CARRIES.

Ryan: Any other amendments to budget?

MOTION CARRIES.

11. **Resignation of Equity & Outreach**

Ryan: Motion from Albert to move in camera (*Hoang/Kourtis*)

MOTION CARRIES.

Motion to move out of camera. (*Hoang/Stella*)

MOTION CARRIES.

12. **Loomio Proposal**

Dan: Over the break I was not taking a break because I'm a huge nerd. Loomio is like a meeting happening 24/7. If you have an idea you can agree/disagree/abstain/block the idea. It works really smoothly. It has a timed deadline. It has a bunch of other features as well like time polls. There's a whole bunch you can do. It is better to move to this rather than talk on Facebook. So much is always happening on Facebook. I'll completely miss UC Lit stuff, so I think we should move away from social media for this kind of thing. There's an outlined proposal at the end of this agenda.

Sarita: Would Loomio be for us discussing ideas or move to other students to get involved in it too?

Dan: That's a good point to raise! They function within groups. There could be a UC Lit internal and external group. Internal could be for deputies and us. It could be mundane activities that others won't care about, and fine tuning ideas. I think we could launch the internal one for a bit and figure out the kinks and how to use it, and then launch the external.

Albert: Will we be doing the free plan?

Dan: Yes it works really well.

13. **Other Business**

Dan: For whatever reason, this month's newsletter blew up in double the respondents. There were 48 respondents. There are people that responded in first semester and again in this one. What that means to me is that they weren't reach out to.

Danielle: I sent a mass email out to those who wanted to get involved with UAA, but I only got a few respondents but that's good enough. Also Dan do we get feedback directly to different commissions?

Dan: I passed that off to Aidan but didn't give much turn around time.

Aidan: I'm working on it, but not much of the feedback is towards specific commissions.

Michelle Zhong: Do we have an email list?

Dan: Yes I'll post the document again. I recommend saving it to drive, because it gets updated every time I add people to it.

14. **Quote of the Meeting (Kourtis/Bhukal)**

Ryan: Do we have a budget??

MOTION CARRIES.

15. **BIRT the meeting be adjourned. (Kourtis/Desbiens)**

Meeting Adjourns at 12:15PM.

President:

Welcome back from the holidays! I hope everyone's feeling refreshed and ready for 2018. Thanks to everyone who helped out with Winterfest this past week. I've got a lot of updates -- please read up on them below.

Hiring: After a round of interviews and difficult deliberation pro, I've selected Jax Wong to be the President deputy. She had a very strong application and great answers to the interview questions, and has a lot of experience with the UC community. The deputy position will be something both Jax and I will see what kind of work can be allocated and shared, and then in March we'll conduct a review to see if it's something worth adding to policy (so if there's enough work to justify the deputy position). If you see Jax around, be sure to say hi! Co-Chair applications for Orientation closed on the 13th, so Hiring Committee will be setting up interviews soon. In the next few months, we'll be hiring UC Follies' Execs, Speaker, and Secretary.

Space: Now that renovations have officially started, the H wing has gotten a lot more cozy. Alumni Lounge is now unavailable to be booked or used, as it is now a shared office for the ladies in UC173, and the Principal's Office. If you are ordering items to UC, they should be getting dropped off at Alumni now.

Elections Committee: Elections Committee is working on changing our voting system to a STV one rather than first past the post. Upon discussion with students, other student societies, the Vice Provost, Students and other UofT admin, they've recognized a growing desire to have a choice of voting system in student society elections that would help student voters feel more engaged in their divisional elections. The STV system eliminates strategic voting, offers more voting options than just one candidate, and also holds candidates more accountable to their constituents by showing much more data with where peoples votes went, and how they ranked the candidates. Unfortunately, admin have told us that reforms in their system will take a while, citing coding being the most difficult part. We're looking at other third party platforms and the merits of using them, such as simply voting.

Feedback Committee: Feedback Committee met and a few themes that arose from reviewing the comments received by students were that the UC Lit is spreading itself too thin in terms of events, we need more low-commitment drop-in events, and people still find it difficult getting involved. We decided on a few actionable items, the first being that Core Exec will be scheduling a day where we'll review on the past semester's performance and see areas we can work on for term two. This will probably be in early February -- more information on that will come soon. Second, in discussion with Kelly, the program don, and Colin, we decided to make the week of February 13th-16th a UC Lit info week, where commissioners and reps will table inside Fung (commissions will probably be paired) to discuss their commission with interested students and ways to get involved in UC after residence. I'll be sending out a Doodle poll soon.

AGM: Our Annual General Meeting is on January 30th, 3:30-6:30 in the JCR. Please try to make it for the whole time and invite UC students to it as well. If you can't make it, you can proxy your vote to another UC student who will be going to the AGM. This is a way for UC students to ask questions, to vote on items, and get a little peek into how our Lit meetings operate. It's not as contentious or as exciting as a UTSU AGM, but it is still very important.

All Night Fung: All Night Fung went well this year! There were a few hiccups and scheduling errors, but we've learned from this and will make sure the spring ANF will go by smoothly. We've made calculations to adjust to the minimum wage increase, and so financially, things should be running the same as before.

Training: Looking to set up cultural competency training for council in the beginning of February. It will be a seven hour session (with breaks and food) and one of Ziigwen's contacts will be facilitating it. Please look into clearing your schedule for the first sunday of February.

I want to remind council that even though we're halfway through the year, the term is far from over. Please remember why you ran, why you're spending hours planning events and talking to people about the Lit and who you represent. It can be easy to stop putting in effort now, but there is always something else to do, someone else to help. Please don't lose sight of that. I'd also like to remind you that Raye, Victoria and I are always here to talk about anything you want, whether it be about life or the Lit, and we'll always hear you out on concerns or questions you have. Let's give this semester our all together!

Vice-President:

Good morning Sunshines!

I hope you have all had a lovely break! Second semester is going to be great and I cannot believe that our term together is almost over.

There is not a lot to report on but just a few things:

Exec and rep "check-ins" are starting this coming week. We will be setting them up right after your office hours, so if you have class after your hour please let me know via email or messenger so that i can help the three of us figure out when to meet with you. These meetings will be pretty informal and we just want to get a sense of how your year is going and how we can assist you in ending it on a high note.

Secondly, personal belongings will only be allowed in the office 24 hours after they are brought there. Lately, it has started to look like a personal closet rather than an office. If you have anything in there, please find a place for it outside of the office.

Thirdly, if your future events are not posted on the Lit Calendar by the end of the week, I would like to ask you to reconsider hosting them. If you have not thought about them yet, they're probably

already an after thought. I am not saying to cut them but definitely reconsider so that we do not overload the UC community with time.

Fourthly, make sure that you have taken the weekend of Fireball off from work. Unless you have spoken to Martha, I am expecting to see every single one of you all weekend (Friday to Sunday) long.

Finally, there will be a quick clean up of the office, Archives room and JCR after the meeting.

Like always, any questions or concerns can be raised now or anytime over email/message!

Lots of VP love,

Vic <3

Finance:

Hey guys! I hope you all had a great break!

The internal audit is basically done, I just have a couple more things to check. I finally got the Financial Audit package from the external auditors which is exciting (kinda). The AGM is in a couple weeks so I'm just finishing up the financial statements to include our financial position as of Jan 7th so to be complete with all the expenses and revenue for first semester; if anyone wants to check it out before the AGM let me know and I can send you the link.

Athletics:

Hey everybody!

Hope you enjoyed your break! There's a couple cool things happening on the Athletics Commission front. First off, another season of intramural sports starts this week! Aleks, Danyal and I have been working hard to get the teams organized and our captains prepared, and it'll all come together in the days to come!

As part of this process, we are reopening jersey signets on Monday, January 15th (the day after our meeting). Instructions have been sent out to your emails, although they follow the same protocol as last semester. Once again, I'd appreciate your help in making this a smooth process.

We'll also be releasing tournament signups this semester, to try and better communicate the tournaments available to our community and better organize teams.

We've also been working hard on the charity all-star basketball game we're running in March, spearheaded by Danyal. Plans are really coming together, and it's shaping up to be a really exciting, intercollegiate event. If you want to help out or get involved in the event, please let me or Danyal know and we'd be happy to see what you can help with!

Sara and I are hosting a skating event on January 18th at 12PM- you should come if you can, and invite your friends!

And lastly, Aleks is organizing a chess-themed event on January 25th in the JCR. We're collaborating with the UofT chess club for the event; please come out and invite your friends!

That's all from me! Hope you're all starting the new semester off on the right foot!

From Athletics with love,

Benjamin Wang

Equity and Outreach:

Hey folks!

We're in the process of waiting on Drag Show, will update you on how it went in the meeting!

Literary and Creative Arts:

Hey squad! So January has been SO HYPE. I'm currently typing my report post-Battle of the Bands and I am honestly floored. I couldn't have asked for a better event, support team and just overall vibe. Dorval won (if anyone is interested and wasn't there)! So now onto the rest of the semester. Next coffeehouse has been tentatively penciled in for February 1st. I'd really like to do 2 in March to avoid having one in April. Also Record Exchange will be back and better than ever, possibly under the new name Art Market? I don't know we'll see???? Also a gentle reminder: the 2 week rule for sound equipment still stands. If you need it, please ask or I either won't be able to set it up or not even have the equipment to lend you.

xoxo AV armadillo

Mental Health:

Hey Everyone!

We have some exciting things coming up this semester! First up towards the end of the month we are having our collab with peer2peer, which will be a movie night and then a group discussion based on the themes of the movie (Movie choice still tba at the time of me writing this). As well we're gonna have our regular commission meeting where we will start the majority of the planning for our panel discussion that will take place towards the middle of March.

That's all from me,
Thomas <3

Off-Campus:

Hey everyone, hope you all had a great break. So this semester we have a bunch of fun on and off campus events planned including both Second City and Ripley's Aquarium! This month however, we are starting with a collab with Athletics: Skating at varsity and coffee or hot chocolate afterwards so even if you don't know how to skate, we will be teaching people and its a really nice easy

environment to learn in. After that we will be doing another smash night _ Roman Smash this time. we were originally gonna do pancakes but because there was a pancake event for winterfest already we wanted to do something different. This month we will also be having a commission meeting but it will be combined with the CSC town hall and we are still arranging a date with the CoCos. That all for now, thanks - Sara <3

Services:

Hey my loves,

Fireball is in less than a month!! Tickets are almost sold out. We are only doing 50 more tickets, which are the in person ones. By now you should all have the instructions on selling tickets. If you have any questions just message me or find me and ask. I will probably be in the office/JCR all day Monday and Tuesday.

If you know anyone who wants to volunteer or get paid to do coat check or ticket taking, send em over to me. I've been getting a lot of people asking to help set up but we could use all the help we can get and also still need people for the paid positions.

Y'all will be helping February 9th, 10th, and 11th. You do not get out of it unless you have let me know that you can't make it. I will have more information before next council meeting, but if you haven't had those dates blocked off in your calendars, do it now.

Love y'all,
Martha

Social:

None submitted

Spirit and Communications:

Hello all! I do not have very much to report except for an unfortunate situation regarding the gryphon hats. The hats we received were not the correct ones due primarily to miscommunication between me and my customer rep. He's offered us 20% off our next order and I have some extra budget money so I'm planning to reorder the hats (triple checking this time) and mothball the ones we have as backup if we sell out (they will be sold cheaper as they're lower quality). I am also proposing we implement an app that I will be discussing further in the meeting. Otherwise there has been very little going on in my SCC bubble. Perhaps between writing this and the meeting that will change but perhaps not.

Sustainability:

Hi everyone! Welcome back to another green and sustainable semester, hope you all had a restful holiday!

Nothing much is happening on my end. My deputy and I went over our original calendar and realized that we haven't had the capacity to make everything happen. For this semester, we will aim for one event a month excluding February so that all the spotlight is on Fireball!

The SEA sustainability conference is happening this year, so we will be putting up a sign-up sheet for UC students who would like to attend. Since tickets are cheaper in bulk and we have some budget leftover from last semester, the Sustainability Commission will be covering the expenses for 10 UC students.

The rough dates for Sustainability Commission events are also up on the Lit calendar. They are subject to change but hopefully they'll stay put.

That's all, thank you!

University and Academic Affairs:

Hello everyone!!!

UAA has a lot planned for this semester! I was a sub-committee head for the Winterfest Board Games and Bubble Tea event and it was a blast! At the end of the month we are trying to plan a writing workshop in collaboration with the UC Writing Centre. Tua and I are also organizing Trivia Night with the Profs, so if you know a professor who would be interested in playing let me know! We are also going to try to organize a trip to the Aga Khan Museum during the February Reading Week!

If you have any ideas or possible collaborations for an event, reach out to either me or Mahzeb. Danielle and Mahzeb :)

Mid-Year Reps:

None submitted

Upper-Year Reps:

None submitted

Orientation:

None submitted

UC Review:

None submitted

UC Follies:

None submitted

Diabolos:

None submitted

UCRC:

Hey everyone!

I hope you all had a lovely break and a happy new year. I have a few things to ask/tell you guys.

- 1 There will be two events hosted by the ucrc next week. These are the "make your own ice cream" on Tuesday the 16th at 6pm outside fung, "Make your own crepe" on Wednesday the 17th at 9pm at Falconer. Please promote it by word of mouth to friends you live on residence, and attend if you're free that time/still on campus. There will also be two mental health training events on the 22nd and 30th, and a board games event on the 30th, but you can find them on our calendar.
- 2 The ucrc execs are doing a social this sunday at Snakes and lattes if anyone wants to join and meet the ucrc execs. We're meeting at rezzies at 1pm then walking there together.
- 3 Could I get a copy of uclit's constitution? We will be holding a constitution review committee sometime next week and it would be nice to have another one to compare to while going over ours.
- 4 We did a semester reflection Wednesday night at our meeting, where we went over positive experiences we had in first semester as well as some improvements we wish to make this semester for ourselves, ie. be more organized. We also talked about goals we have as a council for the semester and how to best reach those goals. It was great, everyone had something to add.
- 5 I don't know if everyone knows, but ulife has these training sessions in the next two months that are 1.5 hours long and allow you to talk about a particular leadership trait with other student leaders on campus. All of the ucrc exec team signed up for one and will be summarizing the one we went to in 5 minutes or less to the rest of the team. I thought this might be something the uclit would be interested in, Colin even wrote it down to bring up to the res council next year.

Cheers,

Aynaz

Gargoyle:

None submitted

UTSU:

Frost Week

Frost week will be well underway starting tomorrow (the 15th), with events and free food and performances! It's all very exciting! More and more to come with a performance by rapper

Young M.A. and Choir! Choir! Choir!, described to us as an international singing phenomenon.

We also have pancakes at Hart House, a LinkedIn photo session, a free vegan breakfast and donut decorating! More info on the UTSU's Facebook page.

VP Campus Life

The board, with the help of an ad hoc hiring committee, hired a new VP Campus Life, and thus Paul has a new boss. She is Ammara Wasim, a visual studies student who also works with the Muslim Students' Association and IMPACT Magazine. She replaces Stuart Norton, who resigned over the holidays for personal reasons. We look forward to working with her!

YouDecide Progress

The YouDecide campaign is going well and we're excited to keep up the momentum into the new semester! Adrian scheduled a bunch of class talks for this month to get us closer to the 7000-signature mark. Let us know if you'd like to help out with those talks, or learn more!

Expression Against Oppression:

Our VP Equity, Chim Alao, and his deputy Ashmita have been working hard on Expression Against Oppression (XAO), which will be happening the last week of January. Events include an Equity 101 workshop (based on Chim's awesome cards), a "Know Your Rights" workshop, a consultation with Students for Barrier-Free Access on the Mandatory Leave Policy, and the week is capped off by a performance from the stand-up comedy collective SHADE. UTSU's Facebook page has more information on these events, which we also really hope you will come out to and help support our former Lit exec Chim!

Community Action Commission:

Josh Grondin, the Associate VP External, is planning a community food drive for the UTSU Food Bank, which is January 25-26. It would be awesome if any of you wanted to help out for this good cause! There is a Facebook event, but you can also let any of us know if you want to take part, and we'll give you more deets. Aidan's also still working with the CAC and the Centre for Community Partnerships on the volunteer hackathon, to take place this March.

UTSU Food Bank:

If you're looking for a charitable component for any event, a reminder that the UTSU Food Bank always is in need of more supplies, to help out less fortunate students at UofT!

UTSU Help Desk:

Also a reminder that the UTSU's online Help Desk is always there for any of your academic advocacy needs.

UTSU Board Meeting:

There's a UTSU board meeting on Friday, January 26th, at 5:00 PM, location TBD. Please come out and see how the UTSU works!

SLC:

Hello and welcome back to the best council! I hope you all enjoyed a well-deserved and relaxing winter break, and that you stayed warm during those chilly wintry days. 2018 has gotten off to a busy start, with some fantastic and exciting opportunities upcoming. First and foremost is our annual student leadership conference, UConnect, which is happening on Saturday, January 20th (next week!). For any of you who have yet to register, I strongly encourage you to! Not only is it a good opportunity for your own growth and development, but as council members it's a key chance to network and connect with other students – and your constituents – who are interested in being leaders in the community in innovative and exciting ways. Secondly, we're getting into the hiring cycle for residence and commuter dons, with applications closing next week. I'm always happy to answer any questions you may have about those opportunities, and hope to see some of you submitting applications, particularly for the commuter don role! If you have any ideas or suggestions for how we can make 2018 and your second semesters even more amazing than your first, please don't hesitate to stop by my office or shoot me an email – always love hearing from you. Here's to another fantastic term!

LOOMIO PROPOSAL (APPENDIX B)

Loomio Proposal

What is Loomio?

Loomio is a collaborative decision making platform that functions like a 24/7 meeting. As awful as that sounds it's actually better than it sounds. Anyone can post an idea and then everyone else can respond to that idea either agreeing, disagreeing, abstaining, or strongly disagreeing. In addition to your opinion you can add a comment.

I propose we create two Loomio groups, one for internal concerns (day-to-day functioning and fine-tuning ideas) and one for external concerns (bringing our fine-tuned ideas to the student body, allowing students to raise their own concerns, and taking the temperature of student interest)

Why not just use Facebook?

- Facebook is already cluttered by updates, requests, etc. In addition, any posts are competing with countless other notifications. These proposals may get lost in the shuffle.
- Because Facebook is a social platform, it can sometimes be difficult to think and act in a businesslike manner on it.
- Comments and reactions are detached.
- If we wanted to establish some way of using Facebook we'd have to set up a bunch of rules and standard practices and that can be challenging to implement. It's better to have a dedicated platform.
- Anyone can access Loomio, you don't even need to have a Facebook account, it's completely free.

What features can Loomio offer?

- Proposal voting and commenting, as described before
 - o Uncover ideas and opinions
 - o Break down complex ideas into smaller ones
 - o Give people more voice
 - o Temperature checks
- Check (yes or no) voting to find volunteers
- General poll voting
- Dot voting to prioritize options or general budget allocations
- Time polls to set up meetings

What problems does this solve for us?

- Hash out problems between meetings instead of only being able to talk once a month
- Does not prioritize the loud voices on council, allows anyone to speak up
- Start conversations in an unofficial capacity before making official decisions in meetings
- Give a voice to the UC students who are not on council and are not our friends
- Get students involved in the process and make them more invested in our work