



*University College Literary & Athletic Society*  
**Fourth Meeting**  
**July 17<sup>th</sup> 2016– 11:00 AM**  
**Croft Chapter House**

**Minutes**

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**Attendance**

**Core Executive**

PRESIDENT	Ramsey Andary
VICE-PRESIDENT	Daman Singh
FINANCE	Snow Mei

**Executive**

EQUITY AND OUTREACH	Chimwemwe Alao
LITERARY AND CREATIVE ARTS	Ryan Hume
UNIVERSITY AND ACADEMIC AFFAIRS	Aidan Swirsky
ATHLETICS	Abbey Kachmar
SERVICES	Victoria Kourtis
SOCIAL	Francesca Campos
SPIRIT AND COMMUNICATIONS	Sylvia Urbanik
OFF-CAMPUS	Abby Godden

**Representatives**

UPPER YEAR	Sameer Rai
	Felipe Vicencio-Heap
	Jonathan Liang
MIDDLE YEAR	Albert Hoang
	Paul Schweitzer
	Michelle Beyn
	Sara Mandia
	Catherine Zhou

**UTSU Directors**

UTSU DIRECTOR VOTING	Mira El Hussein
EX-OFFICIO NON-VOTING	Ryan Hume
	Chimwemwe Alao

**Staff**

SPEAKER	Eric Schwenger
SECRETARY	Nicole Gumapac

**Guests**

STUDENT LIFE COORDINATOR	Meng Lim
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**Not in Attendance**

MIDDLE YEAR	Kelly Curran
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Ramsey reads his report.

**b. Vice-President**

Daman reads his report.

**c. Finance**

Snow reads her report.

**d. Athletics**

Abbey reads her report.

**e. Equity and Outreach**

Chim reads his report and the Land Acknowledgment statement:

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Today, the meeting place of Toronto is still the home of many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island and we are grateful to have the opportunity to work in the community, on this territory. We can never work to end systemic and institutional violence if we do not center the narratives of Indigenous people in our collective decision-making for social justice and equity. As settlers on the Credit River, we directly benefit from the colonization and genocide of the Indigenous people of this land. In order to engage in resistance and solidarity against the injustices inflicted on the Indigenous people of this land, it is imperative we constantly engage in acts of awareness and decolonization. I would also like to pay

my respects to Indigenous elders both past and present, and to any those may be here with us today: physically, emotionally, and spiritually.

**f. Off-Campus**

Abby reads her report.

**g. Services**

Victoria reads her report.

**h. Social**

Francesca reads her report.

**i. Orientation**

Abby reads her report. *Aidan walks in at 11:28 AM.*

**j. UTSU**

Chim reads his report. Mira tells Council about semi-regular meetings for various UTSU commissions.

**k. Follies**

Ramsey reads the report on their behalf. Paul asks for the Follies' contact number.

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**(Andary/Kourtis)**

Dianya was the back-up last year, and is skilled/experienced. Eric adds excitedly that she has a new puppy.

**MOTION CARRIES.**

6. **BIRT council ratify Pratik Bassi as the UC Lit Back Up photographer for the 2016-17 year.**  
**(Andary/Kachmar)**

While Pratik lacked the experience that Dianya has, he is still skilled and deserves this position.

**MOTION CARRIES.**

7. **BIRT council ratify Daniel Cho as the Diabolos' Finance Assistant for the 2016-17 year.**  
**(Andary/Schweitzer)**

Daniel has the skills for the role, is an accounting student and is on top of everything so far.

**MOTION CARRIES.**

## 8. **Other Business**

Daman brings up that the August meeting date will be moved from the 14<sup>th</sup> to the 7<sup>th</sup>, which is during the weekend of MyJourney. He encourages MyJourney execs/leaders to attend the meeting if they would like. Abby clarifies that the agreement was that if leaders or exec for MyJourney are willing to take time off and don't need that time for self-care, then they can attend the Lit meeting. Daman responds that MyJourney also has enough leaders so that leaving for a short time should be okay. He states that it would work better for people's schedules who may have trouble coming down every weekend. Ramsey echoes Daman's sentiments, adding that if you are absolutely needed at MyJourney, then that should take priority. Sameer says he likes keeping his commitments decided long in advance. Saying he has nothing against anyone, when he applied for MyJourney, he made a commitment for that weekend since he thought that Lit meeting wouldn't conflict. He adds that it is unfair to take away leaders from MyJourney as the retreat is an invaluable experience for delegates and says he would prefer to come to MyJourney if the agenda doesn't have any controversial items. Michelle asks why the meeting is moved to the 7<sup>th</sup>, since seven people on Council are part of MyJourney and might not be able to come to the Lit meeting. She adds that for people's work schedules, they can't just book the whole weekend off to come down for MyJourney's Meet the Lit on Saturday, and then return on Sunday for the meeting. Ramsey reiterates that this wasn't an easy decision, emphasizing that this was for the sake of efficiency to minimize the time people would take to come down. Ramsey states that he knows not everyone will be happy about this, and that he spoke to Abby beforehand. Abby asks Council to please not socialize or distract the leaders, exec or delegates for any council members who are downtown for the Lit meeting during MyJourney as there is a strict schedule they need to adhere to, and any distractions could put them off schedule. Sameer adds that when it comes to commitments, he is willing to come four weekends in a row to accommodate his different commitments, but notes that short notice changes do mess with people's schedules. Daman clarifies that this isn't a unilateral decision made by a smaller group of people, but is a response from a large amount of Council where schedules conflicted if changes weren't made.

Daman addresses all those who took out a key and slept in residence or booked off a room for the summer retreat that he will be collecting money for it over the next few weeks.

Ramsey brings up the Lit video, stating that Jon Liang will be editing it with the help of the Lit photographer.

Ramsey states that the elections committee is going to meet this week, and that if anyone has any concerns about the elections process, to bring it up as the committee will be meeting with the outgoing elections coordinator and discussing potential changes to the elections code.

Ramsey picks up one of the pillows from the old JCR couches, dusts off the dead bugs and then shows the pillows to council. He states that another set of swatches are needed for the pillows and that while the manufacturer sent swatches, they are dark red crimson but are a different material (polyester/suede) compared to the swatches that will be used to reupholster the couches. He relays that the manufacturer doesn't recommend using vinyl as it doesn't let the pillow breathe and isn't durable; rather, they recommend 100% polyester as they are durable, will not stain (even when coffee is spilt), so they will send Council swatches for review. Felipe agrees with the manufacturer's recommendations. Sameer asks for clarification on what swatch options are available. Ramsey responds that there is a cloth-based option (polyester/suede), a vinyl option, and a gold polyester and suede option. Abbey contributes that gold might be nice so as long as it is "gold-gold" and not yellow. Ramsey asks the room for opinions about what to be done with the pillows, since they are a part of JCR history. He suggests cutting up the leather from the couches into hearts and donating them to students to thank them. Sylvia suggests putting some up on the balcony, as bean bags are expensive. Abbey suggests creating a permanent pillow fort. Chim agrees with the heart idea, but also adds that there is probably enough leather to incorporate all ideas. Sameer suggests finding a small room,

covering the walls with the pillows and jumping around in it. Chim asks if he could take a pillow home. Ramsey says he'll create a Facebook poll and everyone can decide on options from three.

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## Appendix A: Reports

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### President:

Happy midsummer! Things to report on:

- Hiring: Hired our photographer, Diabolos Finance Assistant, and (hopefully by now) our WUSC Co-directors. Applications for Sustainability Commissioner and Mental Health Committee Director are now posted, please share them widely!
- JCR renovations are a full go! I've been trying to keep up with pictures to post on the Facebook page, will try to update it more often. 4 couches are currently being reupholstered, with the rest to come soon. We have another swatch to discuss about unfortunately so stay tuned for it! Also, we will briefly discuss in other business any ideas we may have to using/donating the old couch pillows as we won't need them for the new couches.
- I'm in the middle of ordering new clipboards for the frosh kit giveaways, will be a new design this year as well!
- The CSC will be the Lit's temporary responsibility over this summer and we do not have access to the JCR. This means we need to make sure it is kept clean, welcoming, and safe to students, just as we try for the JCR!
- Andrea, Meng, Scott, and I met with Principal Ainslie and the revitalization project manager to discuss specifics in the design of the 3rd floor coffee shop. We have a good idea of how's it's going to look like now. Will update council as we begin talking about plans, agreements, a vision, and other specifics in opening up the cafe when it comes up!
- Big thanks to Albert and Felipe who came out to the A&S admissions process change consultation. Hopefully we see some much-needed change happen!

### Vice-President:

Hi friends,

It has been a super hectic last few weeks. I hope you all enjoyed the retreat (and enjoy the parts yet to happen). The JCR renovations are now completely underway, we're posting constant updates on the Yes to UC page as well as the UC Lit facebook page so you can check those photos out to see what the progress is like. There is some worries about the pricing for the T-Card machine that we were planning to use for the printing service, we had originally budgeted \$400 for the set up but apparently the machine costs closer to \$800. Meng has said that she'll look closer into this so thank you Meng!

Unfortunately, there were a lot of issues getting reports in on time and as you can see, there are a lot of reports missing. I know the last meeting was only 2-3 weeks ago and we're in the middle of summer so there isn't much to update, but its crucial that you folks reply to the emails and messages I send you asking for your reports. If you don't have anything to report, just send in a report saying that. If you don't send in anything, and don't reply to the email, I have no way of knowing whether or not you are actually planning to send anything in.

### Finance:

Nothing to report

### Athletics:

Hiya!

Priority #1 for Athletics right now is finding captains for all our intramural teams. It is due on Wednesday (July 20th) so PLEASE share the link on any UC group you're in or forward the application to any student leader you think would make a great captain. The success of UC intramurals depends on captains so please share as much as you can and encourage people to apply! Application is super easy and short.

Thanks ☺

### **Equity and Outreach:**

Hello all!!!

Not too much happening in the equity commission this month. We're still working away at planning the Rocky Horror Picture Show as well as continuing our work on the MyJourney equity talk. Again, if any of you would like to help in the planning of the event feel free to let me know.

In addition for those of you that are interested, SEC is now opening up their volunteer applications for the upcoming school year. If you or anybody would be interested the application is posted in the Equity and Outreach Commission.

### **Literary and Creative Arts:**

#### **Off-Campus:**

- Working on getting new spaces for events (since the JCR/croft is closed)
- Shirt designs are in for MyJourney, logistics for the weekend are to be finalized and we will be having a meeting soon
- Last meeting before MyJourney, there will be a meet the lit section on Saturday from 2-3 PM (August 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>)
  - Will be sending out emails in upcoming weeks about session and what you will be doing during the session
  - More people, the better, would be great for the delegates to meet everyone and familiarize with your
- CSC will be open in the summer
  - Please respect the space and keep it clean throughout
  - Getting the WiiU soon, will hear more about us from us and how that will be done

#### **Services:**

hi beautiful beings. Nothing is new. Hope your summer is great! Social:

#### **Social:**

The first Homecoming committee happened a few weeks ago. Thanks Ab(bae)y for coming in my place (so I could go to my bro's grad). The meeting with AVSSU for the social club night went well. I'm looking into clubs for the first club night with New College and Innis and also for Halloween with AVSSU. Not much to report this month.

#### **Spirit and Communications:**

Nothing to report.

#### **University and Academic Affairs:**

Nothing major to report as of this writing, but I'm sure I will have more to tell you in person at the meeting. Thanks, and happy retirement, Tim Duncan.

#### **Orientation:**

- Registration is going really well, off-target by eight people but we are well on our way for hitting the registration target for the year
- Working on the email instead of mailouts to first year students
- Meng helped put execs through EDI (Equity, Diversity and Inclusion) training,
- Working on a system to handle reimbursements, working with finance commission as Michael will be leaving for a bit
- Finalizing first aid training to all execs

- Starting tradition run-throughs
- Leader fees were due the first of July and while most leaders paid, we have 30 people who did not pay and a large concentration in one house so we don't want that house to not be able to participate
  - We will be extending the deadline by 1 to 1 ½ weeks
  - The leader fees are raised to \$40 now so if they don't pay, they will not be participating

**UTSU:**

Salut!!!

So the UTSU finally finished part three of our meeting which technically started on June 14th. In the meeting, we were all elected and ratified to sit on a committee. Ryan Hume was elected to the Student Accessibility Committee, I was elected to Student Refugee committee, and Mira was also elected to the Refugee committee as well as elections and referenda. Also, the UTSU participated in celebrating Pride by inviting UofT students to march with the UTSU float. It was much fun and overall a great Parade.

That's all folks!!

**UCRC:**

**UC Follies:**

- Another application for treasurer will come out

## **Appendix B: Verbatim Minutes**

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**Mira:** There are semi-regular meetings for the mental health commission, the university affairs commission if you are interested in joining.

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Paul: Could I get the contact number for the Follies?

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**Ramsey:** This was the new position created this year to support Diabolos financially and he is the most qualified. He's got the skills, is an accounting student and is very on top of everything so far.

**MOTION CARRIES.**

8. **Other Business**

**Daman:** The meeting date for the August meeting is going to be changed. It was originally scheduled for the 14<sup>th</sup>, but it is going to be moved a week earlier to the 7<sup>th</sup>, so it will occur during MyJourney. For people who are execs or leaders for MyJourney, you are welcome to attend if you have any time for yourself.

**Abby:** Our agreement for this was that if leaders or exec are willing to take time off and they don't need that time off for self-care, then they can attend the Lit meeting.

**Daman:** Yes. MyJourney also has enough leaders so that a few leaving for a short time should be okay. We moved the meeting as it would work better for the schedule for any people who may have conflicts with having to come down every weekend.

**Ramsey:** If you are needed at MyJourney then obviously that takes priority, but if not, I would really appreciate it if you came to the Lit meeting.

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**Michelle:** Is there a reason why it got moved to the 14<sup>th</sup>? Because they are seven people who won't be able to come to the Lit meeting. If anyone's working, they can't just book the whole weekend off because they might not want to come down at Saturday at 5 PM for meet the Lit, and then be back on Sunday at 11.

**Ramsey:** This was not an easy decision and I understand the controversy in doing this. But if we had the meeting each weekend, if someone had an orientation exec meeting on top of the Lit and MyJourney, then this minimizes the time they would be coming downtown. It would be more efficient in general, if we had to book off another weekend after that for a workshop, we don't have any other times to do it. We evaluated a lot of things and looked at how many meetings and exec that are there. I know that not everyone is going to be happy about this, but there are a lot of other issues that have to be taken into consideration and I spoke to Abby as well. I understand that you want to be with the MyJourney delegates, but it's only going to be a short meeting that's only two hours tops, and this was the thing that would work best given all the factors.

**Abby:** If this isn't up for discussion, then please realize that we do need to get a retreat done. We have a schedule that we need to stick to, so if you are downtown, please don't try and talk to the frosh or delegates or exec. We need to follow our schedule, so please come to the meeting and then go home. Please don't socialize with us. We love you all, but we have to run a retreat.

**Sameer:** I understand that it's not for discussion but if you said that people shouldn't have to come every week, but we should leave the next week empty because we might have a workshop and it would be easier for MyJourney people to come to the retreat and this meeting as well. When I make a commitment for anything, whether it's the Lit or MyJourney or orientation exec, if I have to come four weekends in a row then that's fine with me no matter where I'm coming from because I made a commitment. It doesn't matter to me, but it does mess with other people's schedules if it's changed on short notice.

**Daman:** The important thing to note is that this isn't a decision made by a smaller group of people because we felt like it. This was based on a response from a large amount of people where schedules were conflicted and we were reacting to that fact. It was because the meetings were not going to work out for council, so we are reacting to what council said.

**Daman:** Next item for discussion, if you took out a key and slept in rez or booked off a room for the retreat, we are going to be collecting money over the next week or two. If you have money today, please give it to me. If you don't, don't worry about it, but if you were booked to be on rez, then you will have to pay.

**Ramsey:** For the Lit video, Jon Liang will be editing it all with the help of our photographer.

**Ramsey:** The elections committee is going to be meet this upcoming week, for anyone involved in the elections process, we are going to talk about last year's process, and if you have any concerns please send them my way because we'll be talking about potential changes to the elections code or any improvements to the process. We'll also be talking with the outgoing elections coordinator.

**Ramsey:** Now, besides the swatches for the couches themselves we also need another set of swatches for the pillows. They sent us swatches which are around dark red crimson, but they are all polyester and suede since it's not leather, and we're going to be ordering new swatches. The manufacturer doesn't recommend vinyl since it doesn't let the pillow breathe and won't last for more than 10 years. They recommend 100% polyester because even if you spill coffee, it won't stain or anything, so they'll send us swatches of polyester and suede because crimson red did not go well.

**Felipe:** I think we should go with the manufacturer's recommendations.

**Sameer:** What are the three main ones? Polyester, suede and vinyl?

**Ramsey:** Polyester and suede are both cloth based, the second option is vinyl but it might not match the colour exactly, and the third is a gold polyester and suede option.

**Abbey:** Gold might be nice, but is it gold-gold, or is it yellow? Because yellow isn't gold. Is it a shimmery gold? That might be nice.

**Ramsey:** As well, all pillows are going to be thrown out. I'd like to get opinions because those are kind of historic, so we were thinking of cutting up all the leather from the couches into hearts and donating it to students to thank them.

**Sylvia:** Are we putting anything on the balcony? We can put some there since bean bags are expensive.

**Abbey:** We can have a permanent pillow fort.

**Chim:** I like the heart idea. It would be good if you can donate some, but we probably have enough to do all the ideas.

**Sameer:** If we could find a small room, we can cover the walls with the pillows and just jump around in them.

**Chim:** Can I take one home?

**Ramsey:** I'll set up a Facebook poll and we can decide through there.

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