



# MEETING MINUTES

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<b>GROUP</b>	Ontario Tech Student Union General Members
<b>LOCATION</b>	UB 2080
<b>DATE/TIME</b>	October 23, 2019/7:00pm
<b>NOTE TAKER</b>	General Manager
<b>ATTENDEES</b>	Directors: Colin Léger, Luisa Rojas Garcia, Dakoda Cluett, Nevin Swanson, Riley Gemmill, Pryanka Balley Staff: President, VP Student Affairs, VP Student Services, VP Downtown, General Manager
<b>REGRETS</b>	None

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## OPENING PROCEDURES

- 1 CALL TO ORDER  
7:21pm (Quorum is 182)
- 2 TERRITORIAL RECOGNITION
- 3 ADDITIONS OR AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA  
Move President Welcome and Reports to end of the meeting, becomes item #7
- 4 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA  
Moved by Derek Young and seconded by Mitchel McGuire. Motion carried.

## STANDING ITEMS

- 5 APPOINT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT 2019/2020

### DISCUSSION

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Moved by Gaire and seconded by Darrian. Motion carried.

Alternative Chair (AC): An Audit is a legal requirement as a Not For Profit.

### RESOLUTION

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Moved by Darrian and seconded by Gaire. Motion Carried.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ontario Tech Student Union confirms Baker Tilly as the 2019/2020 auditor.

6 2018/2019 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

DISCUSSION

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Moved by Darrian and seconded by Derek. Motion carried.

AC: Baker Tilly is the new name of the organization.

Baker Tilly is an audit tax firm. We were selected by the OTSU via a Request for Proposal (RFP) process conducted by the Board of Directors and then confirmed by the membership at the AGM. We are hired to ensure you, the members, that there are no material items.

We believe that the 2018/2019 audit information provided is sufficient to make a conclusive report. The audit report looks a little different this year as the professional body governing corporate audit standards made changes to the format of audits. There is more about the responsibility of the auditors.

Important to note - \$1,000,000 has been set aside for the new building, which is the large reserve that you would all see.

Question: How long have you been the auditors at the university?

Laura: We have been the OTSU auditors for three years now and were with the previous joint Association.

RESOLUTION

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Moved by Lisa and seconded by Devon. Motion carried. Three abstentions

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ontario Tech Student Union accepts the 2018/2019 Financial Statements as presented.

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DISCUSSION

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Moved by Kenan and seconded by Devon. Motion carried.

No discussion.

RESOLUTION

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Moved by Kenan and seconded by Miguel. Motion carried.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ontario Tech Student Union approves the 2018/2019 meeting minutes as presented.

**AGENDA TOPICS**

8 BYLAW AMENDMENT

DISCUSSION

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Moved by Garie and seconded by Miguel. Motion carried.

AC: We will introduce a Bylaw amendment, I will invite the President Own Davis up to speak.

President: 12.5.4 - We are changing this duty title to better reflect the duties of the VP of Student Affairs.

12.5.6 - This is to change the title of the VP of Student Services, and we are proposing to change it to the VP of Student Life. This is to broaden the portfolio to not just be about student services but about events and the student experience in general.

12.7.3 - VP of Student Life to be changed due to the previous VP title change.

VP's do not often plan and execute the events but give the strategic direction to staff.

12.7.4 - We wanted to amend this to reflect the multiple mediums for collecting student feedback.

Question: Would changing the name to student life create confusion with Student Affairs as the VP of Student Life might be confusing?

President: We are starting to treat them as more of external vs internal. So the VP of Affairs would be more focused on external relations and the VP of Student Life would be focused on internal relations.

Question: Wouldn't renaming it Student Life create confusion with the department of Student Life?

President: It could, we still think this is a better title, and this position often works with the VP of Student Life.

AC: We would like to break up the vote on this resolution into two parts, one where we approve the name change throughout the bylaws, and then the position changes.

Josh moved. Seconded by Garie. Motion Carried.

Jonathan: I would like to question the utility of the name change?

GM Spoke.

Question: So you need a special resolution to change the name in the bylaws but not to legally change the name itself?

AC: No, only a bylaw amendment requires a special resolution from the meeting of the members.

Question : What would be the repercussions of not changing the name in the bylaws?

GM: Document inconsistency.

Mohammad: Is the name change Ontario Tech University or Ontario Tech?

GM: It is Ontario Tech Student Union.

Kenan: Why aren't we legally changing it to OTU Student Union.

AC: Procedural, we already voted on the name change and we are now looking at the position changes.

Student: Can we make sure that we are not repeating questions for the sake of repeating, we all have midterms and would like to move forward.

#### RESOLUTION

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Special Resolution: Name Change

Moved by Osman, Derek seconded. Five opposed, twelve abstained. Motion is carried with 2/3's approval.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ontario Tech Student Union adopts the proposed Bylaw amendments to update the Bylaws to reflect Ontario Tech Student Union's legal name throughout.

Special Resolution: VP Title Change

Moved by Osama and seconded by Mohammad. Motion Carried with 2/3's approval.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ontario Tech Student Union adopts the proposed Bylaw amendments to change the title of the VP of Student Services to VP of Student Life. Three abstained. Motion carried.

#### 9 PRESIDENT WELCOME

Owen Davis Presented PowerPoint of 2019 Executive activities.

#### 10 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23pm. Moved by Osama and seconded by Lindsey. Motion carried.