



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING PACKAGE**  
**Association of Part-time Undergraduate Students of the University of Toronto**  
**(APUS)**

**April 21, 2017 – 4:00 PM**  
**Meeting #8**  
**APUS North Borden Office**

*April 16, 2017*

**Board of Directors' Meeting #8**

Dear Directors of the Board,

The following package includes all the relevant documents in anticipation of the next APUS Board of Directors' Meeting to be held on **April 21, 2017 at 4 pm** in the APUS Board Room, at the North Borden Building.

Included in this package:

- I. Agenda
- II. Minutes Package

Please feel free to forward any question or concerns via email to me directly.

Sincerely,

Mala Kashyap  
President  
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## **I. AGENDA**

### **1. Call to Order**

### **2. Approval of Agenda**

MOTION          Moved: Kashyap          Seconded: Froom

Be it resolved that the agenda for Board of Directors' Meeting #8 be approved as presented.

### **3. Approval of Minutes**

MOTION          Moved: Froom          Seconded: Pyne

Be it resolved that the Minutes package be approved as presented.

- a. Board of Directors Meeting #7 - March 24, 2017
- b. Executive Committee #14 - March 7, 2017
- c. Executive Committee #15 - March 30, 2017

### **4. Executive Updates**

### **5. Adjournment**

## II. Minutes

### a. Board of Directors Meeting - March 30, 2017

In attendance: Mala Kashyap, Margaret Ebifegha, Jose Wilson, Susan Froom, Richie Pyne, Christine Cullen

Staff: Danielle Sandhu

Speaker: Caitlin Campisi

#### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 pm.

#### 2. Approval of Agenda

MOTION          Moved: Kashyap          Seconded: Ebifegha

Be it resolved that the agenda for Board of Directors' Meeting #7 be approved as presented.

DISCUSSION

There was none.

*Vote carries.*

#### 3. Approval of Minutes

MOTION          Moved: Froom          Seconded: Pyne

Be it resolved that the Minutes Package be approved as presented.

##### a. Board of Directors Meeting #6 - March 3, 2017

DISCUSSION

There was none.

*Vote carries.*

#### 4. APUS Fees

##### a. CFS and CFS-O Fees

MOTION          Moved: Froom          Seconded: Ebifegha

Be it resolved the Canadian Federation of Students and Canadian Federation of Students-Ontario combined membership fee be increased from \$3.89 to \$3.96 per term for 2017-2018.

DISCUSSION

Campisi explains that as per referendum, the fee is tied to the Consumer Price Index and the fee increase that is proposed is consistent with an inflationary increase.

Kashyap asks if this fee is included in the APUS fee.

Sandhu clarifies the breakdown of the fees that appear as the APUS fee on students' invoices includes the APUS membership fee of \$13.65 per term, the CFS and CFSSO combined fee currently of \$3.89 per term and OPIRG fee of \$0.50 for each term.

Kashyap asks when the referendum was held and whether this fee is mandatory.

Sandhu states the CFS membership referendum took place in 2002 and students voted in the referendum to permit the inflationary increase so the board cannot outright reject the fee increase, but the Board does have oversight to make sure this is done appropriately so the fee can be collected by UofT Administration.

*Vote carries.*

**b. APUS Health and Dental Plans**

MOTION

Moved: From

Seconded: Wilson

Be it resolved the APUS Health Plan fee be increased from \$54.24 to \$59.66 and APUS Dental Plan fee be increased from \$45.25 to \$49.78 per term for 2017-2018.

DISCUSSION

Sandhu provides an overview of the plan administration, the fee increase for previous year, and plan usage for 2016-2017. She states that the renewal came in at 9.5% for each of the health and dental portions. She states this is the amount required to renew the plan exactly as is.

From states she would recommend having the fee increases be 10% each to help us adjust from the previous year's reductions in benefits coverage.

Ebifegha asks for clarity around the original referenda and permissions for the Board in terms of fee increase.

Campisi clarifies that fee increases within the 10% inflationary cap are allowable.

Ebifegha asks if the proposal is based on the referenda amount or amount required for renewal.

Campisi states that 9.5% is required, but the proposal is to make it 10% so as to help adjust for previous reductions in benefits.

Kashyap asks about what would happen if there was no fee increase.

From states that if we do not increase the fee, we would need to make reductions to plan benefits.

Kashyap asks about where the 9.5% comes from.

Sandhu states that it comes from the analysis of aggregate data for 2016-2017.

Ebifegha asks at what point would we need to go to membership.

Campisi states that the legal answer is not required by virtue of permissions granted in referenda, however in terms of whether or not consultation is required, that is the purview of the Board.

Pyne states that previously the plan fees were not increased, and this had implications for the plan subsequently. He states our plan is growing in terms of membership size. He states that he feels it would be prudent for us to increase the plan by 10% because we need to anticipate plan usage in future. He states we know that there is a new batch of students who will be entering post-secondary education including many who will be studying part-time who will want to access the plans. He states that the numbers look good and he supports the 10% increase as proposed.

Kashyap asks about why the fee increase is necessary in order to negotiate with Green Shield.

Froom states Green Shield needs to process the fee increase and this is time sensitive. She states that Green Shield has performed analysis of the usage of the plan and is recommending a 9.5% increase to keep the plan as it is. She states that if we do not increase the fee by this amount, we will need to absolutely cut some benefits. She states that if we increase by 10%, this may give us some leeway to adjust and/or increase benefits. Froom states that it is good to have the buffer.

Sandhu provides an overview of the plan usage and fee increases for the past four years, outlining the difference between what the fee increases would support or permit. She states that we need to consider the viability of the plan across multiple years.

Ebifegha states that it would be good to be able compare data from other providers and bring that for comparison.

Sandhu states this is possible and can come in the form of a motion to the Executive and Board.

Wilson states that this is time sensitive and that Ebifegha's suggestion can be brought forward subsequent to this meeting and for consideration by future boards.

Kashyap asks about the role of the Governing Council with respect to the fee increase.

Pyne states that the University Administration collects the fees directly from students and then remits the fees to APUS. He states that if we want to increase the fee, we need to submit the fee increase to them so that they can subsequently collect the correct fee as increased.

Sandhu states that the fee changes needs to go through the University Affairs Board and Governing Council between April and June in order to be collected from students in the fall.

*Vote carries.*

## 5. Executive Updates

Sandhu states on behalf of Kuforiji that if anyone is interested in volunteering with the Spring Banquet to be in touch with him via email.

Kashyap states that she knows folks are busy with exams but it would be good for folks to enjoy the Banquet.

Froom asks for the event location.

Wilson asks for the event date.

Sandhu states April 27 at the Multifaith Centre.

Pyne states that he attended the Coalition Against White Supremacy and Islamophobia.

Ebifegha asks about who hosted the meeting and where it was held.

Pyne states that it took place at Sandford Fleming and it was hosted by the Coalition.

## 6. Adjournment

MOTION            Moved: Froom            Seconded: Pyne

*Vote carries.*

The meeting adjourned 4:44 pm.

## **b. Executive Committee Meeting #14 - March 7, 2017**

In attendance: Susan Froom, Margaret Ebifegha, Mala Kashyap, Richie Pyne

Regrets: Modele Kuforiji

Staff: Danielle Sandhu

### **1. Call to order**

The meeting was called to order at 11:13 am.

### **2. Approval of Agenda**

MOTION                      Moved: Froom                      Seconded: Ebifegha

Be it resolved that the agenda be approved as presented.

*Vote carries.*

### **3. Sponsorship Requests**

#### **a. Israeli Apartheid Week**

MOTION                      Moved: Froom                      Seconded: Pyne

Be it resolved that APUS sponsor Israeli Apartheid Week in the amount of \$250.00.

#### **DISCUSSION**

Froom states that Israeli Apartheid Week is being organized by Students Against Israeli Apartheid from March 9 to 17, 2017. She states that this is an event that we have supported in the past and we have given \$200-250 in the past. She states that the request is for a donation of \$500.

Ebifegha asks how much we have given in the past.

Froom states that in a previous year when she was on the executive APUS contributed \$200-300. She states that she cannot speak to other years.

Ebifegha asks if a budget has been received.

Sandhu outlines her estimation of the costs associated with the event.

Pyne asks if we can reasonably accommodate the requests we have received.

*Kashyap enters 11:35 am.*

Sandhu states that we can accommodate requests from our Coalition and Solidarity item and Events and Outreach item of the budget.

Kashyap states she is comfortable with the amount.

*Vote carries.*

*Ebifegha exits the meeting at 11:40 am.*

**b. Reclaiming Our Bodies and Minds**

MOTION                      Moved: Froom                      Seconded: Pyne

Be it resolved that APUS sponsor the ROBAM conference in the amount of \$1000.00.

DISCUSSION

Froom states that the \$1000.00 gets us Gold Sponsorship, as well as benefits including tabling and others. She states that a big part of what APUS is about is pushing for more accessibility and this conference works to that end.

Kashyap states that she supports that.

Froom outlines the benefits of Gold level sponsorship.

*Vote carries.*

*Ebifegha enters the meeting.*

**c. Black Students' Association Dreamgirls Production**

MOTION                      Moved: Kashyap                      Seconded: Froom

Be it resolved that APUS sponsor BSA in the amount of \$1000.00 for the DreamGirls production.

DISCUSSION

Kashyap states that we value our relationship with the Black Students' Association, they're a recognized campus club and we should give them a substantial donation.

Froom states that \$1000 is most appropriate for them. She states that this will get us Silver Sponsorship. She states that we can help with printing as well. She states that we will also get two free tickets.

Ebifegha states that she is in favour.

Sandhu states that Vanessa Jev of Vanessa Jev Productions is a part-time student and that she produced the African Re-telling of Cinderella, which was an incredible production. She states that she is glad we are supporting this event because it is a substantial production. She further states that for folks who attend, they will thoroughly enjoy the production.

**d. Noesis**

MOTION                      Moved: Froom                      Seconded: Pyne

Be it resolved that APUS sponsor the Noesis journal in the amount of \$150.00.

DISCUSSION

Froom provides an overview of the Noesis undergraduate journal. She states that this journal has been produced for many years. She states that this would see APUS supporting students in Philosophy Course Union and that APUS can afford to build better connections with our members involved in course unions, similar to ASSU, who works more closely with the course unions.

Kashyap states she sees this as being in the range of \$150.00.

*Vote carries.*

**e. Visual Studies Thesis Proposal**

MOTION

Moved: Kashyap

Seconded: Froom

Be it resolved that APUS sponsor the Visual Studies Thesis proposal in the amount of \$100.00.

DISCUSSION

Froom states that the Visual Studies Thesis graduates are seeking support and sponsorship for their curation of an exhibition at 563 Spadina Crescent. She states that according to the proposal, this is a diverse group of students with a vision of visual arts as a gateway to opening up a dialogue to achieve social growth and challenge the status quo. She states that the students engage in the theory of humanism.

Pyne asks if we have contributed funding in the past.

Froom states no.

Kashyap states that she sees this as a \$100 donation, and sees this as an outreach opportunity to engage undergraduate part-time students.

Pyne states that it would be good to bring in part-time students for this.

Ebifegha states that we can seek greater clarity about participants being part-time.

Froom states that she thinks that it would be more a case of part-time students attending rather than producing the exhibit, given they are thesis students.

Sandhus states that we can promote the event and encourage our members to attend. She states the exhibit will be in our building.

*Vote carries.*

**f. Film Screenings and Education Materials**

MOTION

Moved: Kashyap

Seconded: Froom

Be it resolved that APUS sponsor the Film Screenings and Education Materials on Gendered and Sexual Violence in the amount of \$100.00.

DISCUSSION

Froom states that we received for request from Another Jane Doe production for a film in production called Slut or Nut: The Diary of a Rape Trial. She states that this request would support post-production costs.

Kashyap states that she sees this as being a \$100 sponsorship.

Pyne states he would like to see the film later on.

*Vote carries.*

**g. Blank Canvas**

MOTION

Moved: Pyne

Seconded: Froom

Be it resolved that APUS donates \$1000.00 to the effort to reinstall Blank Canvas' Gallery.

**DISCUSSION**

Pyne states that Blank Canvas has been a very supportive space for Black artists. He states many student artists such as Tobi Ogude, who participated in the National Day of Action, participate in the space. He states that there was an incident last New Year's and it resulted in the venue being shut down. He states he will not describe the incident. He states that he feels this is a valuable space for artists. He states that he has only good things to say about the space, and that many artists participate in the space to share their artistic work. He states that there are some perks to supporting the gallery but he is not interested in those. He states he only wants to support access for Black artists and others to the space. He states that many groups have come out in support of the gallery, including BLMT0. He states that this would be an important way to support Black spaces and challenge anti-Black racism. He states there is an IndieGoGo campaign whose campaign goal is \$30,000 and they have reached approximately half of their goal.

Kashyap asks if Ogude is a student.

Pyne states as far as he knows he is a full-time student at UTM but there are many students and other community members, including himself who would access the space prior to the space being shut down.

Kashyap asks if the same space is being used for the gallery.

Pyne states that it is the same space however the police locked down the space with a padlock and they have been barred from the space.

Sandhu states that it is the same space and that the fundraisers' goal is to re-establish Blank Canvas' pre-existing physical venue space, support those who experienced violence, and support legal costs. She states the Gallery is slated to open for Mid-May 2017.

Pyne states that he would like to propose support in the amount of between \$1000-2000.

Ebifegha states that she supports these folks to have the space and to rebuild. She states that for the amount she wants to ensure folks are comfortable with the decision moving forward. She states that until you have to encounter the full force of the law and enforcement in a space like that without provocation, one cannot understand the impact. She states that it is important for us to support and she personally supports the motion, but she is interested to hear from others as well.

Kashyap states that she hears this as a community project and that many of the leaders and participants in the space are UofT students. She states that she is hearing there is support and the significance of the support comes down to the way in which the space was shut down by the police. She states that in these respects, she supports the motion. She states in looking at the other motions we passed earlier today these are UofT students and some of whom are part-time. She states that these students are going into community to pursue community projects. She states that it is in that spirit that she supports this. She states that this project sounds wonderful.

*Vote carries.*

#### **h. Chippewas of the Thames First Nation**

MOTION Moved: Froom Seconded: Pyne

Be it resolved that APUS donates \$1000.00 to the legal campaign to support the Chippewas of the Thames First Nation legal challenge of Line 9.

#### DISCUSSION

Froom states that we had previously discussed this and at that point we were thinking of contributing a few hundred dollars. She states that we were interested in learning about what other groups had contributed. She states that UTGSU contributed \$7000 and other unions have given \$2000. She states that the Chippewas of the Thames First Nation are opposing the development of the Line 9. She states that APUS supports the campaign against Line 9. She states that the Chippewas are challenging this pipeline via legal means in the Supreme Court. She states that the BC Coastal Nation has been successful in a similar case in BC. She states that they hope APUS might contribute to this initiative and specifically the legal costs needed to support the legal challenge.

Ebifegha states that it is obvious they need funds to support their fight and the question is about how much we can support.

Froom states that this is an ongoing court case so future Executives can elect to contribute more. She states that given that other unions have given \$2000 and we are smaller than the others, a \$1000 contribution is an appropriate amount.

*Vote carries.*

#### **4. APUS Calendar for Remainder of Semester**

Sandhu provided an overview of the events for the remainder of the semester. She states that we will be working with some groups to host International Women's Day programming, including the event at the Multifaith Centre in collaboration with ROARS. She states we will be

tabling and supporting the event. She states we are also collaborating with the UTMSU on an event and we have been asked to contribute some funds.

The Executive decided that contributing \$500 to the event for food costs was appropriate.

Sandhu states that the Indigenous Studies Students Union is hosting a pow wow on Saturday, March 11. She states that ROBAM is that same weekend and the theme is the intersection of race and disability. She states that the AGM will be on March 16 and that executives will be expected to present a report. She states that there have been challenges in securing ASL interpretation. She states that for the Lunch and Learn for March there is the idea of doing a Fight the Fees teach-in. She states for FTF coalition meetings, Pyne is compiling notes. She invites executives to all promote the Coalition meeting. She states the agenda will include updates about Lobby Week and the upcoming votes on tuition fees. She states that on April 4, 2017, APUS is organizing a joint action with labour directed at the Governing Council - potentially under the banner of Unfair Fees, Unfair Labour. She states that we are hoping to connect with student governors and encourage Governors to vote no to tuition fee increases at Governing Council.

*Ebifegha exits at 1:30 pm.*

Froom states her support.

Kashyap states that she is worried about turnout.

Froom states that we should seek speaking rights for Governing Council and suggest Pyne represent APUS.

Sandhu states that the remaining items include exam destressors including Exam Jam on April 6 and the Spring Banquet will take place on April 27 at the Multifaith Centre in the Main Activity Hall.

## **5. Adjournment**

MOTION

Moved: Pyne

Seconded: Kashyap

*Vote carries.*

The meeting adjourned at 1:50 pm.

### **c. Executive Committee #15 - March 30, 2017**

In attendance: Margaret Ebifegha, Richie Pyne, Susan Froom, Mala Kashyap

Regrets: Modele Kuforiji

Staff: Danielle Sandhu

#### **1. Call to order**

The meeting was called to order at 10:40 am.

#### **2. Approval of Agenda**

MOTION            Moved:            Seconded:

Be it resolved that the meeting agenda for the March 30, 2017 Executive Committee Meeting be approved as presented.

DISCUSSION

There was none.

*Vote carries.*

#### **3. Items of Business**

##### **a. Meeting with Sandy Welsh - April 4, 2017**

Sandhu states the next meeting is on Tuesday and we would want to submit any agenda items today for discussion.

Froom states she would like to raise the asbestos issue and the new federal budget. She states in the budget there was more funding for subsidized housing, childcare, and resources for mature students. She states that we would want UofT to take advantage of this funding to institute additional resources for students on campus.

Sandhu outlines the asbestos issue with respect to the lack of notification to students and concerns about continued use of Medical Science Building even when there are areas that are not sealed. She states that potentially up to six weeks of time passed between knowledge of issue and notification to students. She states that some course instructors and TAs are moving courses based on personal concern as opposed to centralized move of classes/labs.

Froom states we need clarity around student rights with respect to this issue. She states that employees have clear rights with respect to refusal of unsafe work, but students should also not be penalized for not attending lectures and labs. She states that there also needs to be better education about this issue to students and workers.

Kashyap states that when we speak on this issue we should ensure we have done some background research. She states that she would like Sandhu to speak to this issue.

Sandhu states that we may be asked about the materials presented to us in the last meeting regarding sexual violence initiatives.

Froom suggests asking for updates regarding any feedback they have received.

Ebifegha states she doubts that there will be feedback since the last meeting.

Pyne states that if there is a need to have a companion guide then there is something inaccessible about the policy.

Sandhu asks if we want to raise issue of tuition fees and wages, and/or concerns around COSS.

Kashyap states she will speak briefly to COSS concerns including how the University Affairs Board of Governing Council overturned the recommendation of the Chair brought forward by the GSU and ratified by COSS. She states this had an impact on her participation as a student.

Froom states we will not speak to sexual violence items unless they raise it and with respect to COSS, we should bring concerns to the Governing Council itself. She states that we will be choosing the COSS chair next cycle and she does not believe the Governors are aware of the student unions' concerns regarding the Chair ratification.

**b. Asbestos Issue & Town Hall on March 31, 2017**

Sandhu provides an overview of the issue, details about the CUPE 3902 information session and details about the upcoming town hall. She states that she is the contact person for this issue on the team and has not heard from students as of yet via email, however she did meet students at the CUPE info session with whom she will follow up. She states that CUPE 3902 has offered support with respect to our members including filing claim forms.

Kashyap and Pyne state that they will attend the town hall.

Froom states that we should clarify the rights of students with respect to filing claims for exposure.

**c. GC Meeting & Rally - April 4, 2017**

Pyne states that the Governing Council (GC) will be meeting on April 4 and voting to increase tuition fees. He states that we should work together to lobby for more funding from the Government, including specific funding for indigenous learners. He states that he will speak to this in his remarks at the GC meeting. He provides an overview of the rally and endorsements for the action.



Sandhu states this may not succeed in bringing any more nominations forward but that the hope is that it may.

Kashyap asks how many members of the Assembly there are currently.

Sandhu states there are about 30 class representatives.

Ebifegha asks if this is a tri-campus number.

Sandhu states yes.

Kashyap asks if we would promote the opportunity to become class representatives.

Sandhu states we do that up until the end of classes. She states that in our last newsletter we promoted the opportunity to become class representatives, the date of our next Assembly meeting and a link to the Assembly portion of the agenda.

Ebifegha states that there is a low number of Class Representatives and we should acknowledge this as an executive. She states that we need to keep to the procedures in place and perhaps consider the value of becoming a class representative at the end of term. She states that we should also consider the perception of us extending the deadline at this point.

Pyne states that we can look at bigger picture analysis of the Assembly in the future.

Kashyap states that this is an item of discussion for Executive Visioning. She asks if we need a decision.

Sandhu states that this could be a recommendation to the Speaker. She states that Executive members may potentially be affected by this decision, which could render a conflict of interest, however on the contrary, Executive Committee members have a duty to act in the best interest of the organization.

Pyne states that if everyone on the Executive Committee has submitted a nomination, extending the deadline would not serve as a conflict.

Froom states that this would be a recommendation to the APUS Speaker. She states it is in her purview of Speaker to make a decision. She states that the Executive Committee did not vote on the initial deadline.

Sandhu states that a recommendation is in order.

*Vote carries.*

**e. Collaboration with UTMSU - End of Year Concert & Block Party - March 30-31**

MOTION

Moved: Froom

Seconded: Ebifegha

Be it resolved that APUS donate \$500 to UTMSU in sponsorship of the End of Year Block Party and Concert, and if possible for the funds to go towards accessibility and/or childminding initiatives.

## DISCUSSION

Pyne states that UTMSU has approached us to partner up on collaboration for the end of year block party and concert.

Sandhu states that the sponsorship would go towards the cost of inflatables for the event.

Kashyap states she would see us contributing \$200-\$300.

Pyne states that we contributed between \$500-\$1000 last year.

Froom states that our members would benefit from this event and we could contribute up to \$500 to this comfortably.

Kashyap states that she would like to see money coming from the full-time unions contributing to APUS events and programming.

Froom states that UTMSU may have expected funds based on our contribution from last year. She states that if we had responded earlier it would have been more of a collaborative initiative. She states that we were asked to co-sponsor an event at the UTM campus and that due to timing we were unable to respond to the request. She states a significant number of members are at the UTM campus. She states that we can ask them to note our sponsorship as possible though it may not be on print materials.

Pyne states that if we had planned ahead for the event ahead of time, like we did for the part-time and mature orientation event, that this may have been dealt with better. He asks if we want to decide now or via email.

Sandhu states that people should decide now. She states that in future it would be good to map out events from the beginning of the year and decide how we would sponsor collaborative events.

Kashyap states that she would like to see us contribute funds to improving the accessibility of events.

Pyne states that we can look into giving \$500 towards the alleviation of accessibility costs.

Ebifegha states that she likes the idea of looking ahead at the start of the year but that would be for next year's executive team.

Froom states that the executive has raised important issues but given that this event has started, that it will be a large scale event with significant costs, that we sponsored to the tune of between \$500-\$1000, and that we know that our members will attend the event, we should go ahead and sponsor the event. She states to the extent possible, we can have our sponsorship be promoted.

*Vote carries.*

**f. Exam Destressors - April 6 Exam Jam**

Pyne states that he and Sandhu met with folks from CFS Ontario to collaborate on exam de-stressors. He states that we will have some materials about de-stressing and mental health, snacks, and swag.

Sandhu states that April 6 is Exam Jam for Arts and Science and we will have our Fight the Fees plinko game. She states the event is 11-3 pm. She asks if folks are available to let her or Pyne know. She states that subsequent to that we will give away snack packs.

**g. Request: Student Parent Alliance**

MOTION            Moved: Froom            Seconded: Kashyap

Be it resolved that \$50 and a swag bag be donated to the Student Parent Alliance for sponsorship of the April 6, 2017 event.

**DISCUSSION**

Ebifegha states that the Student Parents Alliance is a student club with which she is affiliated. She states they were looking to meet in APUS space. She states they are asking for financial support and accommodation for April 6, 2017. She states that it would be during the lunchtime from 12-4 pm and would be drop-in for students to attend given that student parents have restrictive schedules.

Froom asks if there is a request for funds and a swag donation.

Ebifegha states yes.

Froom states that the space requested is the Board Room and that space is not available because of the tax clinics. She states that she does support giving \$100 to this and giving a swag bag. She states that she's not sure how this group relates to the Sole Parents Group at APUS and if this was an outgrowth of that initiative.

Ebifegha states this group is for all student parents as opposed to sole parents who require special attention. She states that this encompasses student parents broadly.

Sandhu asks for interest what was the consideration of doing this through a club rather than within the students' union given that the leadership of this initiative consists of APUS board members and executives.

Ebifegha states that the Woodsworth group is faculty and administration-led. She states that the Sole Parents Group is done through an organization that is APUS. She states that this is a club and it is more student-led.

Kashyap states that APUS is student-led. She states that she does not understand the system of clubs. She states that we need to look at how we organize. She states that she does things outside of APUS and does not do through APUS. She states that this prompts questions about what to bring in and what not to bring in. She states that the request is for space and money. She states that the question of conflict comes up with a leader of the club being an APUS executive.

Pyne states that he is okay with receiving the request from Ebifegha as a member of Student Parent Alliance, but there is a conflict of interest with her as an APUS executive. He states that he is okay granting space and funds but the space is being used. He states that SPA is recognized by Ulife and within that SPA can collaborate with Sole Parents Group and seek support that way.

Kashyap asks if there is funding from Ulife or what benefits there are of that.

Sandhu states that Ulife recognition gives access to space and is required for UTSU recognition. She asks if UTSU funding has been sought.

Ebifegha states that Ulife recognized but not UTSU recognized and therefore no request for funds have been made.

From clarifies the asks within the request.

Ebifegha states that she is in touch with Eugenia Gladkikh who is the mentor for the Sole Parents Group to see how the SPA can further the Sole Parents Group.

Sandhu clarifies that the space request is solely for April 6, 2017.

Kashyap states that when we give a club access to the kitchen, it's a common space within the larger space. She states that people may be waiting for the tax clinic and/or other students may be coming in and someone from APUS will need to be responsible for the space.

Ebifegha states that makes sense. She states that she and Cullen will be around to facilitate the space and the space is open.

Kashyap states that she does not want to set precedence with respect to access to kitchen space. She feels there is no need to make a decision because it's not a booking like the Board Room.

From states that she thinks clubs should get approval to use our space, including kitchen space, from our Executive. She states that there is a lot of activity that day in the

APUS office. She does support the \$100 and swag bag.

Pyne states that this is getting complicated and we have to keep in mind that we have received a request and that the request is also coming from an Executive.

Sandhu states that there is a conflict of interest. She states that the request has been made. She states if questions have been answered, that Ebifegha recuse herself so a decision can be made.

*Ebifegha exits at 12:58 pm.*

Kashyap states that if it were any other club, the request for space would be denied for April 6 given the space needs of the office that day and that this is more of an accommodation for an Executive. She states that there are two requests here - one for space on April 6 and one for funding.

Sandhu states that she does not have capacity to resource the meeting from 12-4 pm and notes that she and Alsarraj will need to set up registration for the Assembly prior to 5 pm. She states it is preferable if set up was done by 4 pm in the front area and board room.

Froom states she is okay with contributing \$100 towards the lunch.

Pyne states that he is okay with contributing funds for the event alone not to the club generally.

Sandhu states if the budget is solely for food for a small group, folks may wish to consider an amount of \$50.

**Motion to go in camera**

Moved: Froom                      Seconded: Pyne

*Vote carries.*

The meeting went in camera at 1:09 pm.

**Motion to go out of camera**

Moved: Kashyap                      Seconded: Froom

*Vote carries.*

The meeting went out of camera 1:17 pm.

**Main motion**

*Vote carries.*

#### **h. Presidential Review**

Froom states that apparently all of the UofT student unions were reached out to for the purpose of giving feedback on Gertler's five-year review, whose term is ending next year. She states that the deadline for feedback was yesterday. She states feedback would inform whether he is reappointed President for another five-year term. She asks if we received any notice about this.

Kashyap states she does not recall receiving a note.

Froom states that she would recommend APUS putting forward a submission that addresses advocacy on public education and funding.

Kashyap states she wants the President to be an ally and would like to see a letter that outlines the characteristics for a President to maintain a supportive relationship.

Ebifegha states that she would like the letter to emphasize more supports for students.

Pyne states that he would want the UofT president advocating for lower tuition fees. He states that he would like to see a broader means in which students can be consulted on the presidential review. He states we should address the President's response to the Adhoc Committee on Divestment.

Sandhu asks for clarity for submission timeline.

Kashyap asks everyone to submit comments to Sandhu within twenty-four hours and for Sandhu to draft by early next week.

#### **4. Adjournment**

MOTION                      Moved: Froom                      Seconded: Pyne

*Vote carries.*

The meeting adjourned at 1:33 pm.