

**Minutes**  
**Annual General Meeting (AGM)**  
**April 14, 2026**  
**SUB1027 and Zoom**

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The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm with Gurmeet Singh Kalra as chairperson and Krista Fysh as secretary.

Quorum was confirmed.

**Approval of Agenda**

1.1 It was:

MOVED by Shivani Sohoni, SECONDED by Chary Anne Vales, and CARRIED to approve the agenda.

A vote was held, and the motion was passed by majority vote of the Members.

**Declaration of Conflicts of Interest**

No conflicts of interest were stated.

**Approval of Minutes**

1.2 It was:

MOVED by Janhavi Nandurkar, SECONDED by Shivani Sohoni, and CARRIED to approve the minutes from the Special Members Meeting held on October 30, 2025.

A vote was held, and the motion was passed by majority vote of the Members.

**Appointment of the Auditors**

1.3 It was:

MOVED by Shivani Sohoni, SECONDED by Janhavi Nandurkar and CARRIED to approve the firm PricewaterhouseCoopers as the incumbent auditors until the next Annual General Meeting of the Members.

A vote was held, and the motion was passed by majority vote of the Members.

**Elections Appeal**

Gurmeet Singh Kalra, Chair of the FSU Board of Directors, provided a debrief on the FSU 2026 election appeals process. Two (2) appeals were submitted within policy timelines, and an independent three-Member Appeals Committee with no conflicts was appointed and given full decision-making authority. The Committee was supported by independent legal counsel to ensure a fair and consistent process.

Over approximately two weeks, the Committee reviewed all appeal submissions, election policies, and complaint records. Their role was not to rerun the election, but to assess whether the Chief Returning Officer (CRO) applied the policy correctly, consistently, and reasonably. They conducted a structured analysis, compared similar cases, and met with the CRO for clarification, but did not meet with candidates.

The Committee concluded that the CRO acted within their authority and applied the policy reasonably, though some inconsistencies were noted. However, these did not affect the election outcome, and the results were upheld.

The Committee also identified areas for improvement, including clearer policy language and more detailed procedures for complaints and appeals. These findings will inform a broader review of the FSU Elections Policy, with updates expected before the October 2026 Members meeting.

Heather Vance, Senior Advocacy and Governance Coordinator presented the CRO report and Elections results.

A question was raised as to whether the FSU will be separating the motion to accept the President and Director results separately. Gurmeet confirmed that it will be two (2) separate motions.

A Member declared that the appeals process was unfair.

A Member referenced Section 2.3.4 of the FSU Elections Policy, noting that candidates are not permitted to influence voters during the voting period, and asked what specific criteria the FSU uses to assess such violations.

The Chair reminded the Member that the meeting was not the appropriate forum to discuss specific details of the Appeals Committee process and advised that any detailed questions be submitted in writing to the FSU office for further consideration.

The Member also raised a concern regarding fairness and asked how demerit values outlined in the policy are applied in practice when situations align with defined violations.

In response, it was noted that this question was addressed as part of the appeals review process. The policy grants the Chief Returning Officer (CRO) ultimate authority to oversee the election and includes interpretive discretion in applying demerits, within defined maximum limits in most cases.

It was further clarified that specific cases were adjudicated during the campaign period and subsequently reviewed through the appeals process, and that the current meeting was not intended to revisit those individual decisions.

1.4A It was:

MOVED by Shivani Sohoni, SECONDED by Ankit Sharma that the Members receive and confirm the 2026 FSU Elections results for the FSU President, as reported by the Chief Returning Officer. The Motion is CARRIED.

A vote was held, and the motion was passed by majority vote of the Members.

1.4B It was:

MOVED by Shivani Sohoni, SECONDED by Mitul Khristi that the Members receive and confirm the 2026 FSU Elections results for the FSU Board of Directors, as reported by the Chief Returning Officer. The Motion is CARRIED.

A vote was held, and the motion was passed by majority vote of the Members.

### **Director Honorarium**

John Riddell provided a brief explanation of the SAC honoraria, which is a financial stipend that is given to Directors for their time.

1.5 It was:

MOVED by Benazir Sheik Ahamed, SECONDED by Chary Anne Vales, and CARRIED to approve the 2026-2027 SAC Honoraria for the Student Administrative Council at a maximum of \$600 per semester for a Director, and an additional maximum of \$250 per semester for the Board Chair.

A vote was held, and the motion was passed by majority vote of the Members.

### **Proposed Changes to FSU By-Law**

Directors Shivani Sohoni, Benazir Sheik Ahamed, and Janhavi Nandurkar presented the FSU By-Laws and reviewed the proposed changes. They emphasized that their goal was not to reinvent the By-laws, but rather to clarify language in areas that had previously caused confusion for students.

Over several months, the Board reviewed different sections, asked extensive questions, conducted research, and worked carefully to develop recommendations that prioritize clarity, fairness, and accessibility for students.

Once the Board felt confident in the proposed changes, they shared them with the student body and invited feedback. Two focus groups were held to gather student input, which directly shaped the final version presented today. After reviewing this feedback, the Board made the final adjustments.

1.6 It was:

MOVED by Shivani Sohoni, SECONDED by Chary Anne Vales, and CARRIED to approve the proposed amendments to FSU By-Law No. 1.

A vote was held, and the motion was passed by majority vote of the Members.

A Member asked for clarification on whether someone serving in a Vice President role would be ineligible to run for President the following year. Jerry explained that, under the current structure, if the President's position becomes vacant, a specific Vice President is designated to step into the role.

The proposed change would instead make all three Vice Presidents eligible to assume the position on an interim basis. In such a case, the Board would consider factors such as

availability, capacity, and class schedules to determine who is best suited to step in. Serving in this interim role would not affect their eligibility to run for President in the following year.

### **President's Report**

Jerry Thomas presented his report, and showed a video to the Members, highlighting the work of the FSU in the past year.

A Member inquired about club funding, specifically whether the FSU has any plans to increase funding for clubs that are eligible. Jerry explained that the Clubs Policy and budget have already been finalized for this year. However, he recommended that the Member connect with the incoming President and Vice Presidents, as they will be responsible for future policy updates and may consider potential increases to club funding.

It was also noted that for larger scale events, clubs now have the option to collaborate with the FSU. Through this partnership, costs can be shared, helping reduce the financial burden on individual clubs.

A Member raised a question regarding the current status of OSAP, and the financial challenges faced by students, and the institution's reported multi-million dollar deficit, including potential impacts on students in the upcoming and subsequent academic years.

John responded by noting that the situation can be understood in two parts. With respect to the upcoming year, it is anticipated to be another challenging period, particularly within the broader context affecting Colleges and Universities across Ontario and Canada. Enrollment projections are expected to decline, and the College is undertaking tough decisions that will result in ongoing changes to structures and supports. It was emphasized that a key priority for the FSU will be early engagement with the College to better understand these changes, ask critical questions, and advocate for student interests, particularly in identifying and addressing potential gaps in student services. While the exact nature of the changes remains uncertain, continued contraction is anticipated.

Regarding OSAP and student funding, it was noted that the coming year is expected to be particularly difficult, with anticipated reductions in campus services impacting students broadly. Members were encouraged to report observed challenges and provide feedback through available channels, as both quantitative data and student testimonials are essential in effectively advocating to decision-makers. It was emphasized that documented impacts and lived experiences strengthen the ability to oppose service reductions and advocate for maintaining essential supports.

It was further noted that advocacy efforts related to OSAP are ongoing at the Provincial level. Engagement has taken place with organizations such as Ontario Student Voices (OSV), as well as other student advocacy groups including Canadian Federation of Students (CFS), College Student Alliance (CSA), and Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance (OUSA). Initiatives including petitions and letter-writing campaigns to Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs) are currently active, and continued student participation was

encouraged. Reference was made to recent Provincial discussions in which proposed changes to OSAP were not supported, reinforcing the need for continued advocacy and accountability. Members were encouraged to remain engaged, share their experiences, and participate in collective efforts to advocate for accessible and equitable student funding.

A Member asked whether there would be any changes to the Student LTC (London Transit Commission) Bus Pass. It was explained that, at present, the relationship between the FSU and the London Transit Commission remains unchanged, and the Student Bus Pass will continue to be available to students.

### **Adjournment**

1.7 It was:

MOVED by Shivani Sohoni, SECONDED by Benazir Sheik Ahamed and CARRIED to adjourn the meeting at 6:35pm.