

Spring Annual Gathering Meeting Minutes

Canadian Union of Public Employee Local 3905		
April 24 th 2024		UC2020 : 04:00pm
Meeting called by	Executive Committee	
Type of meeting	Annual Gathering Meeting	
Facilitator	Erfan Azimi President	
Note taker	Aysan Gholami	
Attendees	Razieh Fereidoun Rajabi rfereido@lakeheadu.ca , Erfan Azimi Bizaki eeazimib1@lakeheadu.ca , Soorena Azarhazin sazarhaz@lakeheadu.ca , Ghaedibardeh Maral mghaedib@lakeheadu.ca , Aziminezhad Mehran mazimine@lakeheadu.ca , Kaviani Mohadeseh mkaviani@lakeheadu.ca , Amirhossein Fardi < afardi@lakeheadu.ca >, Natalie Fiannaca < nmfianna@lakeheadu.ca >, Aysan Gholamiasgarabadtapeh < agholami@lakeheadu.ca >, Seyed Mohammadjavad Hassani Hassankola < shassani@lakeheadu.ca >, Samira Hedayatpour < shedayat@lakeheadu.ca >, Allazem Ahmed aallazem@lakeheadu.ca , Khalighi Amir akhaligh@lakeheadu.ca , Sana Sharif < ssharif@lakeheadu.ca >, Ali Azimi Bizaki aazimib@lakeheadu.ca , Soroush Aghili saghili1@lakeheadu.ca , Hoang Le leh@lakeheadu.ca , Mehedi Hasan mhasan58@lakeheadu.ca , Catherine Biskupski cbiskups@lakeheadu.ca , Navid Nassir nnassir1@lakeheadu.ca , Waseem Maryum swaseem@lakeheadu.ca , Nikos Jokinen-Packer njokine1@lakeheadu.ca , Raghdah Al-chalabi ralchal@lakeheadu.ca , Maral Ghaedibardeh mghaedib@lakeheadu.ca , Amel ABI aabi@lakeheadu.ca , Sohrab Sajadimanesh ssajadim@lakeheadu.ca , Alaa Maali amaali@lakeheadu.ca , Catherine Biskupski cbiskups@lakeheadu.ca , Amir Ali aali23@lakeheadu.ca , Faisal Muhammad fmuhamma@lakeheadu.ca , Melika Afshari mafshari@lakeheadu.ca , Arslan Ahmad ahmada@lakeheadu.ca , Eric Amoadu-Boateng eamoadu@lakeheadu.ca , Milad Rasoulkhatir mrasoul2@lakeheadu.ca ,	
1. Call To Order		
Time: 4:00pm		
Erfan chairs the meeting.Equality statement		
2. Last meeting’s minutes discussion and approval		
Time: 4:07pm		

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Motion to accept the minutes - Aysan accepted, Seconded by Razieh

3. Revisions, additions, deletions, and approval of agenda

Time: 4:07 pm

The meeting was held both in person and virtually. Online attendees had the right to nominate anyone from the people present in the meeting room. For voting Simply Voting platform was used to maintain secret ballot, both for online and in-person attendees.

Motion to accept the agenda – Milad accepted, Seconded by Javad

4. Reports

Time: 4:08 pm

Secretary-Treasurer's Report: Razieh shares the financial report

4:12 pm Ahmad presents the Budget Committee report.

Since the budget committee saved 6,000, they proposed two options. One was to spend the money on buying an AI tool premium account for the members and the other one was to allocate this money for students who need financial aid. All the executive members and Javan noted that it is hard to recognize people with true financial need. We are not allowed to ask for personal documents. He was in favor of spending this money on AI tools.

Fiannaca was in the favor of giving this money to the students. She mentioned that this gesture will prove to the members that we can support our members in the event of strike. Since the latest debate about the strike failed. Aysan emphasized the difficulties with recognizing students for financial aid. She also mentioned that even on the list for the annual charity, there are some people who earn 35,000 C\$. However, the name was on the list. Apparently if you apply for any funding from university you have to fill out an application and when you choose the option that you are a CUPE member you become eligible for any funding from CUPE regardless of your eligibility.

4:14 pm Motion to accept the budget as amended. Moved by Aysan, Seconded by Mohadeseh. All in favors.

President's Report:

Mehran chaired the meeting.

4:40pm Motion to accept. Moved by Mohadeseh, seconded by Hoang. All in favor.

Vice President's Report:

4:47pm Motion to accept. Moved by Amir Hossein, seconded by Amir. All in favor.

Chief Steward's Report: Soorena shared the meetings report.

4:49pm Motion to accept. Moved by Amir, seconded by Sana. All in favor.

Recording Secretary's Report: Aysan shared the changes proposed by the Service Committee and the recent survey that was done to see which AI tool is preferred by members. According to the survey ChatGPT and iThenticate were the most favorable tools with the rate of 45% and 41% accordingly. Amir Ali emphasized the importance of iThenticate for checking plagiarism since all the grad students must check their scientific papers before submitting their papers to the journals. Nat talked about the benefits and superiority of ChatGPT pro and how with building the proper conversation you can get accurate results. Erfan, Soroush and Hoang emphasized the importance of iThenticate since as a graduate students we are obliged to publish at least two or more papers to graduate.

5:31 pm Motion to accept. Moved by Ahmad, seconded by Milad. All in favor.

5. Election

Time: 5:32 pm

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5:32 pm: There was only one person who stood for President position. Erfan was elected without holding an election.

5:34 pm: For Vice presidency only, Mehran was nominated and was elected without competent.

5:37pm: Razieh was nominated as Secretary Treasurer. There were no other nominees.

5:41 pm: There was only one person who stood for the Recording Secretary position. Aysan was elected without holding an election.

5:45 pm: There were two nominees for Chief Steward position, Sohrab and Soorena nominated by Razieh and Erfan respectively. At 6:11 pm, Soorena was selected as Chief Steward.

6:11pm: Amir Hossein who was nominated by Mohadeseh got selected for trustee.

Since the meeting was supposed to be 4:00 pm- 6:00 pm, the executive members decided to ask for nominees for different committees via email.

Next Meeting	Time	Venue
TBD		
MEETING ADJOURNED at 6:12 pm		

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