



Dear Anthropology Graduate Student Union (AGSU) members,

The AGSU Executive warmly welcomes all members back after the reading week. We hope you all had time to rest and reflect over the ‘break.’ Please find important updates on AGSU events, community opportunities, and exciting news in this edition of the AGSU newsletter!

AGSU ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGSU Executive cordially invites all our members to the upcoming Annual General Meeting, scheduled virtually on Wednesday, March 13th at 6 pm. This event holds significant importance as it provides a platform for crucial reports on the state of your union, its finances, and its accomplishments throughout the year. Additionally, we will be presenting proposed Constitutional Amendments aimed at enhancing clarity and alignment with current procedures in both Executive roles and union structure. Your attendance and participation are highly valued as we collectively shape the future direction of our union.

Please [register](#) to attend this meeting and review the [agenda](#). Feel free to message the Executive at agsu@studentorg.utoronto.ca with any additions or other matters to do with the meeting or the AGSU in general!

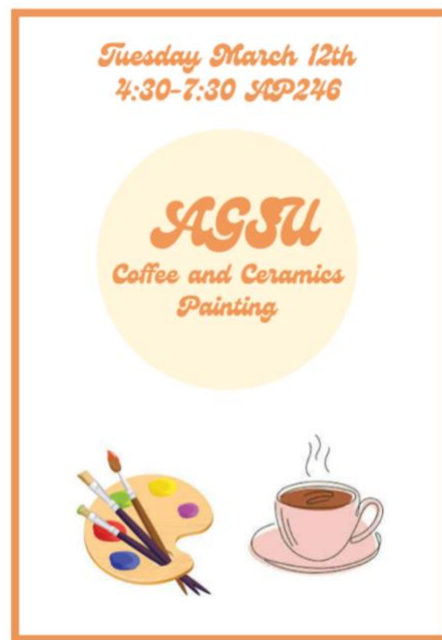
CALL FOR CRO AND DRO NOMINATIONS

Embark on the opportunity to shape our AGSU leadership! **Nominations are currently open for the positions of Chief Returning Officer and Deputy Returning Officer. Act now, as the nomination window spans from February 22nd to March 8th. Your involvement makes a difference!** The AGSU spring election (where we elect new Co-Presidents, Social Coordinators, and an Office Coordinator) is fast approaching! We need two members to nominate themselves as CRO (Chief Returning Officer) and DRO (Deputy Returning Officer) in order to run both Spring and Fall elections in accordance with the AGSU constitution. This indispensable work involves broadcasting calls for nominations, administering anonymized digital ballots, and announcing election results. The time commitment for both positions should not exceed a few hours per election period. **Please email agsu@studentorg.utoronto.ca with your nomination!**

This is a great, **low-commitment opportunity to help your fellow graduate students**, and it looks good on your CV! Please note that you can neither vote in AGSU elections nor nominate yourself for executive positions as long as you act as an AGSU CRO or DRO.

AGSU COFFEE AND CERAMICS PAINTING– MARCH 12 FROM 4:30-7:30 PM

Join us for AGSU's Glass Painting Night on March 12th, 4:30-7:30 PM, in the Anthropology Department's second-floor boardroom (AP246). Relax and get creative as we paint thrifted glassware—wine glasses, bowls, and more—with glass paint. Take home your unique creation and enjoy snacks and refreshments. It's the perfect way to unwind and embrace your artistic side during the busy semester. If you are interested in attending this event, please register [here](#) so the Social Coordinators can ensure enough glassware and refreshments for all attendees!



AGSU LOGO UNVEILING

Drumroll, please! After much anticipation, the AGSU is thrilled to unveil its new logo! Gratitude to the executives and members who shared their ideas and played a crucial role in bringing our logo to life. But that's not all – brace yourselves for even more exciting news: the launch of AGSU's merch store is just around the corner! Stay tuned for further updates and get ready to celebrate with us.



COMMUNITY COOKBOOK

The AGSU Mental Health Coordinators extend a warm invitation to all members to share their favourite quick and easy recipes for our upcoming community cookbook initiative. This cookbook, crafted from your submissions, will be accessible to all members, serving as a valuable resource for discovering healthy and convenient recipes tailored to the busy lives of graduate students. Your contributions will not only create a diverse collection but also foster a sense of community and well-being. Let's come together to make this cookbook a delicious reflection of our AGSU community! **Please email your recipes to agsu@studentorg.utoronto.ca!**

COMMUNITY PANTRY – DONATIONS REQUESTED

The AGSU Mental Health Coordinators are creating a **community pantry** to support our Anthropology Graduate student community and would like your help to get us started! The pantry will operate out of the 3rd floor grad lounge and provide food free for graduate students. The pantry will operate on principles of mutual aid; give what you can, take what you need, no questions asked or need to get special permission. **Currently, we are looking for donations of:**

- **Non-perishable food items**
- **Cutlery: Spoons and Forks**
- **Dishes: Bowls and Mugs**

Donations can be dropped off in the donation box located in the admin office on the 2nd floor. If you have any questions or want to arrange someone to take your donation directly please contact Adrianna (adrianna.wiley@mail.utoronto.ca) or Eman (eman.faisal@mail.utoronto.ca).



MEDUSA CONFERENCE

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who submitted roundtable discussions, posters, and presentations for the upcoming Medusa 2024 conference. Our dedicated Medusa Coordinators are diligently planning and scheduling the event, and we can't wait to share more details with you soon. Save the date on your calendars for the Medusa Conference, taking place from the 20th to the 22nd of March. Stay tuned for exciting updates and a memorable conference experience!



As we conclude this newsletter edition, we extend our gratitude for your continued support and engagement within the AGSU community. Your participation is what makes our union vibrant and strong. Remember, your questions, ideas, and contributions are always encouraged, so don't hesitate to reach out to the Executive at agsu@studentorg.utoronto.ca!

In Solidarity,
AGSU Executive Committee