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## SPEAKERS

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Ria Sidhu 00:12

Good morning. Thanks for joining us today. I'm Ria Sidhu.



Praise Ditep 00:15

and I am Praise Ditep. Here are some of the stories we are following this morning from On The rRecord newsroom,



Ria Sidhu 00:22

the search is on for a new president of TMU. Mohamed Lachemi has been in the job for a decade, and his term is coming to an end. So how do universities choose a new university president? Well, we're about to find out. Our reporter Mariela Torroba Hennigan joins us. Hi, Mariela, thanks for joining us. So how does it work?

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Mariela Torroba Hennigen 00:40

Thanks for having me. Ria, so as you can imagine, choosing a new president doesn't just happen in five minutes. It's a long process. I began my reporting for the story by interviewing Mark Schroeder. He's the vice president of the Canadian Association of University teachers, the CA UT, okay, and what did he tell you? He emphasized that point of how this whole undertaking is a very long and labor intensive process. His words, not mine. While there's no standard procedure across all universities, there are some consistencies steps that most universities will follow. For example, usually, once the Board of Governors starts to think of the next president, they create a search committee, and again, usually this happens in coordination with the University Senate, and how is that committee put together? It's not so much put together, but rather appointed by the board of governors, at least that's been the case this time at TMU's also told me that in other cases, universities may hire a search firm to launch this process, but he said that's a bit of a red flag for the CA, U, T, how come? Well, although he didn't get into specifics, I would infer that it's a lot of the that a lot of these executive search firms have big corporate clients, and that's often a red flag for public, post secondary education, or any public sector in general. I've contacted the Presidential Search Committee about this via email late last week, but I haven't heard back,

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Ria Sidhu 02:03

okay, and once a search committee is put together, what are some of the challenges going to be?

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Mariela Torroba Hennigen 02:07

Well, for sure, everybody knows these are challenging times, and we've been saying that since 2020, even longer, but a new president is going to have to deal with, for example, restriction in international student admissions, which, remember, Ria, they pay much higher tuition fees. Another challenge is stagnant funding, or even reduced funding, and cuts to programs in some places and layoffs for staff and faculty.

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Ria Sidhu 02:31

Well, that sounds like a lot to deal with, am I right?

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Mariela Torroba Hennigen 02:33

Oh yeah, it truly is a lot to deal with, honestly. Ria, the post secondary scene, especially here in Ontario, has been struggling a lot for the past few years, Premier Doug Ford's government first froze domestic tuition fees in 2019 soon after taking over from the provincial liberals, and those fees haven't changed since, while the costs of running a University of college have increased,

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Ria Sidhu 02:56

okay, and where are things now with the search process.

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Mariela Torroba Hennigen 02:59

This week, the committee was set to hold two town halls with one for faculty. That was yesterday, but we couldn't go, because I'm not faculty.

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Ria Sidhu 03:08

So when is a student town hall happening?

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Mariela Torroba Hennigen 03:11

Well, I first started working on the story a few weeks back, and the website said it was supposed to happen today, in the early afternoon. But then a week ago, I browsed again, and the meeting had disappeared altogether from the website, and it hasn't been reposted. Do we know why this is something I'm looking in through Ria, and I hope to find the answer. My story will be posted on our OTR website later this week, where people can read more about all of this process and hear more from President Lachemi himself as he enters the end of a decade long era serving in this position. 10 years ago, TMU's still known as Ryerson, yeah.

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Ria Sidhu 03:45

10 years ago, I don't, I don't know what I was. I wasn't hosting a newscast. 10 years ago, I was in the fifth grade. Anyways, thanks for joining us. Mariela.

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Praise Ditep 03:53

Thanks Ria, an elderly woman died at a TTC station yesterday after being crushed by a bus. It happened at Royal York station in Etobicoke. Police say the woman was trying to butt the bus as it was pulling away. Emergency crews were called, but she was pronounced dead. Her name has not been released. She was 78 years old.

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Ria Sidhu 04:21

A stabbing in Cabbage Town last night, a man is in hospital with serious injuries. It happened at Wellesley and Bleecker, that's just east of Sherbourne. Whoever did it fled the scene. A police investigation is underway now.

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Praise Ditep 04:33

Let's have a look at the other stories we are working on today and this week in our on the record newsroom, standing by in the newsroom is Janna Abbas, Janna, what have you got for us today?

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Janna Abbas 04:48

Thanks Praise. While some students may be getting ready for reading week, our reporters remain hard at work. AI is on just about everyone's mind right now. But what about a. AI in music. Our reporter Mariela Taro behennigan, we saw her earlier in the show. She's going to have a story about how AI has been busy composing actual soundtracks. Stay tuned for that story on our website later this week. And peel Police have launched a new Hate Crime Unit, if you're wondering why now, well, you're not the only one. Amulya, the way the is looking into it for us, she'll be asking why Peel Region feels the need for a new Hate Crime Unit, and what community struggles have led to the decision the federal government is giving a boost to French speaking students. It has announced 8000 new work placements across Canada. Our reporter servisani explores what this means for French speaking students in Toronto in an English dominant job market. That story will be up on our website also later this week. That's all from me right now, from right here in the OTR newsroom, back to Ria and Praise in the studio.

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Ria Sidhu 06:08

Thanks, Janna, the verdict in a fraud case involving Toronto's St Michael's Hospital is set to be delivered today. Former St Michael's executive VAs Georges was charged with fraud over the hospital's \$300 million redevelopment contract. He allegedly awarded the contract to former Bonfield CEO John Aquino based on their friendship. Prosecutors say both men communicated secretly during the selection process. Both men pleaded not guilty to two counts of fraud, but the trial is still ongoing, and we are waiting on an update

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Praise Ditep 06:40

A high school football game in Caledon turned into chaos on Friday evening, Caledon police were called to Humber view secondary school after reports of pepper spray being used several altercations and students being taken to The hospital. Additional officers were called in to manage multiple incidents, including reports of alleged weapons and fights in and around school grounds. This all took place on Friday, around 8pm during a Friday Night Lights game, which was in celebration of the school's 50th anniversary. The event was later shut down due to safety concerns and the large number of attendees.

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Ria Sidhu 07:31

The annual Nuit Blanche event took place overnight on Saturday. A reporter, Janna Abbas, who we just saw a minute ago, reporting live from the newsroom, she took along a camera and captured some images from Louis blanche for today's show, one of the artists whose work, Jana captured, explored the disappearance of a number of iconic old gay and lesbian clubs in Toronto. The installation was called disappearing acts. The artist Nina jaffers Levitt, a visual arts prof at York, her work displayed long gone clubs such as fly by night in the church in Wellesley neighborhood, that's the Gay Village and the beaver, which closed just five years ago. Several 100 people came out to Sankofa square on Saturday evening to have a look some of the city's legendary queer DJs played for the crowd, mimicking the environment of the featured clubs.

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Praise Ditep 08:21

Some sad news, Petal, the hippo, has died. The Toronto Zoo euthanized the 39 year old hippo over the weekend. In a social media post, the zoo announced that petal had been declining in mobility and overall quality of life due to ongoing health issues. Petal was described as having a larger than life personality. There will be a post mortem at the Ontario Veterinary College at the Guelph at the University of Guelph. Rest in peace, Petal

R**Ria Sidhu 09:01**

and now to a regular weekly feature that's entertainment this week. We're joined by Mariam Kourabi. What have you got for us, Miriam?

M**Mariam Kourabi 09:10**

Nothing short of entertaining. A swift start to the week included a Taylor Swift album drop titled *The life of a showgirl*, kind of a boring name, similar to the reaction many of her fans are having, however, the box office results absolutely bonkers. The event brought in 34 million US dollars domestically in its three day run, and more than 50 million globally. That is thanks to a recent engagement that has gotten the engagement numbers high next up when one door closes, another hair salon opens. Nicole Kidman, the famous Australian and American actress and producer, stepped out at Paris Fashion Week, debuting a stunning new look. It's her first public appearance since splitting with the country singer Keith Urban and the verdict at breakup, Bob has never looked this good. The couple were married for 19 years, and. They have two teenage girls together. It's University application time, not just for you, but for the Lopez kids as well. Jennifer Lopez opened up about her twins Max and Emma, who are preparing for college. Yes, you heard that right. Jenny from the block now has kids ready for dorm life? And no, we're not okay about it either. The duo is unsure about what they want to commit to, so that should help you feel a bit better about your decision making, too or failure of that's it for me. Now back to the desk.

P**Praise Ditep 10:30**

Thanks Miriam, okay, this week in sports, once again, there's only one place to start, and most viewers will know what it is. OTR is very busy. Mariela. Torroba, Hennigan takes us there. Hi, Mariella,

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Mariela Torroba Hennigen 10:47

Hi Ria, hi, Praise. That's right. The Blue Jays are absolutely on fire on the weekend. They absolutely embarrassed the New York Yankees, 10, one on Saturday, 13, seven in the Sunday game. By the way, that's not my word embarrassed. I mean, although it could be, in fact, that's the word that the New York Times chose for its headline. We can imagine there are a lot of New Yorkers who are having a hard time swallowing their back to back defeats at Rogers stadium thanks to their historic win. Those back to back wins, the Jays are a little more comfortable heading to New York. Rookie pitcher Trey yasavage set a new team record for strikeouts in a playoff game 11 in all. The old record was eight strikeouts, and in fact, that number was reached by three previous pitchers in four previous playoff games. Game three of the series is being played at Yankee Stadium tonight. The Blue Jays are aiming to sweep the best of five series, and that can happen tonight. Elsewhere in sports, the world para Athletics Championships wrapped up this weekend in New Delhi. After a week of competition, Canadian athletes brought home nine medals in total, three gold, one silver and five bronze. And for soccer fans, which is everybody in the world, right next summer's World Cup is going to be played using the tri onda. That's the name of the tournament, ball. FIFA and Adidas have revealed the ball design and how it got its name, tree for the three host nations, US, Mexico and the states and on that is Spanish for wave, but it's also slang for What's Up, Que onda. People here in Canada, we can look forward to seeing the maple leaf featured for the first time on a World Cup tournament ball, and another first in World Cup ball design, the tri onda has been tested to withstand different climate conditions, with matches taking place in 16 different cities. That was probably a good idea. Meanwhile, here in Toronto, the city is looking for volunteers to work the World Cup. Anyone living in the city and over the age of 18 is eligible. Tickets are already on sale and they are unaffordable, if you're lucky enough to still be able to find non resale tickets. Well, prices start at around 1500 Canadian dollars, but if you're feeling flush, why not splash out for some of the best seats at BMO? Come on. The best seats are in the 20 to \$30,000 range, and even higher, Sign me up. Actually, don't. I'll be quite happy to watch all the matches from my home or a pub, and even happier, to avoid the commute, which is guaranteed to be a treat. Okay, Praise and Ria, back to you.

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Ria Sidhu 13:35

Mariela, how would you do that? We just saw you doing a sports segment. Now you're here at the desk. What's your get up?

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Mariela Torroba Hennigen 13:41

Well, I'm so glad you asked Ria; Picking up from where I left off at my sports roundup. Dale Campion, vamos, Argentina.

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Ria Sidhu 13:49

Really, you're a journalist. You're not supposed to be a fan.

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Mariela Torroba Hennigen 13:52

Well, yeah, but I just can't help myself. By the way, I'm not just a fan of Argentina. I am Argentine myself, and also a little bit Brazilian, but for footballing purposes, we'll leave that part out. So I got to enjoy this while I still can. You know, because Argentina the ivy Celeste team, we're holders of the World Cup, and who knows how it's going to go next summer.

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Ria Sidhu 14:12

Okay, there we go. For on the record news. I'm Ria Sidhu.

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Praise Ditep 14:15

and I am Praise Ditep, join us for on the record next week, as we round up the latest stories from the OTR newsroom

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Ria Sidhu 14:25

and for the latest 24/7 visit our website, on the record news.ca. Have a great day.