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Annual Report: Recognized Campus Groups, University of Toronto Mississauga

**JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:**

Section 5.6 of the University Affairs Board Terms of Reference states:

*The Board receives annually, from the appropriate administrators, reports on services within its areas of responsibility, including but not limited to multi-campus services and offices, Campus Police, Human Resources and Equity, crisis response, and campus organizations.*

**GOVERNANCE PATH:**

1. Campus Affairs Committee (April 27, 2015) [For Information]
2. **University Affairs Board (May 26, 2015) [For Information]**

**PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:**

The report is presented annually to the Board.

**HIGHLIGHTS:**

Voluntary organizations formed by members of the University community are a traditional part of campus life, and contribute in a significant way to its intellectual, political, social and cultural diversity and richness.

Further to the *Policy on the Recognition of Campus Groups*, recognized campus groups are organizations whose membership is comprised of individuals who have elected to participate.

In accordance with the University's *Policy on the Recognition of Campus Groups*, this is a report on administrative decisions to grant, deny or withdraw recognition for groups based on the UTM campus for the 2014-15 academic year.

- There are 83 groups listed in this memorandum that have been granted recognition including: 41 new groups and 42 groups that successfully renewed campus group status recognition. 23 applications are under review.
- Recognition has not been denied or withdrawn from any groups.

Since many campus organizations address the complex issues of the world around us, engagement in a campus group can often provide important opportunities to be exposed to different ideas and perspectives. This helps the University provide meaningful opportunities for debate and dissent, and fosters the development of students' understanding of difference. Participation in campus groups provides means by which students integrate and engage with small communities within the University of Toronto.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

There are no financial implications.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The report is presented for information.

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**DOCUMENTATION PROVIDED:**

Recognized Campus Groups 2014-15 - UTM

## MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the UTM Campus Affairs Committee

From: Mark Overton

Date: May 19, 2015

Subject: UTM Recognized Campus Groups, 2014-15

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The size and diversity of the student community at the University of Toronto Mississauga (UTM) campus provides an extraordinary number of opportunities for students to participate in a vast array of activities undertaken by campus organizations. Participation in these groups forms an integral part of the student experience. Campus groups contribute in a variety of ways to the educational, intellectual, recreational, social and cultural life of the University community. For many students, involvement in voluntary campus organizations is not only a traditional part of campus life; it forms a significant component of their learning while at the University.

Many recognized campus organizations engage in co-curricular activities which enrich the participation of their members in their own academic programs. Involvement in a campus organization can also provide significant learning opportunities for students with respect to leadership, civic and community engagement, and organizational capacity. Since many campus organizations address the complex issues of the world around us, engagement in a campus group can often provide important opportunities to be exposed to different ideas and perspectives. This helps the University provide meaningful opportunities for debate and dissent, and fosters the development of students' understanding of difference. Finally, participation in campus groups provides means by which students integrate and engage with small communities within the University of Toronto.

In accordance with the University's *Policy on Recognition of Campus Groups*, this is a report on administrative decisions to grant, deny or withdraw recognition for groups based on the UTM campus in this academic year. The campus groups listed below have been granted recognition until September 30, 2015.

All groups that have been granted recognition for the 2014-15 academic year are listed in this memorandum.

Recognition of campus groups by the University provides a number of basic benefits and opportunities:

- 1) the right to use the name of the University in the name of the group and in conjunction with group activities;
- 2) eligibility to use University facilities and meeting spaces at no cost or at a lower cost compared to external organizations;
- 3) eligibility to apply for temporary office space;
- 4) access to University web site and other internet services;
- 5) listings in select University directories as a University recognized campus group;
- 6) verification letters confirming recognition status (sometimes required by banks and other external organizations); and
- 7) access to other University services and resources made available from time to time.

An organization seeking recognition must submit an annual application to the UTM Department of Student Life along with a copy of group's constitution. The constitution outlines the group's purpose, objectives and procedures. It addresses organizational structure, membership, meetings, the election or appointment of members in leadership positions, amendments to the constitution, and rules of conduct. A commitment to democracy and accountability to members should also be reflected.

Full membership in a recognized campus group (including eligibility to vote and serve in a leadership position) must be open to any member of the University community (including all students, staff, faculty and alumni) from any division. While discriminatory membership practices are not allowed, it is acknowledged that certain groups could well be homogeneous in nature without being discriminatory. Status as non-voting members may be extended to interested persons from outside the University.

Groups seeking recognition by the University must be genuine campus organizations and generally non-profit in nature. A recognized campus group cannot be controlled by any external body. However, many organizations are affiliated with provincial, national or international bodies and other external groups.

Under the terms of the *Policy*, the University will not attempt to censor, control or interfere with any group on the basis of its philosophy, beliefs, interests or opinions expressed unless and until these lead to activities which are illegal or which infringe the rights and freedoms of others within the community. By the same token, recognition as a campus group implies neither endorsement of a group's beliefs or philosophy, nor the assumption of legal liability for the group's activities.

Please note that pursuant to the *Policy*, the recognition of groups which draw their membership from only one academic division is delegated to the governance body of that division.

It is important to note that there are hundreds of additional clubs, many athletics and recreation activities, Hart House clubs and committees, as well as recognized campus groups based on other campuses which, while not listed here, add significantly to the educational, intellectual, recreational, social and cultural life of the U of T community. In addition, many students are

involved in student governments, college and faculty student societies, course unions, and departmental student associations.

### **Recognition Granted**

As of April 7, 2015, recognition has been granted by the UTM Department of Student Life to the following organizations for this academic year. More information about these organizations is available on-line at [ulife.utoronto.ca](http://ulife.utoronto.ca) and at [www.utm.utoronto.ca/groups](http://www.utm.utoronto.ca/groups).

- 1 Amnesty International UTM
- 2 Baptist Student Ministries UTM
- 3 Believers' Loveworld Christian Fellowship
- 4 Cancer Awareness Network
- 5 Caribbean Connections at UTM
- 6 Chess Club
- 7 Chinese Magazine at the University of Toronto Mississauga
- 8 Chinese Students and Scholars Association
- 9 Chinese Undergraduate Association at the University of Toronto Mississauga
- 10 Christian On Campus
- 11 Conquering Cancer Committee
- 12 Coptic Orthodox Student Association
- 13 Dance Club
- 14 Debating Club at UTM
- 15 DECA UTM
- 16 DEM Society
- 17 Dizangqi Collegiate Association
- 18 Drama Club-UTM
- 19 Educate Orphaned Females of Pakistan
- 20 Egyptian Student Association
- 21 Erindale Campus African Students Association
- 22 Erindale Christian Fellowship
- 23 European Students' Association at UTM
- 24 Foundation for International Medical Relief of Children UTM Chapter
- 25 Free the Children, at UTM
- 26 Game Development Club
- 27 Hillel at UTM
- 28 Hindu Student Council (UTM)
- 29 Ignition

- 30 Interactive Digital Media League
- 31 Iraqi Student Association
- 32 Italian Club of Erindale
- 33 Japanese Social For Erindale Students
- 34 Language Exchange Club at UTM
- 35 Literal Music
- 36 Logos Fellowship
- 37 Management & Business Consulting Association
- 38 Mandarin International Student Christian Fellowship (MiCF)
- 39 MEDLIFE UTM
- 40 MESA - Middle Eastern Student Association
- 41 Music Club (UMC)
- 42 Music Production Club (MPC)
- 43 Muslim Students' Association
- 44 One Prosper U UTM
- 45 Orphan Run
- 46 OUT @ UTM
- 47 Pakistani Youth Alliance at UTM
- 48 Power to Change
- 49 Pre-Medical Club
- 50 Rhythm
- 51 ROCSAUT (Taiwan Republic of China Student Association)
- 52 Rotaract Club at UTM
- 53 Rover Scout Crew
- 54 Shinerama
- 55 South Asian Association
- 56 Students Against Israeli Apartheid
- 57 Students for Wishes at UTM
- 58 Students Offering Support: University of Toronto Mississauga Chapter
- 59 Tetra Devices For Disabilities Club
- 60 The University of Toronto Mississauga Pre-Pharmacy Committee
- 61 Ukrainian Students Club
- 62 University of Toronto at Mississauga Red Cross Group
- 63 University of Toronto at Mississauga Tamil Students' Association
- 64 University of Toronto Erindale Chinese Student Association
- 65 University of Toronto Mississauga League Association

- 66 UT&FUN-UTM
- 67 UTM Agape Impact
- 68 UTM Anime
- 69 UTM Archery
- 70 UTM Art Club
- 71 UTM Catholic Students Club
- 72 UTM Chinese Christian Fellowship
- 73 UTM Liberals
- 74 UTM Pre-Law Enforcement Student's Association
- 75 UTM Squash Club
- 76 UTM Students for Life
- 77 UTM Students for Partners in Health
- 78 UTM Vietnamese Student Association
- 79 UTMFit
- 80 Women in Medicine
- 81 World Wildlife Foundation at UTM
- 82 Writer's Club
- 83 Zoroastrian Students Association-UTM

### **Recognition Denied**

As of April 7, 2015, no groups have been denied recognition.

### **Recognition Withdrawn**

As of April 7, 2015, no groups have had recognition withdrawn.

### **Recognition Statistics for the UTM Student Life Office (as of April 7, 2015)**

Summary of the applications for recognition received this year:

Total Number of Applications: 83

Recognition Granted: 83

Recognition Denied: 0

Recognition Withdrawn: 0

Application Terminated: 0

Application Withdrawn by Group: 0

Applications under Review: 23

Applications from New Groups: 41

Applications from Groups Seeking Renewal of Recognition: 42

### Membership Data:<sup>1</sup>

Cumulative Total Number of U of T Members of all UTM Recognized Campus Groups: 11,811

Average Number of U of T Members per UTM Group: 142

Number of UTM Groups with Fewer than 20 U of T Members: 17

Number of UTM Groups with 20 to 100 U of T Members: 27

Number of UTM Groups with Greater than 100 Members: 39

### **Student Societies, Student Academic Societies and Student Society Affiliates**

In addition to the above groups, whose membership is voluntary, the following campus organizations whose student membership is automatic by virtue of students' registration are, for all intents and purposes, recognized as well.

- 1 UTM SOCIETY - CFRE Radio 91.9FM
- 2 UTM SOCIETY - Erindale Part-Time Undergraduate Students (EPUS)
- 3 UTM SOCIETY - Medical Society
- 4 UTM SOCIETY - UTM Association of Graduate Students (UTMAGS)
- 5 UTM SOCIETY- The Medium
- 6 UTM SOCIETY- UTM Athletic Council (UTMAC)
- 7 UTM SOCIETY- UTM Residence Council (UTMRC)
- 8 UTM SOCIETY- UTM Student Union (UTMSU)
- 9 UTM ACADEMIC SOC - Erindale Society of Chemical & Physical Sciences
- 10 UTM ACADEMIC SOC - Forensics Society
- 11 UTM ACADEMIC SOC - Historical Studies Society at UTM
- 12 UTM ACADEMIC SOC - ICCIT Council
- 13 UTM ACADEMIC SOC - Mathematical and Computational Sciences Society (MCSS)
- 14 UTM ACADEMIC SOC - MMPA Course Union
- 15 UTM ACADEMIC SOC - Philosophy Academic Society
- 16 UTM ACADEMIC SOC - Political Science & Pre-Law Association (PSLA)
- 17 UTM ACADEMIC SOC - Psychology Assoc of Undergrad Students at Erindale (PAUSE)
- 18 UTM ACADEMIC SOC - Sociology & Criminology Society (SCS)
- 19 UTM ACADEMIC SOC - Student Association of Geography and Environment (SAGE)
- 20 UTM ACADEMIC SOC - Student Management Association (SMA)
- 21 UTM ACADEMIC SOC - Undergraduate Commerce Society (UCS)
- 22 UTM ACADEMIC SOC - Undergraduate Economics Council (UEC)

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<sup>1</sup> Membership figures are supplied by the groups at the time of application and are not verified. U of T membership numbers include all U of T community members (i.e., student, staff, faculty and alumni). Student membership numbers are not reportedly separately. For UTM, student societies, student society affiliates and academic societies are not reflected in this membership data as society memberships are mandatory based on students' registrations.



- 23 UTM ACADEMIC SOC - UTM Anthropology Society
- 24 UTM AFFILIATE - Sexual Education & Peer Counselling Centre
- 25 UTM AFFILIATE - Erindale College Special Response Team (ECSpeRT)
- 26 UTM AFFILIATE - Women's Centre