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**ITEM IDENTIFICATION:**

Report #1 on Recognized Campus Groups

**JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:**

The *Policy on the Recognition of Campus Groups* provides that the administration is responsible for the implementation of the policy, including the granting, denying or withdrawing of recognition. Such administrative decisions are to be reported regularly to the University Affairs Board for information.

**PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:**

This report is presented to the Board twice each year for information. This is the first report for this year.

**HIGHLIGHTS:**

To the present, 232 campus groups have met the requirements for recognition and have been granted recognition for the 2003-04 year by the Office of Student Affairs. A total of 221 groups received recognition during the 2002-03 year. More groups have been granted recognition in this year compared to any previous year.

The application for recognition of one group has been denied. No recognition has been withdrawn in this session.

The applications for recognition of 47 organizations are currently under review or on hold pending receipt of additional information or amendments to constitutions in order to meet the requirements for recognition.

More information about these organizations is available on the World Wide Web at <<http://www.sa.utoronto.ca>>.

**FINANCIAL AND/OR PLANNING IMPLICATIONS:**

There are no significant financial implications for the University's operating budget.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The report is presented for information only.



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## MEMORANDUM

**TO: MEMBERS OF THE UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS BOARD**

**FROM: JIM DELANEY**

**SUBJECT: RECOGNIZED CAMPUS GROUPS 2003-04, REPORT #1**

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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 in this academic year.

The campus groups listed below have been granted recognition until September 30, 2004. All groups that have been granted recognition by the Office of Student Affairs for the 2003-04 academic year are listed here.

Voluntary organizations are a traditional part of campus life. These organizations contribute in a variety of ways to the educational, intellectual, recreational, social and cultural life of the University community. Recognition of campus groups by the University through the Office of Student Affairs provides a number of benefits and opportunities:

- 1) the right to use the University's name in the name of the group and in conjunction with group activities;
- 2) eligibility to use Hart House and International Student Centre facilities and services;
- 3) use of other University facilities and meeting spaces at no cost or at a lower cost (compared to external organizations);
- 4) eligibility to apply for temporary office space on the St. George Campus at the Sussex Club House and the International Student Centre;
- 5) access to web site hosting services for the organization through Student Affairs and other Internet services through the Information Commons;
- 6) listings in directories provided to the University community and to the public as an official University of Toronto campus group;
- 7) verification letters confirming recognition status (sometimes required by banks and other external organizations); and
- 8) access to other services and resources.



An organization seeking recognition must submit an application to the Office of Student Affairs and a copy of group's constitution. The constitution should outline the group's purpose, objectives and procedures. It should address 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). 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 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.

### **Recognition Granted**

Recognition has been granted to the following organizations for this academic year. More information about these organizations is available on-line at the Student Affairs web site at <<http://www.sa.utoronto.ca>> (follow the link for Campus Organizations).

1. 1917 Society (U of T)
2. U of T Actuarial Science Club
3. Advocates for Islam
4. Afghan Students Association (ASA)
5. African Students Association (ASA)
6. Afropan Community Campus Group
7. Ahmadiyya Muslim Student Association (AMSA)
8. Al-Awda, Palestine Right of Return Coalition
9. Alumni/a for a Free U of T
10. Ambassadors for International Development (AID)
11. U of T Anime and Roleplaying Association (UTARPA)
12. The U of T Arab Student Collective (ASC) (formerly the Arab Students' Association)
13. Argentine Tango Club at U of T (AT@UT)
14. U of T Armenian Students' Association

15. Asia-Pacific Student Entrepreneurship Society (ASES)
16. Asian Broadcasting Network (ABN)
17. U of T Association of Chinese Students & Scholars (UTACSS)
18. The Association of Student Activities (ASA)
19. U of T Association of Students Assisting Seniors
20. The Assyrian Student Association of U of T
21. U of T Astronomy and Space Exploration Society
22. Bangladeshi Students Association (BSA)
23. U of T Banting and Best Club
24. Black Students' Association
25. U of T BLACKlight
26. U of T Buddhist Community (UTBC)
27. Buddhist Student Association (BSA)
28. Bulgarian Students' Association
29. The Cambodian Genocide Group
30. Campus Association for Bahá'í Studies
31. Campus Co-operative Residence Inc.
32. Campus Crusade for Christ
33. U of T Campus Gospel Ministries (CGM)
34. Campus Greens of U of T
35. Canada Indonesian Association (CIA)
36. Canadian Asian Student Society (CASS)
37. Canadian Islamic Congress
38. Caribbean Connections at St. George (formerly the West Indian Students' Association)
39. The U of T Celtic Society
40. CFC - Youth for Christ
41. U of T Chinese Catholic Community (UTCCC)
42. U of T Chinese Christian Fellowship
43. U of T Chinese Debate Society (UTCDS)
44. Chinese Engineering Students' Association (CESA)
45. U of T Chinese Students' Association (UTCOSA)
46. The Chinese Undergraduate Association at U of T (CUAUT)
47. Chinmaya Study Group
48. Christian Advance
49. U of T Christians on Campus
50. Club for Undergraduate Biomedical Engineers (CUBE)
51. The U of T Cognitive Science and Artificial Intelligence Students Association (CASA)
52. U of T Communist (Party of Canada) Club
53. Commuter Involvement Association (CIA)
54. companytheatre crisis
55. Compass Catholic Fellowship
56. U of T Consulting Association (UTCA)
57. Coptic Orthodox Students' Association (COSA)
58. U of T Corporate Law Club
59. Council for Exceptional Children - OISE/UT Chapter
60. U of T Covenant Christian Church Campus & 20s Fellowship

61. Croatian Student Association - St. George Chapter (CSA)
62. U of T Curling Club
63. Current Affairs Exchange Forum (CAFEX)
64. U of T Dance Club (UTDC)
65. U of T DanceSport Club (UTDSC)
66. U of T Dentistry 0T6 (Dents 0T6)
67. The Disciples of Zarathustra
68. U of T Drama Coalition
69. UTSC Drama Society
70. Drumroll Thunder Pause
71. Duke of Edinburgh's Award - Young Canadian's Challenge
72. Engineering Prayer Group (EPG)
73. Enriching Our Lives Book Club
74. U of T Entrepreneurship Club (UTEC)
75. U of T Environmental Resource Network (UTERN)
76. Ethnomusicology Students Association
77. U of T European Club
78. Evangelical Christian Union (ECU)
79. Falun Dafa Practice & Study Group
80. Falun Meditation Club
81. The U of T Floorball Club
82. Footprint Publication
83. Frontier College - Students for Literacy
84. U of T Fundraising Committee (UTFC)
85. The U of T Gaming Club
86. The Gardeners' Collective
87. Golden Key International Honour Society - U of T Chapter
88. U of T Gospel Choir (UTGC)
89. Graduate Environmental Students' Association (GESA)
90. U of T Greek Students' Association
91. Habitat for Humanity - U of T Chapter
92. U of T Hillel (formerly the Jewish Student Union )
93. Hindu Students' Association (HSA)
94. The Hip Hop Headz Organization
95. Hong Kong Students at U of T (HKS@UT)
96. The U of T Human Factors Interest Group
97. U of T Humanist Circle
98. U of T Hungarian Students' Association (HSA)
99. U of T Information Technology Society
100. U of T International Christian Fellowship (ICF) (formerly the Asian Christian Fellowship)
101. International Folk Dance Club
102. U of T International Health Program (UTIHP)
103. U of T International Relations Society (IR Society)
104. U of T International Socialists
105. International Students' Association (ISA)

106. U of T International Youth Fellowship (UTIYF)
107. Iranian Association at U of T (IAUT)
108. Ismaili Students Association (ISA)
109. Jargon
110. U of T Jazz Combo (UTJC)
111. Jewish Law Students Association
112. U of T Just Cause
113. The Kabbalah Club
114. Kids Can Free The Children Youth In Action
115. Kids In Developing Societies (KIDS)
116. Korean Canadian U of T Students Association (KCUTSA)
117. U of T Korean Christian Fellowship
118. U of T Krishna Conscious Students Association
119. The Language Club
120. Latter-Day Saint Student Association (LDSSA)
121. The Let's Talk Science Partnership Program
122. LGBT Dance at U of T
123. U of T Liberals
124. Malaysian Singaporean Students' Association (MSSA)
125. Mandarin Culture And Language Exchange (MCALE)
126. U of T Marxist Institute
127. U of T Master of Forest Conservation Club
128. U of T Mauritian Society (UTMS)
129. U of T Medecins Sans Frontieres Volunteer Committee (UTMSF)
130. The Midnite Munchies Club
131. Mindfulness Practice Community of U of T
132. Minds For The Millennium (M4M)
133. U of T Model Rocketry Association (MRA)
134. Mohandes - U of T Iranian Engineering Society
135. Morning Star Christian Fellowship at U of T
136. Mountain Bike Varsity Team
137. The Multicultural Food Critics Club
138. U of T Muslim Students' Association (MSA)
139. National Business Technology Conference (NBTC)
140. The National Interest Forum at the U of T
141. National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE)
142. The U of T Navigators
143. U of T New Democratic Party Club (NDP)
144. New Romantic Productions
145. New Socialist Club
146. The Noam Chomsky Fan Club
147. The North American Model United Nations (NAMUN)
148. U of T Objectivist Club
149. Only Human Dance Collective
150. Ontario Public Interest Research Group – Toronto (OPIRG)
151. U of T Oral Health and Pre dental Student Society

152. Organization of Latin American Students, St. George Campus (OLAS)
153. The U of T Outing Club (UTOC)
154. U of T Pagan Society
155. Pakistani Students Federation (PSF)
156. Peace by PEACE (PxP)
157. U of T Portuguese Association (UTPA)
158. U of T Pre-Dental Society
159. U of T Pre-Law Society
160. U of T Pre-Medical Society
161. U of T Psychoanalytic Society
162. The Pulse – The U of T Medical Newspaper
163. The U of T Real Estate Club (UTREC)
164. U of T Role-Playing Guild
165. Romanian Students' Club (RSC)
166. The Rotaract Club of the U of T
167. The U of T Rugby Football Club
168. The Rumi Society of the U of T
169. Russian Union of Students (RUS)
170. The Sahaja Yoga Society
171. U of T Sailing Club
172. The Scanning Tunneling Microscope Club (STMC)
173. Science For Peace
174. U of T Serbian Students' Association
175. U of T Sexual Education & Peer Counselling Centre (SEC)
176. U of T Sikh Students Association
177. Silhouettes Dance Company
178. The Socialist Action U of T Club
179. U of T Socialist Alternative
180. The Socialist Caucus of the NDP, U of T Club
181. Soka Gakkai International in U of T (SGI U of T)
182. Solidarity for Palestinian Human Rights - U of T
183. Sororities at U of T
184. South Asian Alliance
185. The U of T Space Design Contest (UTSDC)
186. Stage Blue Productions at the U of T
187. The Student Buddy (formerly Student Buddies)
188. U of T Student Christian Movement (SCM)
189. U of T Student Projects for Change
190. U of T Student Volunteer Society
191. Students Against Global AIDS (SAGA)
192. Students Against Racism & Brutality (SARB)
193. Students For Barrier-Free Access (SBFA)
194. U of T Students for Life (UTSFL)
195. Students for Social Equality
196. U of T Students for Students
197. Students for Toronto



198. Students Helping Students
199. The Sufi Study Circle
200. Taiwan Republic of China Student Association @ U of T (ROCSAUT)
201. U of T Tamil Students' Association
202. The Thai Students' Association of U of T
203. Thaqaalayn Muslim Association (TMA)
204. Theatre Offstage
205. Theatre Rouge
206. To Be Announced
207. The Toronto Student Movement
208. Toronto Undergraduate Biotech Symposium (TUBS)
209. Trinity Cantonese Christian Fellowship (TCCF)
210. Trinity College Overseas Development Through Education Committee (TODEC)
211. U of T Trivia
212. Turkish Students' Association
213. U of T Tzu Chi Youth Group
214. Ukrainian Students' Club (USC)
215. UNICEF – United Nations Children Fund
216. Unique Productions & Publications
217. Unitarian Universalist Campus Ministry of the U of T
218. U of T United Nations Society
219. U of T University Bible Fellowship (UBF)
220. University College Water Dragons (UC Dragon Boat Team)
221. University Network In Toronto's Youth (UNITY)
222. University Salsa Club
223. Varsity Christian Fellowship (VCF)
224. Victoria College Dragon Boat Team
225. Vietnamese Students' Society
226. The Volunteering Association @ U of T
227. War Child at U of T
228. The U of T Wargaming Association (UTWA)
229. Women in Science & Engineering - U of T (WISE)
230. World University Service of Canada (WUSC) - U of T
231. Youth With A Mission (YWAM)
232. Yummy Food Club (YFC)

### **Recognition Denied**

The application for recognition of the group listed here has been denied.

1. Ballroom Dance Club

### **Recognition Withdrawn**

Recognition has not been withdrawn from any group in this academic year.

## Recognition Statistics

Summary of the applications for recognition received this year:

Total Number of Applications: **286**

Recognition Granted: **232**

Recognition Denied: **1**

Recognition Withdrawn: **0**

Application Withdrawn by Group: **1**

Application Incomplete: **13**

Application on Hold (pending receipt constitutional amendments): **27**

Application Under Consideration: **7**

Group Not Seeking University Recognition: **5**

New Groups: **94**

Groups Seeking Renewal of Recognition (from previous year): **177**

Groups Seeking Renewal of Recognition (not recognized in 2002-03): **10**

Applications from Groups Recognized in 2002-03:

Recognition Renewed: **164**

Application Pending: **14**

No Application for Renewal: **43**

Total Number of Recognized Campus Groups in Previous 5 Years:

2002-03: **221** Total (167 in UAB Report #1)

2001-02: **225** Total (178 in UAB Report #1)

2000-01: **203** Total (164 in UAB Report #1)

1999-00: **185** Total (128 in UAB Report #1)

1998-99: **182** Total (129 in UAB Report #1)

