



TO: University Affairs Board

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AGENDA ITEM: 9

## ITEM IDENTIFICATION:

### **Compulsory Non-Academic Incidental Fees: Individual Requests from Student Societies for Increases Beginning Fall, 2005**

## JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:

The terms of reference of the University Affairs Board provide that the Board approves the establishment of and changes to compulsory non-academic incidental fees including those collected on behalf of student societies.

The administrative procedures are outlined in the *Policy on Compulsory Non-Academic Incidental Fees* and the *Handbook for Student Societies* (published by the Office of Student Affairs). Pursuant to the *Policy*, requests for increases to fees must be supported by due constitutional and fair processes within student societies.

Increases which are greater than the cost of living must be supported by a positive result in a recent referendum. Requests for increases which are less than or equal to the cost of living must be supported by a previous referendum approving annual increases by an established inflation factor. When such a provision is approved by referendum, annual increases, no greater than the Ontario Consumer Price Index of the previous December (or no greater than an inflation factor approved by referendum), may be requested upon approval of the board or council of the organization.

## PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

Requests for changes to existing fees and/or the establishment of new fees are brought forward to the Board on one or more occasions each year. This is the third set of requests on behalf of student societies brought forward this year.

This request has been reviewed by the Office of Student Affairs and is recommended for approval.

## **HIGHLIGHTS:**

The following student societies have requested changes to fees charged on their behalf by the University:

**Scarborough Campus Students' Union (SCSU):** the establishment of a new designated portion of the fee for Frontier College Students for Literacy (UTSC).

Additional information is provided in the attached memorandum from Jim Delaney, Assistant Director, Student Affairs.

## **FINANCIAL AND/OR PLANNING IMPLICATIONS:**

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

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the University Affairs Board approve the following:

THAT beginning in the fall 2005 session, the Scarborough Campus Students' Union fee be increased by \$0.50 per session (fall and winter sessions only), from \$168.11 to \$168.61,<sup>1</sup> charged to all full-time undergraduate University of Toronto at Scarborough students and by \$0.10 per session (fall and winter sessions only), from \$11.12 to \$11.22, charged to all part-time undergraduate University of Toronto at Scarborough students.

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<sup>1</sup> While SCSU is authorized by the University Affairs Board to charge \$59.28 per session (including the administration fee and PST) for the Dental Plan, SCSU has elected to charge only \$38.86 (including the administration fee and PST) per session in 2005-06. Similarly, although SCSU is authorized to charge \$41.58 for the Accident and Prescription Drug Insurance Plan (including the administration fee and PST), SCSU has elected to charge only \$40.67 (including the administration fee and PST). Therefore, the total SCSU fee that will be charged to full-time undergraduate UTSC students is \$146.62.



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## MEMORANDUM

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

**FROM: JIM DELANEY**

**SUBJECT: COMPULSORY NON-ACADEMIC INCIDENTAL FEES:  
INDIVIDUAL REQUESTS FROM STUDENT SOCIETIES FOR INCREASES BEGINNING  
FALL, 2005**

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Further to my memorandum to members of the University Affairs Board for the meeting held on April 26, 2005, one additional request for a fee increase has been received by this office.

### **Scarborough Campus Students' Union (SCSU)**

#### *Background*

The SCSU fee was increased to \$168.11 per session for full-time UTSC students and \$11.12 per session for part-time UTSC students at the meeting of the University Affairs Board held on April 26, 2005.

The society neglected to include a request for an increase for a designated purpose with the other increases already considered and approved by the Board this spring.

#### *Requests*

- 1) The establishment of a new designated portion of the fee for Frontier College Students for Literacy (UTSC).

A referendum was held on March 21 and 22, 2005, in which UTSC students were asked to support the increase. The wording of the question is as follows:



**Preamble:**

*Students for Literacy (UTSC), founded in 1996, is a student-driven organization made up of a group of dedicated student volunteers who are committed to promoting literacy and non-formal education in their community. Students for Literacy (UTSC) works in association with Frontier College, a national volunteer-based literacy organization that aims to help people learn to read and write and to nurture an environment favourable to lifelong learning. Since 1899, Frontier College has been reaching out to people wherever they are and responding to their particular learning needs. Students for Literacy (UTSC) strives to continue that legacy.*

**Mission Statement:**

*We believe in literacy as a fundamental human right and work to achieve literacy for all. We believe that literacy is more than just the ability to read and write. It involves a complex set of abilities that will allow individuals the agency to critically understand and decide their level of participation in their communities. It is about strengthening culture, achieving goals, expanding knowledge and recognizing potential. We are committed to working in collaboration with communities that are marginalized and isolated by poverty and injustice. We strive to achieve this by forming partnerships with local community-based social service agencies through the delivery of non-formal education programs. It is our vision to create a just and equitable society by challenging all forms of oppression.*

**The Proposal:**

*1) Status: Students For Literacy (UTSC) will become an affiliate of Scarborough Campus Students' Union.*

*2) Student Levy:*

*a. As of September 2005, the Scarborough Campus Students' Union will collect a per session fee of \$0.50 from all full-time and \$0.10 from all part-time students at UTSC, and remit the said levy to its affiliate, Students For Literacy (UTSC).*

*b. A summer fee will not be collected on behalf of Students for Literacy (UTSC).*

*c. The Students for Literacy UTSC student levy will be refundable during the official Scarborough Campus Students' Union opt-out period.*

**The Question:**

*Are you in favour of establishing a new levy to Students For Literacy (UTSC) subject to the terms and conditions outlined in the aforementioned?*

The results of the referendum are as follows:

<b>YES</b>	<b>354</b>	67.6%	Number of Eligible Voters	8,319
<b>NO</b>	<b>82</b>	15.6%	<b>Voter Turnout</b>	<b>524 / 6.3%</b>
<b>Abstain/Spoiled</b>	<b>88</b>	16.8%	Difference Between YES and NO	272 / 3.3%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>524</b>			

The society has submitted the required documentation. No complaints were received by this office concerning the referendum or the request for an increase.

***Recommendation:***

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