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AGENDA ITEM: 4

ITEM IDENTIFICATION:

University College Literary & Athletics Society of the University of Toronto: Incorporation

JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:

The University Affairs Board is responsible for approving articles of incorporation and corporate by-laws for the four representative student committees (the Students' Administrative Council, the Association of Part-time Undergraduate Students, the Graduate Students' Union, and the Scarborough Campus Students' Union) and for incorporated student societies and campus organizations for which the University charges compulsory non-academic incidental fees. Specified sections of by-laws of incorporated bodies that are "reserved" at the time of the initial approval require approval upon amendment.

PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

Consideration of approval of articles of incorporation and by-laws of newly incorporated student societies occurs infrequently. The most recent approval was given in November, 1998, when the Board approved the transfer of incorporation of the Graduate Students' Union (GSU) Club (an entity responsible only for the GSU pub) to the parent GSU organization.

HIGHLIGHTS:

Relevant issues are addressed in the attached memorandum from Jim Delaney.

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:

THAT, subject to fulfillment of the conditions set out below,

- 1. the application for letters patent of the University College Literary and Athletics Society of the University of Toronto (attached) be approved;
- 2. the use of the words "University College" and "University of Toronto" in the corporate name of the "University College Literary and Athletics Society of the University of Toronto" be approved; and
- 3. the draft by-laws of the University College Literary and Athletics Society of the University of Toronto (attached) be approved replacing any and all previous Governing Council approved constitutions of the Society.

The conditions of the foregoing approvals are that:

- 1. the Governing Council reserves the right to approve changes to certain sections of the corporate by-laws (as stipulated in the draft by-laws) and that the corporation will inform the Office of the Vice-President & Provost of any and all changes to sections of the by-laws not reserved for approval by the Governing Council;
- 2. the student society will eliminate the words "University College" and "University of Toronto" in the corporate name of the University College Literary and Athletics Society of the University of Toronto upon the corporation ceasing to be recognized by the University in accordance with applicable policies; and
- 3. the student society will enter into an agreement with the University in form and substance satisfactory to the Vice-Provost, Students, regarding the use University space by the corporation.

Note: With respect to first condition, a provision reserving the right for the Governing Council to approve changes to certain sections of the by-laws is included in the draft by-laws. Three officers of the Society have signed an undertaking (attached) agreeing to the second condition. The third condition will be the subject of discussion and negotiation among the Society, University College, and Student Affairs in the coming months.