



TO: University Affairs Board

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AGENDA ITEM: 3.(c)

ITEM IDENTIFICATION:

Compulsory Non-Academic Incidental Fees – Student Society Fees: University of Toronto Mississauga Part-time Students Societies, Representation and Fees

JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:

The University Affairs Board is responsible for policy concerning representative student committees, student societies and campus organizations.

The *University of Toronto Act* (1947) provides that the Governing Council “may make provision for enabling the students of the University, University College and the federated colleges to appoint a representative committee of themselves to be chosen in such manner as shall be approved by the [Governing Council], which shall be the recognized official student medium of communication on behalf of such students between them and the [Governing Council].”

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 the Vice-Provost, Students). Pursuant to the *Policy*, requests for increases to fees must be supported by due constitutional and fair processes within student societies.

Requests for increases are brought forward to the Board by the administration on the assurances of the student societies that due constitutional procedures have been followed.

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 a specific inflation factor approved by referendum), may be requested upon approval of the board or council of the organization.

PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

At present, there are four “representative student committees:” the Students’ Administrative Council (SAC; currently operating as the University of Toronto Student Union; representing all full-time undergraduate students on the St. George and Mississauga campuses), the Graduate Students’ Union (GSU; representing all graduate students all on campuses); the Association of Part-time Undergraduate Students (APUS; representing all part-time undergraduate students on all campuses), and the Scarborough Campus Students’ Union (SCSU; representing all full-time undergraduate students on the Scarborough campus). SCSU became a representative student committee in 2004, while APUS became a representative student committee in the early 1970s. Prior to this, SAC represented all undergraduate students on all campuses.

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.

The requests have been reviewed by the Office of Vice-Provost, Students and are recommended for approval.

HIGHLIGHTS:

See the attached memorandum from Jim Delaney, Director, Office of the Vice-Provost, Students.

FINANCIAL AND/OR PLANNING IMPLICATIONS:

There are no direct financial implications for the University’s operating budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

Subject to the conditions and expectations delineated below, it is recommended that the University Affairs Board approve the following:

- 1) THAT all fees currently charged to University of Toronto Mississauga (UTM) students on behalf of Erindale Part-time Undergraduate Students (EPUS) be discontinued;
- 2) THAT all fees currently charged to UTM students on behalf of the Association of Part-time Undergraduate Students (APUS) be discontinued;

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- 3) THAT a new fee of \$80.51 be established and charged on behalf of the UTM Students' Union to UTM part-time undergraduate students including designated portions for the Society (\$12.65), an Accident and Prescription Drug insurance plan (\$28.80, including provincial sales tax), a Dental Plan (\$27.45, including provincial sales tax), the Ontario Public Interest Research Group (\$0.50 in fall and winter, \$1.00 in summer), the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) and CFS-Ontario (\$3.31), and the UTM Student Centre (\$7.80);
- 4) THAT EPUS be de-recognized as a student society of the University of Toronto;
- 5) THAT the Governing Council cease its recognition of APUS as the Representative Student Committee of part-time undergraduate students registered at the UTM; and
- 6) THAT UTMSU be recognized as the Representative Student Committee and primary representative body of part-time undergraduate students registered at UTM.

Terms and conditions of the foregoing recommendation and approval:

- 1) That for the purposes of the *Memorandum of Agreement between the University of Toronto, the Students' Administrative Council, the Graduate Students' Union and the Association of Part-Time Undergraduate Students for a Long-Term Protocol on the Increase or Introduction of Compulsory Non-Tuition Related Fees* (the "Protocol"), the Association of Part-time Undergraduate Students shall continue to represent part-time undergraduate students registered at UTM until such time as a new or revised Protocol is approved; and
- 2) That UTMSU will undertake, in consultation with the Students' Administrative Council, to address the formal representation of full-time undergraduate UTM students.