



TO: University Affairs Board

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AGENDA ITEM: 6.(a)

**ITEM IDENTIFICATION:**

Operating Plans: Student Services, St. George Campus: Advice from the Council on Student Services (COSS)

**JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:**

The University Affairs Board is responsible for policy and operational matters concerning student services, including levels of service offered, fees charged and categories of users.

Pursuant to the terms 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"), approved by Governing Council on October 24, 1996, the Council on Student Services (or the relevant body within a division of the University) reviews in detail the annual operating plans, including budgets and proposed compulsory non-academic incidental fees, and offers its advice to University Affairs Board on these plans.

According to the terms of the Protocol, the Council on Student Services considers proposals for the increase, decrease, introduction or elimination of compulsory non-academic incidental fees covered by the Protocol. In the absence of approval by COSS (or by referendum), the Governing Council may approve (a) permanent increases in existing fees by a percentage less than or equal to the lesser of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) increase or the University of Toronto Index (UTI) increase; and (b) temporary increases in existing fees by a percentage less than or equal to the greater of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) increase or the University of Toronto Index (UTI) increase.

**PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:**

The Vice-Provost, Student Life, last reported to the Board on the advice from COSS on March 25, 2008.

**HIGHLIGHTS:**

At its meeting held on February 27, 2009, COSS considered the operating plans and fees of Student Life Programs and Services; Hart House; and the Faculty of Physical Education and Health: Co-curricular Programs and Services. Each of the three resolutions to support approval of the plans and fees failed. Student members of COSS were unanimous in their dissent.

**FINANCIAL AND/OR PLANNING IMPLICATIONS:**

Recommendations for approval of each division's operating plans and budgets are outlined in the documentation provided to the Board. The proposed operating plans and budgets meet the requirements for approval by the Governing Council pursuant to the Protocol and are presented for approval.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

This report is presented for information only.