



**UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO**

**UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO STUDENT SOCIETIES  
SUMMARY OF 2008/2009 AUDITORS' OPINIONS**

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## INTRODUCTION

Student societies within the University of Toronto vary widely in size, range of interest and level of activity. However, the recognized student societies have at least three things in common:

- they represent and are responsible to given “constituencies”;
- membership is automatic;
- the University collects non-academic incidental fees from each student eligible to be a member.

Forty student societies and one affiliate fit the above criteria. These societies are required by Governing Council Policy to:

- maintain adequate and proper accounting records;
- submit financial statements audited or reviewed by an independent auditor, licensed under the Public Accountancy Act, to the Office of the Vice Provost, Students of the University by December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year.

Student societies may apply for an exemption from the audit requirement if the following conditions are met:

- incidental fees collected on behalf of the student society amount to less than \$30,000 in the fiscal year, and “other revenues” amount to less than \$7,500;
- the request for exemption is made prior to the midpoint of the fiscal year concerned and is supported by at least two-thirds of the full membership of the Council or Board of Directors of the society;
- the Internal Audit Department is satisfied that the society is maintaining proper books of account and supporting documentation.

Societies seeking audit exemptions are required to submit their unaudited financial statements and books of accounts and supporting documentation to the Internal Audit Department for review by December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year.

Regulations and policies relating to student societies are outlined in the *Handbook for Student Societies*, published by the Office of the Vice Provost, Students

## OBJECTIVE AND SCOPE

This report summarizes the student societies’ Auditors’ opinions, noting societies that have been granted an exemption from the audit requirement, as well as societies that have not submitted audited statements or requested an exemption.

The report covers the twelve months, September 1, 2008 to August 31, 2009. Twenty eight societies have submitted their financial statements to the Office of the Vice Provost, Students or have been granted an

exemption from the audit requirement by the Internal Audit Department. As at March 5, 2010, 13 societies (32%) had not submitted their 2008/2009 audited financial statements. Incidental fees are not released to the societies until audited financial statements are submitted.

## SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT NOTES TO SELECTED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The following summarizes the significant note(s) to the audited financial statements received and reported on by Internal Audit:

**Engineering Society** – The Society was named as a defendant in a pending lawsuit involving a claim for \$1.5 million for damages from injuries sustained by the plaintiff during the normal course of the Society’s activity. The claim has been withdrawn by the claimant.

## COMPARATIVE SUMMARY OF AUDITORS’ OPINIONS

The following summarizes the external auditors’ opinions and exemptions granted or denied in 2008/2009 and 2007/2008:

	<u>2008/2009</u> (40 societies <sup>1</sup> 1 affiliate)	<u>2007/2008</u> (39 societies 1 affiliate)
1. Unqualified audit opinions	16	19
2. Qualified audit opinions	10	9
3. Audit exemptions granted	<u>2</u> *	<u>2</u> *
	<u>28</u>	<u>30</u>
4. Audited financial statements outstanding at the time of this report	<u>13</u> **	<u>10</u> ***
	<u>41</u>	<u>40</u>

\* Table I (Page 4)

\*\* Table II (Page 5)

\*\*\* Table III (page 6)

As noted in the 2007/2008 Internal Audit report, 10 societies (25%) did not submit their financial statements by the date of that report. Financial statements have since been received or exemptions granted for six of the societies (Table III): the Engineering Athletic Association have not submitted their 2007/2008 statements as of the date of this report; the Erindale Part-Time Undergraduate Students Association have not submitted their 2002/2003, 2003/2004, 2004/2005, 2005/2006, 2006/2007 and 2007/2008 statements as of the date of this report; the Graduate Business Council have not submitted their 2007/2008 statements as of the date of this report; the University of Toronto Mississauga Residence Council have not submitted their 2007/2008 statements as of the date of this report; University College Residence Council have not submitted their 2004/2005 statements as of the date of this report.

**TABLE I:** Societies that received an exemption from the audit requirement.

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<sup>1</sup> The Medical Radiation Science Society is new this year.

NAME	FEE REVENUE \$	OTHER REVENUE \$
Graduate House Council	16,569	2,169
Woodsworth College Residence Council	7,140	1,128

**TABLE II:** Societies that have not submitted their 2008/2009 audited financial statements as at March 5, 2009.

NAME	FEE REVENUE \$	YEAR-END
University of Toronto Radio Inc. (CUIT) <sup>2</sup>	189,682	April 30, 2009
Engineering Athletic Association (See also Table III)	36,026	July 31, 2009
Erindale Part-time Undergraduate Students (See also Table III)	560 <sup>5</sup>	April 30, 2009
Graduate Architecture, Landscape, & Design	25,875	August 31, 2009
Graduate Business Council (See also Table III)	58,504	April 30, 2009
Music Undergraduate Society (exemption request)	6,360	April 30, 2009
New College Residence Council (exemption request)	15,580	April 30, 2009
University College Residence Council (exemption request)	11,055	September 30, 2009
UTM Residence Council (See also Table III)	24,600 <sup>3</sup>	April 30, 2009

NAME	FEE REVENUE \$	YEAR-END
UTSC Campus Students Press (The Underground) <sup>2</sup>	64,452	April 30, 2009
UTSC College Student Village Council	21,990	April 30, 2009
Radio Erindale – VIBE	41,698	April 30, 2009
Woodsworth College Students Association <sup>2</sup>	137,260	April 30, 2009

**TABLE III:** Societies that have submitted their 2007/2008 financial statements subsequent to the prior year's Internal Audit Report or are still outstanding as at the date of this report.

NAME	FEE REVENUE \$	YEAR-END
89 Chestnut Residence Council (Received 2007/2008)	17,460	August 31, 2008
Engineering Athletic Association (2007/2008 statements outstanding) <sup>4</sup>	36,490	July 31, 2008
Erindale Part-Time Undergraduate Students Association (2002/2003, 2003/2004, 2004/2005 2006/2007, 2007/2008 statements outstanding) <sup>4</sup>	2,564 <sup>5</sup>	April 30, 2008
Graduate Business Council (2007/2008 statements outstanding) <sup>4</sup>	43,532	April 30, 2008
Innis College Students Society (Received 2007/2008 statements)	82,244	April 30, 2008
Music Undergraduate Society (Received 2007/2008 statements)	6,615	April 30, 2008

New College Residence Council (2007/2008 exemption granted)	17,300	April 30, 2008
The Medium (Received 2007/2008 statements)	69,764	April 30, 2008
University College Residence Council (2007/2008 exemption granted; Outstanding 2004/2005, statements ) <sup>4</sup>	10,965	September 30, 2008
UTM Residence Council <sup>4</sup>	N/A <sup>3</sup>	April 30, 2008

<sup>2</sup> Financial statements were received subsequent to the financial statement submission date of March 5, 2010.

<sup>3</sup> Fee revenue was not recorded on ROSI for 2007/2008. Fee revenue was recorded on ROSI for 2008/2009.

<sup>4</sup> As a result of the outstanding Financial Statements, the following societies' funds have been withheld by the University: Engineering Athletic Association (\$14,131); Erindale Part-Time Undergraduate Students Association (\$31,709); Graduate Business Council (\$16,212); University College Residence Council (\$10,170) and University of Toronto Mississauga Residence Council (\$7,956).

<sup>5</sup> The administration has suspended the collection of Erindale Part-Time Undergraduate Students Association (EPUS) fee beginning with the summer of 2009 session as EPUS has not been active in 2008-9 and has not submitted audited financial statements for six years. A decision has not been made with respect to the fees collected to date.

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