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**ITEM IDENTIFICATION:**

Compulsory Non-Academic Incidental Fees – Student Society Fees: Student Society Proposals for Fee Increases

**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 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 the cost of living or an explicit 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:**

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 second set of requests on behalf of student societies brought forward this year.

At the University Affairs Board meeting held on March 13, 2012, the Board approved increases to fees charged on behalf of the Erindale College Student Union (operating as the University of Toronto Mississauga Students' Union, UTMSU) and the Association of Erindale Part-time Undergraduate Students (EPUS). The U-Pass levy for UTMSU was increased and a U-Pass levy for EPUS was established. It was also reported that collection of the EPUS membership fee was re-activated by the administration following the suspension of the fee several years ago.

**HIGHLIGHTS:**

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

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Additional information is provided on the referenced pages in the attached memorandum from Jim Delaney, Director, Office of the Vice-Provost, Students.

The requests have been reviewed by the Office of the Vice-Provost, Students in light of the requirements of the *Policy for Compulsory Non-Academic Incidental Fees* and are found to be in compliance. Therefore, the requests are recommended for approval.

**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, on the condition that the Association of Part-Time Undergraduate Students Assembly of Class Representatives approves the following requests for increases at its meeting in April, 2012, the University Affairs Board approve the following: THAT beginning in the fall 2012 session, the Association of Part-time Undergraduate Students (APUS) fee be increased as follows: (a) by \$0.07 per session in the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) / CFS-Ontario portion of the fee; (b) by \$3.47 per session in the Accident & Prescription Drug Plan portion of the fee; and (c) by \$2.89 per session in the Dental Plan portion of the fee. If approved, the total APUS fee will be \$92.55 per session, charged to all part-time undergraduate students on all campuses.

THAT beginning in the fall 2012 session, the Engineering Society fee be increased as follows: (a) an increase of \$0.46 (\$0.43 part-time) per session in the society portion of the fee; (b) the establishment of a Skule Nite portion of the fee of \$1.95 (\$0.00 part-time) through 2013-14. If approved, the total Engineering Society fee will be decreased to \$161.47 (\$22.11 part-time) per session, charged to all Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering students.

THAT beginning in the fall 2012 session, the Erindale College Student Union (operating as the University of Toronto Mississauga Students' Union; UTMSU) fee be increased as follows: (a) an increase of \$0.26 per session in the society portion of the fee; (b) an increase of \$0.01 per session in the On-Campus First Aid Emergency Response portion of the fee; (c) an increase of \$0.02 per session in the Academic Societies portion of the fee; (d) an increase of \$0.01 per session in the Food Bank portion of the fee; and (e) an increase of \$0.02 per session in the Student Refugee Program portion of the fee. If approved, the total UTMSU fee will be \$126.03 for the 2012 summer session and \$105.31 per session in the fall and winter terms, charged to all full-time undergraduate University of Toronto at Mississauga students.

THAT, on the condition that the Graduate Students' Union Council ratifies the referenda concerning fees for the University of Toronto Environmental Resource Network and the Toronto Sustainable Food Co-operative Inc. at its meeting on April 25, 2012, the University Affairs Board approve the following: THAT, beginning in the fall 2012 session, the Graduate Students' Union (GSU) fee be increased as follows: (a) an increase of \$0.60 (\$0.30 part-time) per session in the society portion of the fee; (b) an increase of \$0.22 (\$0.11 part-time) per session in the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) – CFS-Ontario portion of the fee; (c) an increase of \$4.07 (full-time students only) per session (including an administration fee and sales tax) in the Supplementary Health Coverage portion of the fee; (d) an increase of \$4.38 (\$4.38 part-time) per session (including an administration fee and sales tax) in the Dental Plan portion of the fee; (e) the establishment of a UTERN Fund portion of the fee of \$0.25 (\$0.13 part-time) per session; and (f) the establishment of a Toronto Sustainable Food Co-operative portion of the fee of \$0.50 (\$0.25 part-time) per session. If approved, the total GSU fee will be increased to \$233.00 per session (\$99.98 part-time), charged to all graduate students.

THAT beginning in the fall 2012 session, the Innis College Student Society (ICSS) fee be increased as follows: (a) an increase of \$0.53 per session in the society portion of the fee; (b) an increase of \$1.00 per session in the Orientation portion of the fee; Orientation (first year students only); and (c) the establishment of a Town Hall portion of the fee of \$5.00 (\$5.00 part-time) per session. If approved, the total ICSS fee will be \$86.53 per session for first year students and \$35.53 per session for all other students, charged to all full-time and part-time Innis College students.

THAT beginning in the fall 2012 session, the Nursing Undergraduate Society (NUS) fee be increased as follows: (a) an increase of \$0.34 per session in the society portion of the fee; and (b) an increase of \$2.50 per session (full-time only) in the Canadian Nursing Students Association portion of the fee. If approved, the total NUS fee will be \$22.34 (\$1.00 part-time) per session, charged to all undergraduate Faculty of Nursing students.

THAT, on the condition that the Scarborough Campus Students' Union Board approves the following requests for increases at its meeting on April 10, 2012, the University Affairs Board approve the following:

THAT beginning in the fall 2012 session, the Scarborough Campus Students' Union (SCSU) fee be increased as follows: (a) the continuation of the Student Refugee Program portion of the fee; (b) an increase of \$0.48 (\$0.03 part-time) per session in the society portion of the fee; (c) an increase of \$0.71 (\$0.21 part-time) per session in the Student Centre portion of the fee; (d) an increase of \$0.14 (full-time only) per session in the CFS/CFS-O portion of the fee; (e) an increase of \$1.66 (\$0.17 part-time) per session in the Sports and Recreation Centre portion of the fee; (f) an increase of \$4.38 (full-time only) per session (including an administration fee and sales tax) in the Health Plan portion of the fee; and (g) an increase of \$5.18 (full-time only) per session (including an administration fee and sales tax) in the Dental Plan portion of the fee. If approved, the total SCSU fee will be \$229.94 (\$21.07 part-time) per session, charged to all undergraduate University of Toronto Scarborough students.

THAT beginning in the fall 2012 session, the Students' Administrative Council (operating as the University of Toronto Students' Union; UTSU) fees be increased as follows: (a) an increase of \$0.34 per session in the society portion of the fee; (b) an increase of \$0.01 per session in the Student Refugee Program portion of the fee; (c) an increase of \$0.14 per session in the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) – CFS-Ontario portion of the fee; (d) an increase of \$2.41 per session (including an administration fee and sales tax) in the Accident & Prescription Drug Plan portion of fee; and (e) an increase of \$5.14 per session for the Dental Plan portion (including an administration fee and sales tax); and (f) for full-time undergraduates on the St. George Campus only, an increase of the fee for the Student Common Project of \$0.62 per session. If approved, the total UTSU-St. George fee will increase to \$159.63, charged to all full-time undergraduate students on the St. George Campus; and the total UTSU-UTM fee will increase to \$150.61, charged to all full-time undergraduate students on the University of Toronto Mississauga campus.

THAT beginning in the fall 2012 session, The Varsity fee be increased as follows: (a) an increase of \$0.03 per session in the society portion of the fee. If approved, the total Varsity fee will be \$1.36 per session, charged to all full-time undergraduate University of Toronto students.





## MEMORANDUM

To: **Members of the University Affairs Board**

From: Jim Delaney

Date: April 16, 2012

Subject: **Student Society Proposals for Fee Increases**

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Requests from a number of student societies for the fee changes listed below have been received by the Office of the Vice-Provost, Students. The applications have been reviewed in light of the requirements of the *Policy for Compulsory Non-Academic Incidental Fees*, are found to be in compliance with these requirements, and are recommended for approval.

Requests for fee increases from student societies must meet a number of requirements. Section 2 of the *Policy for Compulsory Non-Academic Incidental Fees* outlines the University's general expectations:

*Requests to change the fee collected on behalf of a student society and requests for new fees shall be approved only when evidence has been presented that the request has been authorized by due constitutional process in the organization.*

*Where the amount of an increase in the fee charged is not greater than the year-over-year change in consumer prices for Ontario as measured by Statistics Canada (December-over-December) as of December 31 of the previous year, the request must be supported by the results of a previous referendum approving the principle of a cost-of-living adjustment. Where the amount of an increase in the fee charged is greater than the year-over-year change in consumer prices, the request must be supported by the majority of the society's members voting in a recent referendum.*

The procedures for handling fee change requests (from the *Handbook for Student Societies* published by this office) also provide that requests for a fee increase must be supplied with the following:

*Evidence that the request to change the existing fee (or to institute a new charge) has been authorized by due constitutional process of the organization. This evidence should include a copy of or specific reference to the section of the society's constitution which relates to the mechanism for fee changes, minutes of the meeting at*

*which the resolution to request the change was passed, details and results of any referenda related to the subject which may have been held within the division, and publicity given the matter to ensure that those who may be affected by the change are aware of the proposal, including size and purpose of the increase, and have had the opportunity to make their views known.*

Normally, the administration intersects with these processes at two points. Initially, we ask student societies to seek advice from this office on the wording of referendum questions (with respect to clarity and technical language). The second point occurs after the referendum when the student society makes the formal request for a fee increase. The recommendation for approval is derived from the assessment of whether or not the society has met the requirements established in the *Policy* and the relevant procedures.

Occasionally, the Office is asked to look into complaints about referendum procedures and compliance with relevant portions of the society's constitution and/or by-laws. The results of these investigations play a significant role in the assessment of the request and the recommendation for approval.

The assessment of requests for fee increases is normally based upon the following expectations:

- 1) The student society must make the request in a manner consistent with the *Policy for Compulsory Non-Academic Incidental Fees* and the University's procedures for increases to student society fees;
- 2) When required, there must be a positive result in a referendum for a fee increase (special conditions established by the society, such as quorum, must also be met);
- 3) The referendum question itself should be clear and provide enough information to students in order to gain a full understanding of the implications of the question and proposed fee for them;
- 4) The referendum must be held in a fair manner, advertised and promoted in a reasonable manner, and the members of each organization should be given a reasonable opportunity to vote; and
- 5) Each organization must comply with the provisions of its own by-laws, rules of procedure, and specific policies and procedures approved by the society's board or council.

Societies which have previously received approval (by referendum) from their members for an annual cost of living increase in the society's portion of the fee may request increases, upon approval by the society's board or council, of up to the previous Ontario December to December cost of living increase (consumer price index) calculated by Statistics Canada. The December 2011 consumer price index for Ontario was 2.0%.



Where members of a society have given consent (through a previous referendum) to the concept of inflationary increases according to a specific inflation factor or measure, this factor or measure may be used in place of CPI. For example, the Students' Administrative Council (SAC)<sup>1</sup>, the Graduate Students' Union (GSU), the Association of Part-time Undergraduate Students (APUS), and the Scarborough Campus Students' Union (SCSU) may request increases in the designated portions of their fees for health and dental plans at a rate established by approval of a previous referendum. SAC, APUS and SCSU may request increases in their health and dental plan fees of up to 10%. The GSU may request increases in its health and dental plan fees of an amount less than or equal to a health industry index.

It is important to note that when dealing with a student society request for a fee change, it is the society's own constitution, by-laws or established policies that set the standards for acceptable results in referenda. In some cases, society constitutions establish a minimum voter turnout in order to consider a referendum result to be valid. The University has not established additional criteria with respect to valid referendum voter turnout.

In addition, the administration relies heavily on the assurances of student societies that due constitutional and fair procedures have been followed.

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<sup>1</sup> The Students' Administrative Council is currently operating as the University of Toronto Students' Union (UTSU).

## **Association of Part-time Undergraduate Students (APUS)**

### **Background**

In fall/winter 2011-12, the APUS fee was \$86.12 per session charged to all part-time undergraduate students on all campuses. The fee includes \$3.58 per session for membership in the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) and CFS-Ontario (CFS-O), \$37.28 (including sales tax) per session for an Accident & Prescription Drug Insurance Plan, and \$31.11 (including sales tax) for a Dental Plan.

### **Requests**

- 1) A cost of living increase in the CFS/CFS-O portion of the fee.

At its meeting to be held in April, 2012, the APUS Assembly of Class Representatives will consider a resolution to request a cost of living increase to the CFS/CFS-O portion of the fee.

In course of considering this request, the Office of the Vice-Provost, Students has not received any complaints concerning the process leading up to the request.

- 2) An inflationary increase in the Accident & Prescription Drug Insurance Plan portion of the fee.

At its meeting to be held in April, 2012, the APUS Assembly of Class Representatives will consider a resolution to request a cost of living increase to the Accident & Prescription Drug Insurance Plan portion of the fee.

In course of considering this request, the Office of the Vice-Provost, Students has not received any complaints concerning the process leading up to the request.

- 3) An inflationary increase in the Dental Plan portion of the fee.

At its meeting to be held in April, 2012, the APUS Assembly of Class Representatives will consider a resolution to request a cost of living increase to the Dental Plan portion of the fee.

In course of considering this request, the Office of the Vice-Provost, Students has not received any complaints concerning the process leading up to the request.

### **Summary of Changes**

See Schedule 1: Student Society Fees (attached).

## **Recommendation**

THAT, on the condition that the Association of Part-Time Undergraduate Students Assembly of Class Representatives approves the following requests for increases at its meeting in April, 2012, the University Affairs Board approve the following:

THAT beginning in the fall 2012 session, the Association of Part-time Undergraduate Students (APUS) fee be increased as follows: (a) by \$0.07 per session in the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) / CFS-Ontario portion of the fee; (b) by \$3.47 per session in the Accident & Prescription Drug Plan portion of the fee; and (c) by \$2.89 per session in the Dental Plan portion of the fee. If approved, the total APUS fee will be \$92.55 per session, charged to all part-time undergraduate students on all campuses.

## ***Engineering Society***

### **Background**

In fall/winter 2011-12, the total Engineering Society fee was \$163.44 per session for full-time Faculty of Applied Science & Engineering students (\$21.68 per session for part-time students and Professional Experience Year (PEY) students). The fee includes \$23.06 per session (\$21.68 part-time) for the society; \$2.75 per session (\$0.00 part-time) for the Blue Sky Solar Car Team; and \$1.63 per session (\$0.00 part-time) for the Concrete Canoe Team. The mandates to continue to charge the Blue Sky Solar Car Team and Concrete Canoe Team portions of the fee end this year.

### **Requests**

- 1) A cost of living increase to the society portion of the fee.

At its meeting held on March 5, 2012 the University of Toronto Engineering Society Council approved a resolution to request a cost of living increase in the society portion of the fee.

In course of considering this request, the Office of the Vice-Provost, Students has not received any complaints concerning the process leading up to the request.

- 2) The establishment of a designated portion of the fee through the 2013-14 fall/winter academic period for "Skule Nite."

A referendum was held March 30, 2012, in which Applied Science & Engineering students were asked to support the establishment of the levy for the next two years. The wording of the question is as follows:

*Student Society Proposals for Fee Increases*

*Preamble*

*The Engineering Society is seeking consent from its members for the establishment of a Skule Night levy. The levy will be \$1.95 per session (\$3.90 per fall/winter academic session).*

*If the levy is approved, it will be charged to all full-time undergraduate Applied Science and Engineering students in fall 2012 and fall 2013. Subsequent referendum approval will be required to continue the fee after the 2013 session.*

*For more information about Skule Nite see: <http://elections.skule.ca/levy-applicants/skule-nite>*

*Question*

*Are you in favour the establishment of the Skule Nite levy as described above? Yes / No*

The results of the referendum are as follows:

YES	274	55.7%	Approximate Number of Eligible Voters	4,800	
NO	217	44.1%	Voter Turnout	492	10.3%
SPOILED	1	0.2%			
<b>TOTAL</b>	492				

In course of considering this request, the Office of the Vice-Provost, Students has not received any complaints concerning the process leading up to the request.

On March 30, 2012 unsuccessful referenda were also held for the following existing or proposed fees: the Blue Sky Solar Car Team, University of Toronto Destination Imagination, the Iron Dragon Team, the Sustainable Engineers Association, the Concrete Canoe Team and the You're Next Career Network. Accordingly, the Blue Sky Solar Team and Concrete Canoe Team levies will not be charged after the winter 2012 session.

**Summary of Changes**

See Schedule 1: Student Society Fees (attached).

**Recommendation**

THAT beginning in the fall 2012 session, the Engineering Society fee be increased as follows: (a) an increase of \$0.46 (\$0.43 part-time) per session in the society portion of the fee; (b) the establishment of a Skule Nite portion of the fee of \$1.95 (\$0.00 part-time) through 2013-14. If approved, the total Engineering Society fee will be decreased to \$161.47 (\$22.11 part-time) per session, charged to all Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering students.

***Erindale College Student Union (operating as the University of Toronto Mississauga Students' Union; UTMSU)***

**Background**

In fall/winter 2011-12, the total UTMSU fee was \$99.07 per session for full-time University of Toronto Mississauga (UTM) students. The fee includes \$13.28 per session for the society, \$0.50 per session for On-Campus First Aid Emergency Response, \$0.96 per session for Academic Societies, \$65.75 per session for the Mississauga Transit UPass (\$86.50 for the summer), \$0.53 per session for a Food Bank, and \$1.04 per session for a Student Refugee Program.

**Requests**

- 1) A cost of living increase in the society portion of the fee.

At its meeting held on February 17, 2012, the UTMSU Board approved a resolution to request a cost of living increase to the society portion of the fee.

In course of considering this request, the Office of the Vice-Provost, Students has not received any complaints concerning the process leading up to the request.

- 2) A cost of living increase in the On-Campus First Aid Emergency Response portion of the fee.

At its meeting held on February 17, 2012, the UTMSU Board approved a resolution to request a cost of living increase to the On-Campus First Aid Emergency Response portion of the fee.

In course of considering this request, the Office of the Vice-Provost, Students has not received any complaints concerning the process leading up to the request.

- 3) A cost of living increase in the Academic Societies portion of the fee.

At its meeting held on February 17, 2012 the UTMSU Board approved a resolution to request a cost of living increase to the Academic Societies portion of the fee.

In course of considering this request, the Office of the Vice-Provost, Students has not received any complaints concerning the process leading up to the request.

- 4) A cost of living increase in the Food Bank portion of the fee.

At its meeting held on February 17, 2012, the UTMSU Board approved a resolution to request a cost of living increase to the Food Bank portion of the fee.

In course of considering this request, the Office of the Vice-Provost, Students has not received any complaints concerning the process leading up to the request.

- 5) A cost of living increase in the Student Refugee Program portion of the fee.

At its meeting held on February 17, 2012 the UTMSU Board approved a resolution to request a cost of living increase to the Academic Societies portion of the fee.

In course of considering this request, the Office of the Vice-Provost, Students has not received any complaints concerning the process leading up to the request.

### **Summary of Changes**

See Schedule 1: Student Society Fees (attached).

### **Recommendation**

THAT beginning in the fall 2012 session, the Erindale College Student Union (operating as the University of Toronto Mississauga Students' Union; UTMSU) fee be increased as follows: (a) an increase of \$0.26 per session in the society portion of the fee; (b) an increase of \$0.01 per session in the On-Campus First Aid Emergency Response portion of the fee; (c) an increase of \$0.02 per session in the Academic Societies portion of the fee; (d) an increase of \$0.01 per session in the Food Bank portion of the fee; and (e) an increase of \$0.02 per session in the Student Refugee Program portion of the fee. If approved, the total UTMSU fee will be \$126.03 for the 2012 summer session and \$105.31 per session in the fall and winter terms, charged to all full-time undergraduate University of Toronto at Mississauga students.

### ***Graduate Students' Union (GSU)***

#### **Background**

In 2011-12, the GSU fee was \$222.98 per session for full-time graduate students (\$94.81 for part-time graduate students). The fee includes \$30.26 per session for full-time students (\$15.13 per session for part-time students) for the society; \$7.48 per session for full-time students (\$3.74 per session for part-time students) designated for membership in the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) and CFS-Ontario (CFS-O); \$106.80 (including an administration fee and sales tax) per session for Supplementary Health Coverage (full-time only); and \$73.44 (including an administration fee and sales tax) per session for a Dental Plan (full-time and part-time).

In accordance with the original referendum question, the GSU may request increases to the CFS/CFS-O levy by an amount identified by CFS/CFS-O upon approval of a resolution by the Council of the GSU.

### **Requests**

- 1) A cost of living increase in the Society portion of the fee.

At its meeting held on March 28, 2012, the GSU Council approved a resolution to request a cost of living increase to the society portion of the fee.

In course of considering this request, the Office of the Vice-Provost, Students has not received any complaints concerning the process leading up to the request.

- 2) An inflationary increase in the CFS/CFS-O portion of the fee.

At its meeting held on March 28, 2012, the GSU Council approved a resolution to request an inflationary increase to the CFS/CFS-O portion of the fee.

In course of considering this request, the Office of the Vice-Provost, Students has not received any complaints concerning the process leading up to the request.

- 3) An inflationary increase in the Supplemental Health Coverage portion of the fee.

At its meeting held on March 28, 2012, the GSU Council approved a resolution to request an inflationary increase in the Supplemental Health Coverage portion of the fee.

In course of considering this request, the Office of the Vice-Provost, Students has not received any complaints concerning the process leading up to the request.

- 4) An inflationary increase in the Dental Plan portion of the fee.

At its meeting held on March 28, 2012, the GSU Council approved a resolution to request an inflationary increase in the Dental Plan portion of the fee.

In course of considering this request, the Office of the Vice-Provost, Students has not received any complaints concerning the process leading up to the request.

- 5) The establishment of a University of Toronto Environmental Network (UTERN) Fund portion of the fee.

A referendum was held March 28-30, 2012, in which Graduate students were asked to support the establishment of the levy. The wording of the question is as follows:

*Preamble*

*The University of Toronto Environmental Resource Network (UTERN) is an environmental fund to support student-led environmental projects on all three U of T campuses. At present, UTERN receives a levy of \$0.25 per session (\$0.50 per fall/winter period) from full-time undergraduate students approved through a referendum in 2003.*

*The proposed UTERN levy is \$0.25 per session (\$0.50 per fall/winter period) for full-time graduate students, and \$0.13 per session (\$0.26 per fall/winter period) for part-time graduate students, and would be charged as part of the Graduate Students' Union (GSU) fee beginning in the fall 2012 session. The UTERN levy would be refundable for GSU members during the time frame and process outlined in the Memorandum of Agreement between GSU and TSFC.*

*Implementation of the levy would be subject to the GSU and UTERN reaching a formal Memorandum of Agreement concerning payment of fees, member refunds, accountability for student fee revenue, and the terms and conditions related to the levy. The levy and the agreement between the GSU and UTERN would be subject to review by the GSU Council every two years.*

*Question*

*Are you in favour of the proposed levy for the University of Toronto Environmental Resource Network as described in the preamble and subject to the terms and conditions outlined in the preamble? Yes / No / Abstain*

The results of the referendum are as follows:

YES	343	66.3%	Approximate Number of Eligible Voters	14,411	
NO	98	19.0%	Voter Turnout	517	3.6%
ABSTAIN	70	13.5%			
SPOILED	6	1.2%			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>517</b>				

These results are tentative as they are pending ratification at the GSU Council Meeting on April 25, 2012.

In course of considering this request, the Office of the Vice-Provost, Students has not received any complaints concerning the process leading up to the request.

- 6) The establishment of a Toronto Sustainable Food Co-operative Inc. (TSFC) portion of the fee.

A referendum was held March 28-30, 2012, in which Graduate students were asked to support the establishment of the levy. The wording of the question is as follows:



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*Preamble*

*Toronto Sustainable Food Co-operative Inc. (TSFC) is an autonomously incorporated, volunteer-based organization dedicated to increasing both accessibility to, and awareness of, sustainable food alternatives on the U of T campus. On January 30, 2012, TSFC launched its first major initiative, Harvest Noon Cafe, which is located on the second floor of the GSU building at 16 Bancroft Ave. The mandate of Harvest Noon is to provide healthy, affordable, and delicious food to the GSU and broader UofT community. While the cafe's current operations are sustainable, both financially and operationally, with external support TSFC would be able to expand its ability to serve this community. Some of the key initiatives that the cafe would like to pursue are: extending its operating hours; offering educational workshops; offering catering services; and lending assistance to new and emerging sustainable projects on campus that facilitate the development of a healthy, environmentally conscious GSU community.*

*The proposed TSFC levy is \$0.50 per session (\$1.00 per fall/winter period) for full-time graduate students and \$0.25 per session (\$0.50 per fall/winter period) for part-time graduate students, and would be charged as part of the Graduate Students' Union (GSU) fee beginning in the fall 2012 session. The TSFC levy would be refundable for GSU members during the timeframe and process outlined in the Memorandum of Agreement between GSU and TSFC.*

*Implementation of the levy would be subject to the GSU and TSFC reaching a formal Memorandum of Agreement concerning payment of fees, member refunds, accountability for student fee revenue, and the terms and conditions related to the levy. The levy and the agreement between the GSU and TSFC would be subject to review by the GSU Council every two years.*

*Question*

*Are you in favour of the proposed levy for the Toronto Sustainable Food Co-operative Inc. as described in the preamble and subject to the terms and conditions outlined in the preamble?  
Yes / No / Abstain*

The results of the referendum are as follows:

YES	319	61.7%	Approximate Number of Eligible Voters	14,411	
NO	132	25.5%	Voter Turnout	517	3.6%
ABSTAIN	60	11.6%			
SPOILED	6	1.2%			
<b>TOTAL</b>	517				

These results are tentative as they are pending ratification at the GSU Council Meeting on April 25, 2012.

In course of considering this request, the Office of the Vice-Provost, Students has not received any complaints concerning the process leading up to the request.

## **Summary of Changes**

See Schedule 1: Student Society Fees (attached).

## **Recommendation**

THAT, on the condition that the Graduate Students' Union Council ratifies the referenda concerning fees for the University of Toronto Environmental Resource Network and the Toronto Sustainable Food Co-operative Inc. at its meeting on April 25, 2012, the University Affairs Board approve the following:

THAT, beginning in the fall 2012 session, the Graduate Students' Union (GSU) fee be increased as follows: (a) an increase of \$0.60 (\$0.30 part-time) per session in the society portion of the fee; (b) an increase of \$0.22 (\$0.11 part-time) per session in the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) – CFS-Ontario portion of the fee; (c) an increase of \$4.07 (full-time students only) per session (including an administration fee and sales tax) in the Supplementary Health Coverage portion of the fee; (d) an increase of \$4.38 (\$4.38 part-time) per session (including an administration fee and sales tax) in the Dental Plan portion of the fee; (e) the establishment of a UTERN Fund portion of the fee of \$0.25 (\$0.13 part-time) per session; and (f) the establishment of a Toronto Sustainable Food Co-operative portion of the fee of \$0.50 (\$0.25 part-time) per session. If approved, the total GSU fee will be increased to \$233.00 per session (\$99.98 part-time), charged to all graduate students.

## ***Innis College Student Society (ICSS)***

### **Background**

In 2011-12, the ICSS fee was \$30.00 per session for all full-time and part-time Innis College students with a supplemental \$50.00 Orientation fee per session for all first year students. The fee includes \$26.50 per session for the society.

### **Requests**

- 1) A cost of living increase in the Society portion of the fee.

At its meeting held on March 28, 2012, the ICSS approved a resolution to request a cost of living increase to the society portion of the fee.

In course of considering this request, the Office of the Vice-Provost, Students has not received any complaints concerning the process leading up to the request.

- 2) A cost of living increase in the Orientation portion of the fee.

At its meeting held on March 28, 2012, the ICSS Council approved a resolution to request a cost of living increase to the society portion of the fee.

In course of considering this request, the Office of the Vice-Provost, Students has not received any complaints concerning the process leading up to the request.

- 3) The establishment of a Town Hall portion of the fee.

A referendum was held March 26-27, 2012, in which Innis College students were asked to support the establishment of the levy. The wording of the question is as follows:

*Preamble:*

*The Innis College Student Society is seeking consent from the Innis Student Body to create a 5-year dedicated student levy from each Innis Student, in order to fund the Innis Town Hall capital redevelopment project. This levy will consist of \$5 per semester, per student. If the total fundraising goal is reached by the college before the 5 year levy has ended, the levy will be removed. They levy will begin to be collected once construction has commenced.*

*Question:*

*Do you approve of the 5-year dedicated student levy described above?*

The results of the referendum are as follows:

YES	62	59.6%	Approximate Number of Eligible Voters	1,930	
NO	31	29.8%	Voter Turnout	104	5.4%
SPOILED	11	10.6%			
<b>TOTAL</b>	104				

In course of considering this request, the Office of the Vice-Provost, Students has not received any complaints concerning the process leading up to the request.

**Summary of Changes**

See Schedule 1: Student Society Fees (attached).

**Recommendation**

THAT beginning in the fall 2012 session, the Innis College Student Society (ICSS) fee be increased as follows: (a) an increase of \$0.53 per session in the society portion of the fee; (b) an increase of \$1.00 per session in the Orientation portion of the fee; Orientation (first

year students only); and (c) the establishment of a Town Hall portion of the fee of \$5.00 (\$5.00 part-time) per session. If approved, the total ICSS fee will be \$86.53 per session for first year students and \$35.53 per session for all other students, charged to all full-time and part-time Innis College students.

## ***Nursing Undergraduate Society (NUS)***

### **Background**

In 2011-12, the NUS fee was \$19.50 per session for all full-time Faculty of Nursing students (\$1.00 for part-time students). The fee includes \$17.00 (full-time only) per session for the society and \$2.50 (\$1.00 part-time) per session for the Canadian Nursing Students Association.

### **Requests**

- 1) A cost of living increase in the Society portion of the fee.

At its meeting held on March 5, 2012, the NUS approved a resolution to request a cost of living increase to the society portion of the fee.

In course of considering this request, the Office of the Vice-Provost, Students has not received any complaints concerning the process leading up to the request.

- 2) The implementation of the Canadian Nursing Student Association fee increase (approved by UAB in April 2011).

A referendum was held March 15, 2011, in which Faculty of Nursing students were asked to support the increase to the fee. The wording of the question is as follows:

*Preamble:*

*The Nursing Undergraduate Society is seeking consent from its members for an increase to the Canadian Nursing Students Association fee. The proposed increase is \$2.50 per session (Fall/Winter).*

*The Canadian Nursing Students Association is the national voice of Canadian nursing students whose goal is to increase the legal, ethical, professional, and educational aspects which are an integral part of nursing. CNSA is actively dedicated to the positive promotion of nurses and the nursing profession as a whole.*

*If the increase is approved, the total fee for Canadian National Students Association would be \$5 per session and would be charged to all full Full-Time Nursing Undergraduate students beginning in the fall 2011 session.*

*Question*

*Are you in favour of allowing a fee increase to the Canadian Nursing Student Association fee by \$2.50 per session as described in the preamble above? Yes/No*

The results of the referendum are as follows:

YES	125	63.8%	Approximate Number of Eligible Voters	330	
NO	52	26.5%	Voter Turnout	196	59.4%
ABSTAIN	19	9.7%			
SPOILED	0	0.0%			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>196</b>				

In course of considering this request, the Office of the Vice-Provost, Students has not received any complaints concerning the process leading up to the request.

### **Summary of Changes**

See Schedule 1: Student Society Fees (attached).

### **Recommendation**

THAT beginning in the fall 2012 session, the Nursing Undergraduate Society (NUS) fee be increased as follows: (a) an increase of \$0.34 per session in the society portion of the fee; and (b) an increase of \$2.50 per session (full-time only) in the Canadian Nursing Students Association portion of the fee. If approved, the total NUS fee will be \$22.34 (\$1.00 part-time) per session, charged to all undergraduate Faculty of Nursing students.

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

#### **Background**

In 2011-12, the SCSU fee was \$217.39 per session for full-time students (\$20.66 per session for part-time students). The fee includes \$23.91 (\$1.31 part-time) per session designated for the society, \$0.75 (\$0.25 part-time) per session for a Refugee Student Program, \$35.64 (\$10.68 part-time) per session for the UTSC Student Centre, \$7.14 (full-time only) per session for membership in the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) and CFS-Ontario (CFS-O), \$41.60 (\$8.32 part-time) per session for the UTSC Sports and Recreation Complex Levy, \$47.11 (full-time only) per session (including an administration fee and sales tax) for an Accident and Prescription Drug Insurance Plan,

and \$55.76 (full-time only) per session (including an administration fee and sales tax) for a Dental Plan. The mandate to collect the Student Refugee Program portion of the fee ends this year.

### **Requests**

- 1) Continuation of the Student Refugee Program portion of the fee.

At its meeting held on March 9, 2012 the SCSU Board approved a resolution for the continuation of the levy through the fall/winter 2012-13 academic period.

In course of considering this request, the Office of the Vice-Provost, Students has not received any complaints concerning the process leading up to the request.

- 2) A cost of living increase in the society portion of the fee.

At its meeting to be held on April 10, 2012, the SCSU Board will consider a resolution to request a cost of living increase to the levy.

In course of considering this request, the Office of the Vice-Provost, Students has not received any complaints concerning the process leading up to the request.

- 3) A cost of living increase in the Student Centre portion of the fee.

At its meeting to be held on April 10, 2012, the SCSU Board will consider a resolution to request a cost of living increase to the levy.

In course of considering this request, the Office of the Vice-Provost, Students has not received any complaints concerning the process leading up to the request.

- 4) A cost of living increase in the CFS/CFS-O portion of the fee.

At its meeting to be held on April 10, 2012, the SCSU Board will consider a resolution to request a cost of living increase to the levy.

In course of considering this request, the Office of the Vice-Provost, Students has not received any complaints concerning the process leading up to the request.

- 5) An inflationary increase in the UTSC Sports & Recreation Complex Levy.

At its meeting to be held on April 10, 2012, the SCSU Board will consider a resolution to request an inflationary increase to the levy.

In course of considering this request, the Office of the Vice-Provost, Students has not received any complaints concerning the process leading up to the request.

- 6) An inflationary increase in the Accident and Prescription Drug Insurance Plan portion of the fee.

At its meeting to be held on April 10, 2012, the SCSU Board will consider a resolution to request an inflationary increase to the levy.

In course of considering this request, the Office of the Vice-Provost, Students has not received any complaints concerning the process leading up to the request.

- 7) An inflationary increase in the Dental Plan portion of the fee.

At its meeting to be held on April 10, 2012, the SCSU Board will consider a resolution to request an inflationary increase to the levy.

In course of considering this request, the Office of the Vice-Provost, Students has not received any complaints concerning the process leading up to the request.

### **Summary of Changes**

See Schedule 1: Student Society Fees (attached).

### **Recommendation**

THAT, on the condition that the Scarborough Campus Students' Union Board approves the following requests for increases at its meeting on April 10, 2012, the University Affairs Board approve the following:

THAT beginning in the fall 2012 session, the Scarborough Campus Students' Union (SCSU) fee be increased as follows: (a) the continuation of the Student Refugee Program portion of the fee; (b) an increase of \$0.48 (\$0.03 part-time) per session in the society portion of the fee; (c) an increase of \$0.71 (\$0.21 part-time) per session in the Student Centre portion of the fee; (d) an increase of \$0.14 (full-time only) per session in the CFS/CFS-O portion of the fee; (e) an increase of \$1.66 (\$0.17 part-time) per session in the Sports and Recreation Centre portion of the fee; (f) an increase of \$4.38 (full-time only) per session (including an administration fee and sales tax) in the Health Plan portion of the fee; and (g) an increase of \$5.18 (full-time only) per session (including an administration fee and sales tax) in the Dental Plan portion of the fee. If approved, the total SCSU fee will be \$229.94 (\$21.07 part-time) per session, charged to all undergraduate University of Toronto Scarborough students.

**Students' Administrative Council (operating as the University of Toronto Students' Union; UTSU)**

**Background**

In 2011-12, the UTSU fee was \$150.97 per session for full-time undergraduate students on the St. George Campus and \$142.57 per session for full-time undergraduate students on the UTM campus. The fee on both campuses includes \$17.00 per session designated for the society; \$0.65 per session for a Student Refugee Program; \$7.14 per session for membership in the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) and CFS-Ontario (CFS-O); \$60.32 (including an administration fee and sales tax) for an Accident and Prescription Drug Plan; and \$51.38 (including an administration fee and sales tax) for a Dental Plan. In addition, full-time undergraduate St. George Campus students are charged \$6.15 per session for the Student Commons.

**Requests**

- 1) A cost of living increase in the society portion of the fee.

At its meeting held on March 30, 2012, the UTSU Board approved a resolution to request a cost of living increase to the society portion of the fee.

In course of considering this request, the Office of the Vice-Provost, Students has not received any complaints concerning the process leading up to the request.

- 2) A cost of living increase in the Student Refugee Program portion of the fee.

At its meeting held on March 30, 2012, the UTSU Board approved a resolution to request a cost of living increase to the levy.

In course of considering this request, the Office of the Vice-Provost, Students has not received any complaints concerning the process leading up to the request.

- 3) A cost of living increase in the CFS/CFS-O portion of the fee.

At its meeting held on March 30, 2012, the UTSU Board approved a resolution to request a cost of living increase to the levy.

In course of considering this request, the Office of the Vice-Provost, Students has not received any complaints concerning the process leading up to the request.

- 4) An inflationary increase in the Student Commons portion of the fee.

At its meeting held on March 30, 2012, the UTSU Board approved a resolution to request an inflationary increase to the levy.



In course of considering this request, the Office of the Vice-Provost, Students has not received any complaints concerning the process leading up to the request.

- 5) An inflationary increase in the Accident and Prescription Drug Plan portion of the fee.

At its meeting held on March 30, 2012, the UTSU Board approved a resolution to request an inflationary increase to the levy.

In course of considering this request, the Office of the Vice-Provost, Students has not received any complaints concerning the process leading up to the request.

- 6) An inflationary increase in the Dental Plan portion of the fee.

At its meeting held on March 30, 2012, the UTSU Board approved a resolution to request an inflationary increase to the levy.

In course of considering this request, the Office of the Vice-Provost, Students has not received any complaints concerning the process leading up to the request.

### **Summary of Changes**

See Schedule 1: Student Society Fees (attached).

### **Recommendation**

THAT beginning in the fall 2012 session, the Students' Administrative Council (operating as the University of Toronto Students' Union; UTSU) fees be increased as follows: (a) an increase of \$0.34 per session in the society portion of the fee; (b) an increase of \$0.01 per session in the Student Refugee Program portion of the fee; (c) an increase of \$0.14 per session in the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) – CFS-Ontario portion of the fee; (d) an increase of \$2.41 per session (including an administration fee and sales tax) in the Accident & Prescription Drug Plan portion of fee; and (e) an increase of \$5.14 per session for the Dental Plan portion (including an administration fee and sales tax); and (f) for full-time undergraduates on the St. George Campus only, an increase of the fee for the Student Common Project of \$0.62 per session. If approved, the total UTSU-St. George fee will increase to \$159.63, charged to all full-time undergraduate students on the St. George Campus; and the total UTSU-UTM fee will increase to \$150.61, charged to all full-time undergraduate students on the University of Toronto Mississauga campus.

## **Varsity Publications Inc. (The Varsity)**

### **Background**

In 2011-12, The Varsity fee was \$1.33 per session for full-time undergraduate University of Toronto students.

### **Requests**

- 1) A cost of living increase in the society portion of the fee.

At its meeting held on March 6, 2012, the Varsity Board approved a resolution to request a cost of living increase to the society portion of the fee.

In course of considering this request, the Office of the Vice-Provost, Students has not received any complaints concerning the process leading up to the request.

### **Summary of Changes**

See Schedule 1: Student Society Fees (attached).

### **Recommendation**

THAT beginning in the fall 2012 session, The Varsity fee be increased as follows: (a) an increase of \$0.03 per session in the society portion of the fee. If approved, the total Varsity fee will be \$1.36 per session, charged to all full-time undergraduate University of Toronto students.